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From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a privilege to step into the role of Acting Principal at Gumdale State School and continue working alongside our wonderful students, staff and community. Gumdale is a special place, and I am excited to support the school in this role while the recruitment process for our new Principal is underway.

Our school continues to be a vibrant and engaging learning environment, with students embracing a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our students and staff as we move through another busy term.

A highlight this term was our school community gathering for the ANZAC Day Commemoration, reflecting with gratitude as we honoured those who served and died. Students demonstrated respectful behaviour throughout, supported by staff, and represented the school with distinction through their contributions and wreath-laying.

We have many exciting events ahead, including the 10-year anniversary of our relationship with the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Under 8's Day celebrations, academic awards, our school musical *Peter Pan in Gumdale Land* and a range of learning experiences across all year levels. These events would not be possible without the ongoing support of our families and wider community, and I thank you for your continued partnership with our school.

I look forward to working with you all and continuing to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students throughout the Term.

Always our best,

**Amanda Zoppi, Acting Principal
Gumdale State School**

Always our Best



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Prep

Our Prep students recently participated in an exciting Minibeasts Inursion, where they became "Junior Entomologists" and explored the fascinating creatures living within our school environment. Using nets, bug catchers, hand lenses and microscopes, students worked in

small groups to discover, observe and identify a variety of minibeasts based on their external features and habitats. Through these hands-on investigations, students developed their scientific inquiry skills while learning how living things grow, survive and interact within their environment. The experience also encouraged students to think about the importance of caring for living things and protecting the habitats we share. It was wonderful to see so much curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm for learning!



Year 1

It has been an enriching and exciting first half of Term 2 in Year 1, with students enthusiastically exploring weather and seasons in Science, learning important fire safety skills from visiting firefighters and developing smart, safe online habits through engaging cyber safety workshops.

Fire Safety Visit

Our Year 1 students were excited to welcome the Queensland Firefighters for an engaging and informative fire safety visit. Students learned important messages about staying safe in emergencies, the role of smoke alarms and how firefighters support our community. Seeing the fire truck up close and having the opportunity to use the fire hose were definite highlights of the experience.



In English, Year 1 students explored character descriptions through a range of engaging texts, including *The Very Blue Thingamajig*, *The Rainbow Fish*, *Giraffes Can't Dance* and *Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten*. They described characters by focusing on appearance, actions and personality traits, while developing their use of adjectives, verbs and linking words to form more detailed compound sentences. The students also shared and explained their opinions about characters through discussions, interviews with the teacher/peers and written responses.



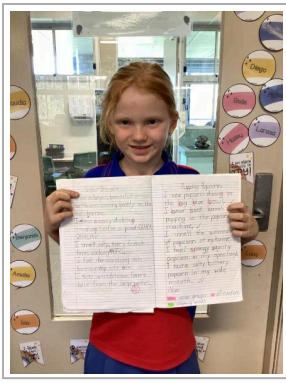
This Term in Science, students explored weather and seasons through hands-on activities, observations and class discussions. They investigated different weather conditions, recorded daily changes and created weather charts to better understand how weather and seasonal changes affect our everyday lives. Students also examined Aboriginal seasonal calendars and discovered how seasons can differ across Australia and around the world.



Year 2

This Term in Year 2, we have been exploring poetry and learning about poetic devices, with a special focus on alliteration and noun groups. The students have loved experimenting with creative language and using descriptive words to make their writing more engaging and imaginative.

In Science, we have been investigating the sun and how it changes position throughout the day. Students have enjoyed tracking their shadows at different times to observe how the sun's movement affects the length and direction of shadows. It has been a fun and hands-on way to explore the concept of time passing during the day.



Lesson 3 Shadow Investigation

Name: _____ Date: _____

Tracking the Sun's Path ☀️

Safety First! ⚠️

STOP! Do not NEVER look directly at the Sun. It can hurt your eyes very badly. Always look at the shadows on the ground to find where the Sun is.

My Sun and Shadow Chart

Go outside at three different times today! Observe where the Sun is in the sky. Is it low, middle, or high? Then look at your shadow on the ground and draw what you see.

Time	Where is the Sun? (Low, Middle, or High)	Take a photo of your shadow
9:00 am (Morning)	Middle of the sky	

Year 3

This Term in Year 3 Science, students are exploring the fascinating world of soil, rocks and minerals. To launch our unit, students engaged in an exciting inquiry experience by visiting a “Museum” created by our very own Mrs Rossiter. All Year 3 classes had the opportunity to visit the Museum.

This hands-on experience allowed students to closely observe and interact with a variety of natural materials, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. As they explored, students began asking thoughtful “wonder questions” about what they saw, laying the foundations for a term rich in investigation and discovery.

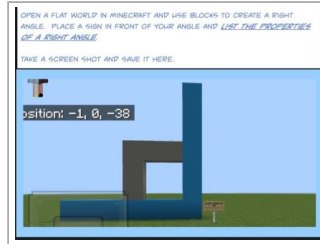
We look forward to seeing students build on their questions as they develop their understanding of the Earth’s materials through observation, discussion and inquiry-based learning.



Year 4

This Term in Maths, Year 4 students have been learning about the properties of angles. Students explored angles in real-life environments and took photos to create a Book Creator showcasing examples of acute, right and obtuse angles. They also used Minecraft and the Geoboard app to create and investigate different types of angles in a fun and interactive way.

In Science, students have been learning about friction and how it affects movement. They conducted an experiment to investigate how far a toy car would travel on different surfaces. Students discovered that rough surfaces create more friction, causing the car to travel a shorter distance, while smoother surfaces allowed the car to travel further. It has been wonderful to see students developing their scientific thinking through hands-on investigations and observations.



Year 5

The Year 5 students recently participated in the *Unleashing Personal Potential* program, where they were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, work collaboratively, and develop important leadership skills. Throughout the activities, students learned the value of communication, resilience, and supporting one another to achieve shared goals. They demonstrated enthusiasm and positivity while taking part in a range of team-building challenges that required cooperation, problem-solving, and trust.

The program provided students with opportunities to recognise their own strengths while also appreciating the strengths of others. By working together as a team, students built confidence in their ability to lead, listen, and contribute meaningfully in group situations. It was wonderful to see students encouraging one another, showing respect, and developing skills that will support them both in the classroom and beyond.



Innovation

Year 1

Our Year 1 students have been busy becoming junior meteorologists as they explore the fascinating world of weather in science this Term! Students have been identifying daily and seasonal weather changes and discussing how these affect everyday life. Using DIY cardboard

weather viewers with cloud guides, they have enjoyed observing and identifying different cloud types during outdoor walks.

Back in the classroom, students have explored weather concepts through interactive Kahoot quizzes and a range of exciting hands-on experiments. These included creating rainbows using water and coloured texters, making a tornado in a jar with dishwashing liquid, and creating DIY rain clouds using shaving foam and food colouring.

Throughout the unit, students have been making observations, recording data, comparing predictions and communicating their findings using scientific vocabulary. It has been wonderful to see our young scientists so curious, engaged and enthusiastic about learning!

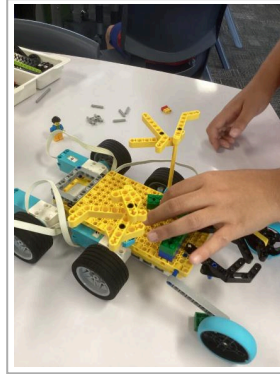


Year 5 and 6

Our RoboCup Coding Club has been working with incredible focus and enthusiasm as students prepare for participation in RoboCup Junior, an international robotics competition that challenges young innovators to design, build, and program autonomous robots.

Using LEGO SPIKE Prime robotics kits, students have been supported as they develop their coding and engineering skills through practical, hands-on challenges. Each week, teams work together to design and improve their robots, testing different builds and adjusting their programs to help their robots move more accurately, respond to sensors, and complete set tasks.

There has been a strong focus on teamwork, problem-solving, and persistence, with students regularly needing to debug their code, rethink their designs, and try again when things don't go to plan. It's been great to see how quickly they are learning from each test and applying those improvements in the next build.



Year 6

Our Year 6 students have launched into an exciting new learning experience, using ClassVR headsets for their first in school immersive exploration of space and the solar system, with the support of our Innovation & Curriculum Support team.

This experience supported their Science learning as they investigate the relationship between the Sun and the planets, and how their positions influence the patterns and phenomena we observe on Earth.

Through virtual reality, students were able to explore a futuristic space station, view detailed 3D models of the planets, and experience what it might feel like to conduct a spacewalk. One of the highlights was an interactive exploration of Earth's internal structure, where students were able to "break apart" the planet to examine its layers before rebuilding it again.

The VR experience has helped bring abstract scientific concepts to life, deepening students' understanding through curiosity, discussion, and shared discovery.



What's Coming Up

25 May	Year 3-6 Assembly <i>Hollis Hall, 2:00pm</i>
28 May-3 June	National Reconciliation Week
1 June	Year 1-2 Assembly <i>Hollis Hall, 2:00pm</i>
1-3 June	Year 4 First Contact Excursion
2 June	Prep Assembly <i>Hollis Hall, 2:00pm</i>
7 June	Gumdale Musical Dress Rehearsal <i>Hollis Hall, 11:00-3:00pm</i>
8 June	Year 3-6 Assembly <i>Hollis Hall, 2:00pm</i>
15 June	Year 1-2 Assembly <i>Hollis Hall, 2:00pm</i>
16 June	Prep Assembly <i>Hollis Hall, 2:00pm</i>
22 June	Student Council's Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser Wear a beanie and bring a gold coin donation
24-26 June	Year 5 Emu Gully Camp

25 June	Under 8's Day - Save the Date 9:00-11:00am
26 June	Last day of Term 2
13 July	First day of Term 3 Prep - Year 6 Indigenous Games
14 July	Junior Athletics Carnival - Save the Date
16-17 July	Senior Athletics Carnival - Save the Date
19 - 23 July	Year 6 Sydney Canberra Camp

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Prep Enrolment

To enrol your child for Prep 2027 at Gumdale State School, please complete the enrolment form available on our school website and submit to our Administration Office or email to enrolments@gumdaless.eq.edu.au.
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GROW Well - Bravery

This Term, classes have been exploring bravery and its importance to life and to learning. Trying new things requires us to be brave and to persevere through challenges, sometimes by asking for help. There are many ways to be brave, including 'moral bravery' which involves standing up for what is right, even in the face of opposition. This strength of character is something we hope all our students can develop and use throughout their lives. Take a look at some more information about Bravery in the factsheet below.

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Year 4-6 Signature Programs

In Semester 2, students in Years 4–6 will have the opportunity to participate in our exciting Signature Programs. These elective-style programs allow students to explore areas of interest, build new skills, and engage in hands-on learning experiences beyond the regular classroom program.

The programs available for Year 4 Signature Programs can be found on our website here.

The programs available for Year 5-6 Signature Programs can be found on our website here.

Parents and carers are asked to assist their child in completing the online nomination form and selecting both a first and second preference for their preferred programs. Nomination links were emailed on Tuesday and can also be found below, please complete these no later than Tuesday 26 May at 9:00am.



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Sports News

At Gumdale State School, we take great pride in the range of sporting opportunities available to our students. From elite programs like Sailing to fun and inclusive activities such as Run Club, we aim to provide a well-rounded experience that encourages all students to get involved. The positive attitude, behaviour, and sportsmanship displayed by our students continue to shine, and we are thrilled by their achievements in both school and external sporting events. Their commitment and hard work are an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to supporting them as they continue to excel and grow in their sporting journeys.

Touch Football

Congratulations to the students from Years 5 and 6 that have been selected for the touch football squads. Teams will be chosen from the squads to compete in the Alex Hills Carnival (Term 2), Osprey Cup and Blues Cup Touch competitions (later in the year). Training is held on a Friday mornings at 8:00am before school for the boys and the girls training is held Monday and Wednesday second break.

Elite Sailing

Elite sailing will continue Friday afternoons at RQYS under the instruction of a club coach. These students choose to participate in the program to develop their sailing skills beyond what they learn in school sailing. The goal for these students is to sail a boat independently under a wide range of conditions.

School Sailing

Year 4 students are undertaking sailing lessons as their physical education program in Term 2. The students have been learning in a fun, hands-on approach that develops their teamwork, resilience, problem solving and communication skills. Students have learnt to paddle and steer boats and are now progressing to sailing boats in small groups independently in the harbour and on the bay.

Year 5 sailing information has been emailed. Please ensure you check the due date carefully and complete all required information by the deadline.



Run Club

Run club is held every Wednesday at 8:00am on the Paul Green oval. The focus this Term has been on cross country and running to build up endurance for our students

that have been competing in regional cross-country events. As we close in on the athletics carnival the running program will concentrate more on shorter distance running and sprints.

Auskick Program

The AFL Auskick program is back at Gumdale this Term. The Auskick program for 4-7 year olds and new Superkick program for 7-12-year-olds has been a popular choice for our students on a Tuesday.



Swimming

The Gumdale swim squad takes place each week on a Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00am to 8:00am at the Chandler swimming complex. Squad swimmers are working with their coaches to develop their racing skills for all four competition strokes and to build their swimming fitness. The swimmer of the Term award goes to Veerle Faes for applying herself with a positive attitude to swim training.



Physical Education: Athletics

In preparation for the Gumdale Athletics Carnival in Week 1 of Term 3, students from Years 1-6 are learning and consolidating their athletics skills this term. Students are developing their techniques in the events of sprinting, shot put, long jump and high jump.

Cross Country

Gumdale State School students demonstrated their determination and sportsmanship at the recent Riverside Cross Country. It was an outstanding effort

from all students competing on the day. Well done to each runner for giving your best!

An extra congratulations to River K, Anabel C, Lucie D and Diego DC who qualified to trial for Met East at John Paul College on Tuesday 26 May.



Interschool Sport

Interschool sport has commenced in Term 2 with competitions against other schools in our area. Gumdale students in Years 5 and 6 compete in sports including touch football, netball, volleyball and soccer. A special thank you to our amazing grounds staff that have the Paul Green oval looking spectacular each week for the Netball competition.

HPE Team	
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The Arts

The Arts at Gumdale encompasses several specialties - Music, Dance, Drama, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. Here's what students have been learning so far this term.

Prep Music

Our Prep students have been enjoying more adventures in The Arts this term! We've been learning the *Apple Tree* song and enjoying the playful circle game that goes along with it. Our little musicians have been having fun exploring tempo (fast and slow) and pitch (high and low) through catchy rhymes and songs! We've also been listening closely to tell the difference between the steady beat and the rhythm—tap, clap, and wiggle along!

Year 1 Media Arts

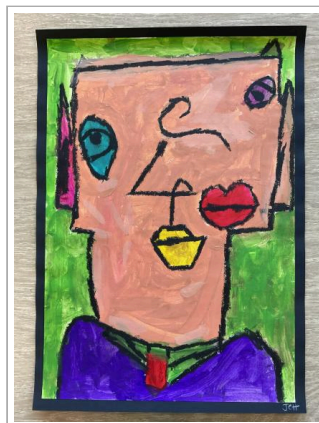
The Year 1 students have been enthusiastically bringing their superhero ideas to life in Media Arts! Using their growing knowledge of superheroes, villains, and drama skills such as expression, movement, and voice, students have been working collaboratively to create short iMovie productions. From dramatic rescues to mischievous villains, the creativity and imagination on display have been incredible. It has been wonderful watching students transform into confident performers, directors, and storytellers throughout the filmmaking process.



Year 2 Visual Arts

In Visual Arts this Term, our Year 2 students have been busy painting their expressive faces inspired by artist Andres Valencia. They loved making bold and creative colour choices to show personality and emotion in their portraits. To finish their artworks, students carefully outlined their paintings with black oil pastel, making their vibrant faces really pop.

Students also enjoyed learning about First Nations artist Katie Nalgood and her joyful artworks inspired by birds. They discovered how her love of birds connects to her culture, stories, and the places that are important to her. Inspired by Katie's painting process, students used colourful plasticine to *paint* their own birds from our local area, blending and shaping the plasticine to create texture and detail. The finished artworks are bright and full of character.



Year 2 Dance

The Year 2 Arts students have been using all of their knowledge from our Dance Crazes unit to begin choreographing their own dances in groups. They have ex-

plored rhythm, timing, formations and movement ideas while working collaboratively to create energetic and entertaining routines. Their ability to problem-solve, share ideas has been an important part, while they build confidence as performers and choreographers. The joy, creativity and enthusiasm filling each lesson has been absolutely infectious.



Year 3 Music

The Year 3 students have been busy exploring the art of playing piano and ukulele this semester. So far, our musical repertoire includes *Skip to My Lou*, *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, *Iko Iko* and *Wellerman*.

Students have explored the origins and unique features of each song while developing the hand positions and skills needed to perform on their instrument of choice.

Students have also enjoyed playing *Rhythm Imposters Among Us*, placing bets on the "suss" rhythm characters. To finish each lesson, students battle it out in *Staff Wars*. Mrs Maddigan recently added the game to the Year 3 app list due to the excitement and engagement it brings to learning music notes on the staff while competing against classmates for the highest score. What a joy it has been to see students so enthusiastic about music learning!

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Year 5 Drama

Year 5 students are busily creating their performance assessment for The Arts. They have been exploring melodrama and slapstick and will use these styles to create a humorous black and white silent film to share with their class. Students are focusing on safe practices throughout the process as they plan, rehearse and perform.

Look out for some wonderfully exaggerated heroes, villains and damsels in distress!

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Musical - Peter Pan in Gumdale Land



Save the Date - Peter Pan in Gumdale Land

We are excited to announce that *Peter Pan in Gumdale Land* will be performed at Wondall Heights State School on the 20 August 2026.

This fun and exciting adaptation by music teacher Holly Maddigan, is based on J.M. Barrie's original 1904 script. It brings a modern twist to the classic tale while still celebrating its timeless themes of adventure, imagination, and the journey between childhood freedom and growing responsibility.

Students have been busily rehearsing and preparing for the performance, bringing the story to life with enthusiasm and creativity.

Further details will be shared throughout the Term. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with our school community.

The Year 4, 5 and 6 students are continuing to busily rehearse for the upcoming musical *Peter Pan in Gumdale Land*. Students are working hard to refine their singing, choreography and acting as they prepare for performance. Please keep an eye out for a new performance date in Term 3.

A big shout-out to the dedicated teachers who have generously given their time to support rehearsals, choreography, singing, and the creation of sets, props and costumes. Their ongoing support has been invaluable, especially for Mrs Maddigan, who has been expertly coordinating it all!

A sneak peek performance will be shared at the Week 10 assembly. Please enjoy the musical promo video below.

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The Arts in Action

A new video project will be led by our Arts Captains, Aurora and Reigan, throughout the year. Through a series of short videos, they will highlight the exciting learning happening across both Visual Arts and Performing Arts. Each feature will celebrate student creativity, showcase work in progress and offer a behind-the-scenes look at the Arts at our school.

We are excited to share their first video below.

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Digital and Design Technology

Year 1

We have been exploring design and balanced eating. Students have been designing balanced snacks, drawing them and labelling them. We have also been discussing the other equipment we would need to prepare and serve our snacks, including skewers, chopping boards and plates. Students have created some colourful and delicious looking snack and sandwich diagrams and discussed production plans including what materials they would need to create them using Seesaw.



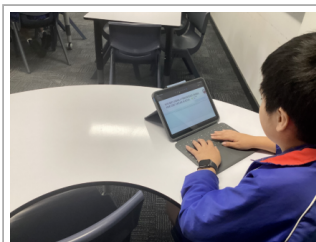
Year 3

Year 3 have leapt into our next unit of work, creating an interactive Keynote quiz. We have created a practice one as a class and now each student is making one about food production for assessment. They have also learned how different food grow, are harvested and are processed including fruits, oats and corn chips. It has been very exciting to understand how some of our foods are made and processed and the technologies used in these processes. Students are very engaged in developing their quizzes in Keynote, adding links and testing them out in future lessons.



Year 5

We started the Term by completing and submitting our Scratch game assessment, including a plan and reflection. Students have since been investigating digital systems and their components, as well as the ways in which they work together in networks to complete tasks. Wired and wireless connections have been explored as well as different digital components including input, output and processing. Understanding how the devices we use work independently and within a network allows us to better solve problems they may have in future.

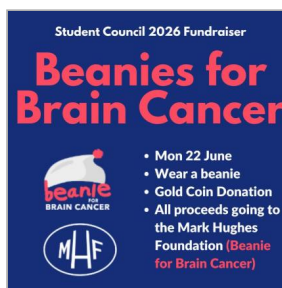


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Student Council News



Student Council would like to proudly say that we provided a great service selling ANZAC stickers to students at the beginning of this Term. We also did a fantastic job of respectfully laying the wreaths at the ANZAC ceremony at school.

Student Council will be running a beanie fundraiser on the 22 June. The money we raise will go towards supporting patients with brain cancer and to help find a cure for it. Make sure to look out for your beanie if you have one at home and watch out for more information coming soon. Written collaboratively by all members of the Student Council.

Clubs

Kitchen Garden Club

It's been very wet in the kitchen garden but perfect for our newly planted vegies and flowers. We made a big batch of delicious lemonade from our bush lemon crop and we are working on how best to remove a small tree and a big ginger plant from one of the beds, so we can use it more

productively. Mrs Stephenson came to the rescue and chopped down the tree but we'll keep hacking away at the ginger!



Choir

The Junior Choir has been busily preparing some new songs following their performance success with *Here Comes Peter Cottontail* at the Term 1 assembly. The dedication shown by Year 1 and 2 students attending rehearsals every Monday first break in the music room with Mrs Maddigan has been fantastic to see.

Keep an ear out for upcoming performances of *The Purple People Eater* and *Saltwater Wells in My Eyes*.

The Senior Choir have been busy learning some challenging repertoire and choreography this term. Alongside this, we have been exploring some classic favourites, including *Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini* and *Revolting Children* from the musical *Matilda*.

We have also loved welcoming new singers to our Tuesday first break rehearsals. The choir is sounding fantastic, and we look forward to sharing our beautiful singing voices with the rest of the school throughout the term — so keep an ear out!

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Community Business Network

Gumdale State School is pleased to have the support of businesses in our local and nearby community by way of sponsorship. Each year, our school resources are enriched courtesy of members in our Community Business Network.

More details regarding our program and the packages available can be found on our school website or by contacting Marissa Bowen, Executive Assistant.

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We are here for the community and love to support the local charities and community groups through our community chest program. We are open 6am - 10pm every day of the year so we would love to see you soon!



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Mortgage Choice - Fen Barraclough. Fen Barraclough is a Gumdale State School Old Boy with fond memories of his primary schooling, friendships made and lifetime bonds forged. His association and involvement in the school community continues through family and friends. As a Wakerley resident and your local Mortgage Choice finance broker, Fen is "on your side" with a mortgage health check, a new home upgrade, investment property purchase or simply the first steps in your wealth creation strategy. A committed local, he has the skills & network to make home loans easy.

Fen is a friend and advisor, there to support you in all dealings with banks, valuers and the maze of documentation you confront when entering the property market. A valued ally in successfully growing family dreams into life-style reality.

Whether a coffee at Winegum after school drop-off, an in-home visit or a meeting in the office, Fen is available any-time for a no obligation assessment of your property goals and aspirations.

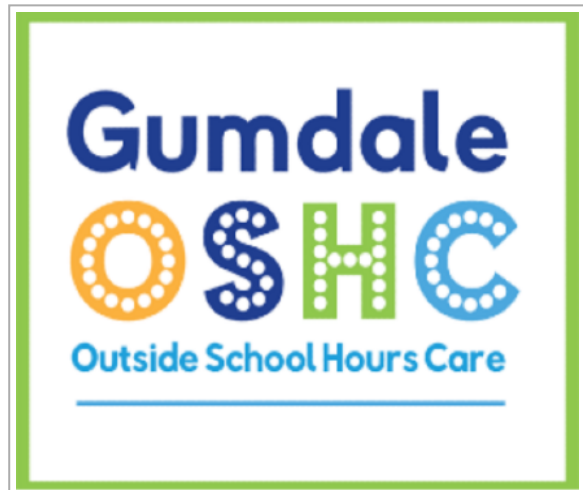


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GOSHC is owned and operated by the Gumdale State School P&C Association. To enrol your child/ren please visit the website to complete an enrolment form. Call us on 3890 2539.



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Community Support Program



Did you know?

Gumdale State School has a **Community Support Program** to assist families within our school who are facing a severe family trauma. This support is offered in a highly confidential and sensitive manner.

Support is provided by way of food hampers, lunches for students and assistance with costs related to uniforms, school supplies and excursions/school activities.

How can you help?

Hampers rely heavily on support from families within our community, and we are very grateful for any donations of gift cards and non-perishable items (food, toiletries, books, games, toys). Donations can be left in the collection box in Student Services.

Read more about the Community Support Program.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Helen Keller

Please contact communitysupport@gumdaless.eq.edu.au with any queries. Thank you for your valued support.

School TV



Dealing with Conflict

Conflict is a natural part of life and something all children will experience at home, at school, and online. While it can feel uncomfortable, how adults respond plays a critical role in shaping young people's ability to manage challenges. As children grow, particularly during adolescence, conflict often reflects their developing independence and identity. When handled with calmness, empathy, and consistency, conflict can strengthen relationships rather than damage them. It also provides an opportunity to model respectful communication, emotional regulation, and problem-solving, helping young people build resilience and navigate relationships with confidence.

<https://gumdaless.eq.schooltv.me/newsletter/dealing-conflict-au>

P&C News



What's been happening at Gumdale OSHC

Our children in Before School Care and After School Care have been absolutely loving our new indoor magnetic building blocks. Their creativity and imagination have truly come to life through open-ended play experiences. Some of the incredible creations we've seen include busy shops and market stalls, cosy hideaways and rocket ships. It has been wonderful watching children work together, solve problems, share ideas, and create imaginative stories through collaborative play. These experiences continue to support creativity, teamwork, and confidence in such meaningful ways.

New Contact Number

We would like to let families know that Gumdale OSHC no longer has a landline service. For all time-sensitive enquiries, please contact us on 0498 016 918 or 0456 688 860. Alternatively, our email address has remained the same goshc@gumdalesspc.org.au

We appreciate your support as we continue working together to provide the best care and communication for our families.

Winter Vacation Care – Bookings Open Soon

We are excited to share that our Winter 2026 Vacation Care Program is ready to go, with a snapshot of our program below for families to explore.

WINTER VACATION CARE: WEEK ONE				
Monday 29th June WINTER WHIMSY More details to come soon...	Tuesday 30th June AUSSIE ADVENTURES More details to come soon...	Wednesday 1st July MASTERS OF OUR OWN JOURNEY More details to come soon...	Thursday 2nd July JUNGLE SAFARI More details to come soon...	Friday 3rd July PYJAMA PARTY More details to come soon...
INCUSSION Inflatable All Grades All children participate. Additional Surcharge: \$12.50	EXCURSION Australia Zoo Year 1 to Year 2 Available spaces: 16 children Additional Surcharge: \$45.00	INCUSSION Inflatable Soccer Field & Hungry Ball Arena All Grades All children participate. Additional Surcharge: \$12.50	EXCURSION Aussie Vombat Year 3 to Year 6 Available spaces: 30 children Additional Surcharge: \$45.00	INCUSSION Woodwork Workshop All Grades All children participate. Additional Surcharge: \$15.00
LUNCH OFFER Domino's Pizza & Small Drink Meal Optional via order form. Additional Surcharge: \$12.50	WEEKLY EVENT BERG PEDAL GO KARTS (AVAILABLE ALL WEEK)	LUNCH OFFER Subway, Drink & Mini Cookie Meal Optional via order form. Additional Surcharge: \$12.50	YEAR 4-6 EXCURSION Treat @ Local Park (1.30pm - 4.00pm) Available Spaces: 20 children Additional Surcharge: \$25.00	WEEKLY EVENT BERG PEDAL GO KARTS (AVAILABLE ALL WEEK)

WINTER VACATION CARE: WEEK TWO				
Monday 6th July DEADLY CHOICES More details to come soon...	Tuesday 7th July BEYOND EARTH More details to come soon...	Wednesday 8th July NATURE'S DELIGHTS More details to come soon...	Thursday 9th July AROUND THE WORLD More details to come soon...	Friday 10th July UP, UP AND AWAY More details to come soon...
INCUSSION Inflatable Soccer All Grades All children participate. Additional Surcharge: \$12.50	EXCURSION BOUNCE inc. Hermit & Hercules Street Park Year 3 to Year 6 Available spaces: 16 children Additional Surcharge: \$45.00	INCUSSION Inflatable All Grades All children participate. Additional Surcharge: \$12.50	EXCURSION Area 51, Underwood & South Wood Park Year 1 to Year 2 Available spaces: 30 children Additional Surcharge: \$45.00	INCUSSION Rock Climbing & Bungee Jumping All Grades All children participate. Additional Surcharge: \$35.00
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Bookings will open on 1 June 2026 at 6:00pm. We encourage families to secure their bookings early, as places tend to fill very quickly.

We can't wait to share another enriching holiday program with our families!

Tuckshop

The Gumtree Eatery celebrated its fourth birthday since upgrading facilities and relocating to the Hollis Hall. To mark the occasion, the tuckshop team baked beautifully iced homemade cupcakes. The students loved them and there were plenty of happy faces throughout the day. Thank you to the volunteers who supported Loretta with the baking and preparation.

Today we showed our appreciation to our dedicated volunteers. Without you we couldn't do what we do. Some of you give your time daily, others help weekly or once a term, and every bit of support makes a real difference. Your willingness to step in, lend a hand, and be part of our community is valued more than you know.



We would also like to recognise our long-standing volunteer, Dorothy D. Dot has been part of the Gumdale State School community for nine years, giving her time with kindness and consistency. Her support has continued long after her grandchildren graduated from Gumdale, which speaks to her genuine care for our school. The impact of her many hours of volunteering is hard to measure, yet it has shaped countless moments for students, staff, and families. We thank her sincerely for everything she has contributed.

Volunteers

Thank you to our team of volunteers.

Pauline P, Theresa S, Dorothy D, Sylvia S, Leigh M, Amy C, Kathrine B, Jenna K, Tamika S, Clare C, Stacey S, Claudia V

Uniform

The uniform shop has been busy with winter uniform orders as we move into the cooler months. Please remember that uniforms can only be returned if they are in new condition. Items opened at school and worn throughout the day are no longer considered new and cannot be refunded or exchanged.

We are seeing a growing number of lost jumpers, some are very new with no name. Please label your child uniform with their full name, especially hats and jumpers, and adding their class is a great help too. Clear labelling means we can return lost items quickly.

Remember the uniform operates online only with all orders placed via the [School24 App](#). For all enquiries, please email uniform@gumdalesspc.org.au.

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Amy Swart, P&C Operations Manager

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