

GUM FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8 - 17 March, 2025



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Gum Flat Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day this Friday 21 March.

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity, and to recognize and appreciate the differences and similarities that make up Australia.

The theme this year is "Everyone Belongs". We encourage staff and students to wear something orange - the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week.

If needed, T-shirts are available from Best & Less.

Term 1	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5					
Week 6					
Week 7					
Week 8		NAPLAN Library	Visit from Wes- Warrumbungle EEC		HARMONY DAY Sport - Tennis
Week 9	North West Swimming Trials				Sport - Tennis
Week 10					Sport - Tennis
Week 11					Sport - Tennis

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 8

It was certainly a very wet day at Gum Flat last Tuesday, but how wonderful was the rain that everyone received!

NAPLAN is well and truly underway and despite our fair share of technical issues, the students have been very positive and excited about the testing so far. I must say I have never had a student make the comment "I love NAPLAN" before, so as educators we must be doing something right.

Once again, thank you for keeping your children at home if they are unwell because there seems to be a few illnesses hanging around at the moment, and keep recording their absences on School Bytes.

Have a great week from Mrs. Coddington.



Gum Flat Public School Parent Survey 2025

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Gum Flat PS is seeking feedback from our families that will guide us as we work together to provide high quality educational opportunities for our students.

This survey is confidential and voluntary and we thank you for your input.



Last chance to complete the survey. So far only 7 out of 21 families have completed the survey.

Please scan the QR Code to complete the survey.

School News

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing continues this week for students in Years 3 & 5 as follows:

Tuesday 18 March - Numeracy

Please make sure your child is well rested and enjoys a good breakfast in the morning to aid concentration.

Also, please notify the school if your child will be absent.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL SWIMMING TRIALS

Due to the recent bad weather, the North West Swimming Trials were postponed and will now be held on Monday 24 March 2025. We wish the following students all the best as they compete in their various events.

Ada Elphick - 50m Junior Girls Breaststroke

Hudson McLay - 11 yrs Boys Freestyle

**Imogen Elphick, Ruby Grace, Hudson McLay and Wilson Wright
- Peter Dobson Small Schools Relay**

WARRUMBUNGLE EEC VISIT

Wes from the Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre will be visiting Gum Flat School this Wednesday. He will be working with our students on the Tree Troff and reporting on data collected from our koala and other cameras.



TENNIS WITH COACH GREG

As a part of the Sporting Schools Program, all students in K-6 will participate in tennis sessions with coach Greg each Friday until the end of term.

Please remember your hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

LEGACY ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Thank you Mrs Irwin and our school leaders, for representing Gum Flat Public School at the Legacy Luncheon yesterday. We look forward to sharing some photos with you next week.



K/1/2 Time and Reading



Primary Maths



Friday Sport



Good for kids




good for life



Screen-free fun

In a world full of screens, it's important to make time for real-life play! Swapping screen time for active, creative, or social activities helps kids develop problem-solving skills, build friendships, and improve their well-being.

Here are some screen-free ideas to try:

-  Make a splash – Go for a swim at the pool or beach with family.
-  Play together – Engage in activities that you know your child enjoys, for example: puzzles, building LEGO or cooking together are great for family fun.
-  Get moving – Dance, kick a ball in the backyard or go for a bike ride together.



Encouraging kids to enjoy screen-free activities helps them develop lifelong healthy habits. Plus, it's a great way to connect as a family!



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Good for Kids acknowledge 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.