

MARTIN'S GULLY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Gulgos



Wednesday 12th December 2018
Term 4 Week 9

From The Principal's Desk

P&C School Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone in our community who came along and assisted us with the annual P&C school Christmas party last Friday afternoon. It was great to see so many members of our school community come along and support the event.

2019 Swimming Carnival and School Development Day

As previously advertised, our swimming carnival for 2019 will again be a twilight carnival. **It will be held on Thursday 31st January from 2:30-7:30pm.** This means that children will attend school as normal for the first part of the day, but then travel by bus to the Monkton Aquatic Centre (town pool), for an extended day to compete at our swimming carnival. **The following day (Friday 1st February) will be a school development day where teachers attend school for professional learning. Students will not attend school on this day.** Please keep these dates in mind as they occur in the first week of school next year.

Semester 2 Student Reports

Semester 2 student reports will go home to families today. I congratulate our students on their hard work and achievements in 2018. It is very pleasing to see our students are progressing so well. Please note that we will not be conducting a formal parent/teacher meeting time this term, however, as always, if you would like to discuss the contents of your child's report with their teacher, please contact them at the school to arrange a time.

Presentation Day/Year 6 Farewell

I invite all members of our school community to join us for our 2018 Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell on Friday from 12.00 in the school hall. Our presentation day is a *Celebration of Learning* where we recognise the achievements of a number of students from Kindergarten to Year 6. We have various major awards to be presented, kindly donated by businesses, individuals, our school P&C and Martin's Gully School. After our assembly, we will hold a special farewell lunch for our Year 6 students and their families and staff in the stage 3 classrooms. I hope you can all come along and join us for our presentation day assembly.

Merry Christmas

As this is the last Gulgos for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for another successful year. Our school strives to achieve excellence in all areas and this can only be achieved through a dedicated staff, parents and a supportive school community. I sincerely thank you all for your support throughout the year in assisting us to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the students in our care. I trust you will all find time over the Christmas break to be with family and friends. If you are travelling, please drive carefully.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.

Brad Hunt
Principal

Merry
Christmas

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Dates For Your Diary

DECEMBER

Friday 14th: Presentation Day/Year 6 Farewell 12pm
Monday 17th: Uralla Pool Day
Wednesday 19th: Last day of school for students and staff

JANUARY

Tuesday 29th: School Development Day (staff only)
Wednesday 30th: Students years 1-6 commence school
Thursday 31st: 2019 twilight swimming carnival 2.30pm
Friday 1st Feb: School Development Day (Staff Only)

Please check the school app for updated times and dates.

Lost Property

Please come and check the lost property basket for any missing items of clothing. At the end of term all clothing items will be donated to the clothing pool.



The Clothing Pool will be closed for stocktake after 13-12-18

Winners of the P & C Ham Raffle

- Ryder Aberton
- Rilee Davidson
- Archie Cooper

Congratulations

School Banking has finished for the year



Congratulations to all students in Year 5 who presented school leaders speeches last week!



P&C News

In 2108, the Martin's Gully P&C continued their work as supporters and contributors. 2018 saw many new faces on the executive committee. The new Executive team of Jess Kleindienst, Lachlan Jeffers, Berdine Warne and Christie Rowbottom, worked tirelessly to ensure our 2017 vision of communication and connection was continued.

In 2018, we introduced the warmer Stadium School jackets to our uniform. These jackets have been very popular and offer an option of a warmer winter appropriate jacket for the cooler months.

We held 9 lunch order days. This year with the help of our very dedicated lunch order day team we were able to offer a variety of lunches, from pizzas, pie, hotdog, sausage sizzle to donuts. A special thanks to this team, while this team is catering for lunches they often miss the opportunity to see their children participate in events such as Athletics and Swimming Carnival. Their dedication doesn't go unnoticed and is truly appreciated by the wider school community.

We again held the Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls. The students at Martin's Gully School love these events, and the organising committee have worked hard to ensure this event run smoothly and have it down to a fine art. The clothing pool and Easter Hamper Raffle were also successful fundraising events.

The P&C held a Movie Night in September as our major fundraising event for the year. To help cover cost of hiring of equipment and the public viewing licensing fee with Disney the P&C sold advertisement slots to local business. The support we received was overwhelming and we were able cover all costs involved. A huge thank you to all the business that supported us. This night was a huge success and by all accounts everyone had a wonderful time.

The Annual Christmas Party was held last Friday night, thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. This year the P&C were able to contribute by

- Upgrading the sound system in the hall - **\$4400**
- Purchasing new lunch furniture - **\$11 800**
- Paying for all Year 6 students to attend the Grip-leadership conference
- Paying pool entry for all students to the Uralla Pool for the Pool Day
- Donating a Library Bag to each 2019 Kindergarten student
- Replacing the fridge in the canteen - **\$1600**
- Paying for the bus for the senior excursion
- Supporting all students who represented our school at state level by donating \$50 to help with travel costs.

In 2018 the P&C moved a motion to sponsor 4 awards at Presentation Day. The stage awards are called the **Ambassador Award**, and is awarded to 1 students in Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 who have represented the school on multiple occasions, upholding school community values and supporting community events. We also donated a school award, **Victor Moar Memorial Award, Honour before Honours**. This award will be award to one student each year.

In 2018, Kristy Kentwell was nominated as the Martin's Gully Public School nominee for the P&C Federation Volunteer of the Year. Kirsty Kentwell has been the clothing pool co-ordinator 3 years and is also the Martin's Gully Representative on the Uniform committee for Armidale Secondary College. Kirsty is a valued member on the P&C, she is one of the major organisers for the Mother's Day and Father's Day Stall. Her dedication and enthusiasm are second to none. Thank you, Kristy for everything you have done for the P&C. Congratulations on your nomination.

In 2019, the P&C's major fundraising event will be a colour explosion fun run which will be held in Term 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the P&C committee for the endless commitment and dedication in ensuring the students at Martin's Gully Public School can receive the best experiences.

Lastly to the entire Martin's Gully Public School community, your contribution, whether its buying a lunch order, donating raffle prizes or volunteering your time is highly valued and appreciated and we thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas

Jodie Riggall

President of the P&C



IMPORTANT NOTICE—SKOOLBAG DOWNLOAD

There have been some issues with our school app recently where some families are not receiving notifications. To fix this issue, please delete your current MGPS and skoolbag app on your phone or device and please re-install the app. This should correct any issues.

Please see instructions below for further assistance:

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

SkoolBag

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

- ### 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication


- ### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.
- ### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.


- ### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.


- ### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



SkoolBag

SCHOOL OPERATING TIMES FROM 2019

Commencing from day one, term one 2019, our school operating hours will change.

In 2019, Armidale High School will cease to exist, as students will be at the Duval High School site attending Armidale Secondary College. Therefore, buses will not be required to visit the current Armidale High School location. As a result many bus runs will change as the buses will need to move larger numbers of students to the current Duval site.

Many schools in Armidale will need to adjust their starting and finishing times to accommodate the required changes.

Martin's Gully Public School will start at 9am and finish at 3pm from Day 1, 30 January, 2019.

This will result in a teacher being on playground duty from 8.30am each morning.

Many of the bus runs will commence at Martin's Gully Public School, therefore causing some bus times to change also. Edwards Bus Company has consulted with all schools in Armidale throughout the year and will begin to confirm changes to timetables with families as we move closer to the start of 2019.

In 2019 our school will operate along the following times:

8.30am-9.00am	Morning Playground Duty
9.00am-11.05am	1st Session
11.05am-11.30am	Recess Break
11.30am-1.00pm	Middle Session
1.00pm-1.50pm	Lunch Break
1.50pm-3.00pm	Afternoon Session
3.00pm	End of the school day

Students who catch a bus to and from school will receive information from Edwards Coaches mid January to advise of new times. If you would like to contact the bus company, please call them on 6772 3116.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at the school, or Edwards Coaches.

Teachers vs Year 6—Sports Events



SHERRIFF'S TENNIS ACADEMY

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CAMPS



The Academy

Sherriff's Tennis Academy is proud of coaching beginner and social players with fun game-based drills through to state and nationally ranked athletes while using a consistent mentor program including junior coach development.

Payment

Payment can be transferred to:

ICR Sherriff

BSB:063 501

Account: 1038 7391

Hi all Tennis Fans. I'm holding 4, three-day tennis camps 9am to 12 noon. Ages from 6 upwards, placed in infants, primary and high school graded/friend-based groups. The camp will be held over 3 courts with indoor courts available for wet or hot weather. The camps are all fun game based where students learn the fundamentals of tennis in a friendly environment. The camps are \$60 per player & take place on:

Monday 17th December to

Wed 19th of December \$60/player

Thursday 20th of December to

Saturday 22nd \$60/player

Monday 14th of January to

Wed 16th of January \$60/player

Thursday 17th of January to

Saturday 19th of January \$60/player

TAS Tennis Courts – Chapel St Entrance

Please book via text 0423915850 or email to: sherriffstennis@gmail.com or Facebook Sherriff's Tennis Academy