

GUM FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 5 - 11 November, 2024



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Our beautiful koalas this week



Term 4	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Week 1					
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Week 5	Remembrance Day	Kinder Transition	Beach to Bush	Full Day High School Transition Principal Network Day	Principal Network Day
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Week 7		Kinder Transition			
Week 8		Pet Education K/1/2			PPC Meeting
Week 9					
Week 10			Last Day of School 2024		

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 5

Last week our students were given the opportunity to join students from other small schools for Musica Viva and the Gala Day. As seen from the many photos, a great time was had by all (despite the heat at the Gala Day!!). These events allow our students to develop their skills in music and sport but more importantly, these days provide our students with the opportunity to develop their resilience and social skills which we hope will set them up for success when they start high school or join sporting clubs in town.

Have a great week from Mrs. Coddington.



Remembrance Day



**REMEMBRANCE
DAY**

Lest We Forget

11th NOVEMBER

Today is Remembrance Day and our student leaders, Brody and Finn, accompanied Mrs Coddington to the service in Inverell to represent Gum Flat Public and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you Brody and Finn.

School News

Kindergarten 2025 Transition

The next transition session for our 2025 Kindergarten students will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 12 November followed by Tuesday 26 November.

Beach to Bush

Surf Life Saving NSW will visit Gum Flat Public on Wednesday 13 November to teach our students about beach safety.

High School Transition

The next transition day for our Year 6 students will be a full day on Thursday 14 November.

A reminder that private transport will be required.

Swim School

Next week, 18 - 22 November, all students and staff will be participating in our annual Swim School.

A note has been posted on School Bytes with details.



Small Schools Gala Day

Last week we joined with Gilgai, Delungra, Tingha and Bonshaw Public Schools for our annual Small Schools Gala Day where students participated in Rugby Union, Netball, Basketball and Hockey. Everyone had a great day, learnt new skills and made new friends.

These days require a lot of effort and time to organise and we would like to thank the following people for helping make the day such a success.

Thank You

- Pia, Laura and Kylie for running Netball
- Tristan and students for running Hockey
- Jayce, Geoff and Kristy for running Rugby Union
- Jody for running Basketball
- Woolworths for their donation of fruit and bread
- JA McGregor Inverell for the BBQ trailer
- Gum Flat staff and community for organisation and help on the day

Classroom News

In Week 3, our Yr 5&6 students had a great time at the Far Out Science day at UNE Armidale. Below is a recount from some of them.

FAR OUT SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 5-6's went to Armidale to a university, we went on a bus with Gilgai and Inverell Public School and to me they were the noisiest on the bus. When we got there we were welcomed in their big hall and when all the schools got there, there were at least twenty schools. My favourite activity was called the Legendairy pancakes. In that activity we had to make our own butter by putting some cream in a jug and then we took it in turn by shaking it. As we were shaking we felt it climbing up together and after about 10 minutes we had made butter that we had with little pikelets that tasted majestic. Afterwards we did something called Eggstraordinary Eggs that was pretty interesting. At lunch we went to a little museum and as well we met Donald, Mrs Coddington's grandson and he was really cute. Later on, we also did Saving Nemo and then Geometry. After our last activity we had to sadly go. I really had a good time and hope we do something similar in the future. **Finn**

At UNE Far out Science I had no favourites, I liked it all but the one I liked the most has to be the pancakes, because it was so fun and we got butter with pancakes. Lucy, Lila from Gilgai, Mrs Barnes from Gilgai too were in a team and we had a race to make butter and buttermilk from cream. We all did it to music first, it went from cream to whipped cream then to butter and butter milk. Once it started to go into butter milk it started to leak everywhere! In the end we didn't win but we had the best butter and we got to add salt to it. I felt like we added tonnes of salt but I didn't care. **Ruby**

My favourite part of the UNE excursion was the free time that we spent at the museum, there were all these skeletons of animals that were tiny, like little mammal skulls, and quite big ones. There were also paralysed models of reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals. My personal favourites were the tiny feather tail gliders! I also loved the wedge tailed eagle and some butterflies. **Lucy**

The Far-Out Science Excursion was super fun and I enjoyed it all but my favourite part would have to be the Legendairy pancakes because it was really fun shaking up the cream into butter and eating the pancakes was great. **Xavier**

Classroom News

All students from K-6 travelled to Delungra Public School to participate in Musica Viva.

Music in a Suitcase

It was really fun and it had cool instruments and it had really talented singers and the best part was seeing my old friends and I played football. **Beau**

Today we went to musica viva and we went to Delungra to do musica viva and they had heaps of instruments and my favourite thing was doing the actions. **Henni**

My favourite thing at the music viva was the drum. The goat thing was so fun and funny, we all learnt some French language. We did belly dancing, well only one of the singers. It was kind of funny. **Karlee**

My favourite thing at Delungra Public School besides the musica viva was when Lucy, Xavier, Ruby, Marlie and I start this thing where you put a hula-hoop over the person in front of you and it was called a train. After that we went to sit in the shade of the tree with the koala in it and start to chat until the bell rang. **Imogen**

My favourite part of Musica Viva was the mountain goat part. I loved the British names of colours. White in their language is when. **Blake**

My favourite part of Musica Viva was doing all of the actions with them. The language and singing all the songs with them. I loved it so much. The theme was Music in a suitcase. **Georgia**

On the 5.11.2024 we went to musica viva at Delungra PS. The name was Music in a suitcase. There were people that were playing different instruments like the clarinet, the Macedonian drum, the bass. They were playing all types of songs and using sign language. **Hudson**

My favourite part of going to musica viva was when I played touch footy with the Delungra kids and with some of my friends even though I dropped the ball twice when I got passed to. Another thing I liked was the musica viva when we did the songs from different places like one where we were on a pirate ship and we sung the chorus of the song and we did actions like pulling up the sail and the flag and swabbing the deck. **Cade**

Photos

Our students recently enjoyed their annual Clay Day with Mrs Walburn. This is a glimpse of their work, and we look forward to seeing their finished creations.





Hydrate with H2O

Did you know your body is made up of 50-70% water?

Water is essential in a healthy diet. It helps transport nutrients through our bodies, digest food, remove waste, regulate body temperature, and also keeps our teeth and mouth healthy.

As we come into summer, it's important to keep our bodies hydrated.

Encourage your child to choose water as a drink by:

- Packing a water bottle in their school bag everyday
- Packing a frozen water bottle in their lunchbox during summer
- Encouraging your child to drink water when playing sport
- Serving plain water in a jug. Try adding ice-cubes and fresh fruit pieces such as lemon, orange, blueberries or strawberries for flavour
- Using a re-usable drink bottle that your child has chosen



Source: Hydration tips for children (www.healthdirect.gov.au)



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Good for Kids acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.