

2022
Term 1, Week 5

GILLWINGA GAZETTE

RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, RESILIENT



PRINCIPALS ADDRESS

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Dear parents and carers

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

The updated settings include:

- From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school will provide each student and staff member with : **8 tests per student and staff in schools**
- Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now freely available and accessible in the community.
- **FOR PRIMARY** – Masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers in primary schools until Friday 4 March. This means that from **Monday 7 March**, masks will no longer be mandatory for all staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- **FOR WORKERS SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY** – In line with community settings, workers who support our students with disability in SSPs, support units and some mainstream classrooms will be required to wear masks while working with students.
- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. **Our school will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming days. We will let you know if these can proceed with our school in a COVID-smart way.** All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

Cohorting no longer required

As of Monday 28 February, students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts and we will no longer be required to use staggered start or finish times. We will continue to use the core layered COVID-smart measures for minimising risk when planning activities and events.

We strongly encourage our students and their families to consider vaccination including boosters when eligible. [Find a vaccination clinic](#)~~External link~~ to book an appointment near you.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Carly Woods



PBL FOCUS

This year we have a renewed focus on wellbeing and have overhauled the wellbeing policy here at GPS.



**Meet Dunggirr, our new school mascot.
Dunggirr means Koala in Gumbaynggirr**



This week our PBL focus is

**Be Responsible: Stop, Pack up and Go on the
music**



Student Support Officer Mr Owen

As a new member of the Gillwinga team replacing **Ms Kilby**, my role is to provide students with support and strategies that will allow them to be more resilient when faced with difficult and stressful situations at school and out in their communities.

As a part of the **learning support team** I work with **Mrs Robinson (LST)** from Kindergarten to Year 6 promoting positive school behavior and the promotion of student welfare programs that are used in the school.



FOR PARENTS TO PONDER

by our Student Support Officer and Learning Support Teacher

Student Support Officer Mr Owen

You may hear students talking at home about a new **rewards room** at school - students who are able to demonstrate **consistent positive behavior by earning 5 Dunggiirr Dollars** are able to access a variety of in school, fun rewards at break time. This is a part of our ongoing focus on positive behavior at school this year and will be looking to add more rewards as the year progresses.



Name: _____

I caught you being:

- ☐ Respectful
- ☐ Responsible
- ☐ Resilient

Teacher: _____

Dunggiirr Dollars

I look forward to meeting with Parents & Caregivers once Covid restrictions are eased and can be **contacted through the school office phone number** if there are any questions about the programs and activities we are working on this year.

REWARDS ROOM

by our Student Support Officer and Learning Support Teacher



RECIPE

Healthy Mac and Cheese

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups uncooked pasta
- Half a small cauliflower
- 2 Medium zucchinis
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 2 Tbsp plain flour
- 1 medium onion finely diced
- 2 rashers of bacon finely diced
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 cup of grated cheese



Method

1. Cook the pasta as per the packet directions, drain and set aside
2. Roughly chop the cauliflower, peel the zucchini, roughly chop and steam with the cauliflower until tender
3. While the cauliflower is cooking start on the white sauce by heating oil in a saucepan. Add onion and bacon and sauté until onion softened and translucent.
4. Add the flour and cook for around 2mins whilst stirring
5. Gradually add the milk. Bring the sauce just to the boil then reduce the heat. Stir in ¾ Cup of the grated cheese, remove from heat
6. Once the veggies are tender, drain, then puree.
7. Stir the vegetable puree into your cheese your sauce and combine with the pasta
8. Pour the pasta and sauce mixture into a greased oven proof dish. Top with the remaining grated cheese
9. Bake for around 20mins at 180 degrees celsius, until the cheese on top is melted, bubbling and golden