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NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 5

4th November 2013

Dear Parents,

What a great day last Thursday for our talented and enthusiastic performers who competed in the "S Factor" – kindly organised by Ms Dickinson. I have been told it was a wonderful show with everyone to be congratulated for their efforts. Thank you to our judges – Leonie, Anna and Dylan a special congratulations to our overall winners, Courtney and Elysha. Well done girls. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who came to watch – I know that you too enjoyed the performance.



**Count Us In Music
Performance – Thank
you to Karen Kelly**



Another great effort by Ms Dickinson for the whole schools' performance of "Keep On" – a simultaneous musical event across Australia at 12.30pm last Thursday. Great singing everyone. A huge thank you to our very own support accompanist – Karen Kelly, who has very kindly been volunteering her support for all our musical events lately. Karen has been supporting both the choir and the whole school with her piano accompaniments starting at the end of last term and we all really appreciate her wonderful skills and talent. It is a great privilege to have Karen supporting the school in such a wonderful way. Thank you to both Laurie and Karen who brought their own "portable piano" last Thursday for the performance. Your

support and commitment is very much appreciated. Thank you



Fundraising day

Congratulations to everyone and a huge thankyou to all the students and staff who supported our "Crazy Hair Day" on Friday to raise money for the support of World Vision. We are committed to helping make a small difference to the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. Our contribution on Friday came to \$170.30 which was a fantastic effort. The K – 2 students will now be able to use this money for the purchase of a goat, piglet and lamb and will also be able to choose another item of support with their money. It was lovely to see that some students also donated their small change to the cause after visiting the canteen. Thank you to everyone who participated in the very worthwhile event. Years 3 – 6 will be holding their

“Favourite Sporting Team Colours Day” on **Friday 22nd November**. Thank you everyone.

Transition to School



Last Wednesday we held another successful transition to school day for our new kindergarten enrolments. The students enjoyed a variety of activities and were very pleased to make some “ducks” to take home following a shared story about The Ugly Duckling. Our final transition to school day will be held on **Friday 15th November** when the new students will be able to enjoy our school assembly.



School Counsellor

Anne Egan our school counsellor will be visiting the school this Wednesday, if you would like to make an appointment to see her please call Anne at the office.



Year 5 Leadership Speeches



Year Five students will be presenting their leadership speeches to the school on **Friday 29th November at 2.45pm**. Parents are invited to come along to hear their speeches if you would like. Following the speeches, the staff and students will vote for leaders for 2014. We wish all the Year Five students good luck.

Commemorative Pavers

We now have the information for our commemorative pavers and it is attached to your newsletter. If you would like to order a paver which will be placed on the side of the pathway at the front entrance to the main school building, please carefully complete the details and return the information to school, **along with your money by the end of November**. Orders will be placed during the final weeks of term so that the pavers can be completed during January and early February. Thank you.



Planned Ramping for the School

Following the granting of State Government funds for provision of ramping for wheelchair access for the school, it is anticipated that work will commence before the end of the month. This will necessitate some quite significant interruptions as work will commence on building a ramp to the front door. Due to the Work Health and Safety ACT, very specified guidelines need to be followed during the construction and for the actual ramping and pathways. A gradient of 1:14 will see a large area of concrete ramp constructed at the front entrance. Unfortunately to achieve this, our existing pavers at the front door and several at the side of the walkway will be lifted up and later replaced. The front garden on the right side coming in will also be removed (but hopefully we will replant again). The pathways will wrap around the front of the school towards the old residence and around the rear of the staffroom to give access to the main classroom building. Paths and ramp will also be built to the toilets. Apologies for the inconvenience this will undoubtedly cause – the request for ramping of the school was made several years ago, but has only been funded in the last 12 months.



Student Welfare Worker

Last Thursday (during the “S Factor performance”) I held a phone interview with Sydney for a prospective new Student Well Being Worker for our school to replace Cate Cross who resigned last term. I am hopeful that the position will be filled by next week when all the checks have been completed. More details next week hopefully.

Attendance Reminder



A reminder to all parents about the importance of your children being at school every day. Not only is it a legal obligation to send them to school each day unless they are genuinely sick, parents also have a moral and social obligation. Education is a privilege to be valued and appreciated, and as I constantly remind the students in my class “Knowledge (Education) is Power”. Education allows you to do what you want and be whatever you choose – reach for the stars and achieve your dreams and goals in life. Your school days are some of the best days of your life. Make the most of every opportunity.

Next Week 11th – 15th November

Don't forget next week:
Monday 11th Remembrance Day 11am – School Leaders to Anzac Grove, whole staff

training and development for the New Curriculum School as normal
Tuesday 12th: Beach to Bush Life Saving Presentation 9.30 – 10.30am
Wednesday 13th: P & C Meeting 2.00pm
Friday 15th: Final Transition to school – whole day School Assembly 2.00pm

Final Gym Lesson

Our final gym lesson this term will be held this Friday. Please send in your money for the day - \$2.00

Our thanks to Lesa and Deidre who have presented a wonderful program during the past five weeks. I know my class has certainly enjoyed their cartwheeling and hand standing and it has been wonderful to see such fantastic improvement in the skills of all students. Well done everyone and thank you to Deidre and Lesa.



Calendar

The calendar for November is attached for your information. Please keep this on your fridge and add any relevant information as it comes.



Nutrition Information

Simple nutritious snippets will be added to your newsletters during the next few weeks. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.

PBL Focus



This week we are continuing our focus on students doing the right thing in the Sports Shed. Remember our simple rules to keep the equipment tidy in the shed; return your equipment when you have finished using it and look after the equipment, reporting any problems or breakages. Last week, we had some excellent helpers who showed great responsibility and care when they tidied up the equipment in the sport shed. Our focus for next week will be on assembly.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to David Foster, Nic Monaghan, Claudia Jones and Jayden Bonat- a great effort for the week.

Student of the Week

5/6 – Jayden Bonat –
Enthusiastic participation and presentation of class speeches.



3/4 –Brydon Harvey – Always doing his best at all school tasks.



1/2 – Kynan Paton – Great improvement working independently.



K/1 – Michael Monaghan –
For dedication to his maths.

Catch of the Week



5/6 – Dakota Anderson –
Spending time cleaning and sorting the Sports Shed and following all PBL rules.



3/4 – Kaidan Bell – Always looking after the sport shed equipment.



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Jones – Being a responsible sport shed monitor.



K/1 – Lilah Norden – For showing Responsibility in all areas.



Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 4

Recess award -

Gabrielle Butcher

Lunch award – Jamie

Bonat



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Canteen

Chicken Chippies will be available to purchase at recess.

Wednesday Lunch Special –

Chicken Kebab on a stick, zooper dooper, choice of apple/raspberry, orange/mango or blackcurrant fruit box – all this for \$5.50

Wednesday 6th November –

Amanda Humphreys & Kristie Cooper

Friday 8th November – Tiki

Paton & Jodie Dean

Monday 11th November –

Laurie Byron



Gundagai Swimming Club REGISTRATION for 2013/14 season

- Thursday 7th November
4.00pm-5.00pm

At the Gundagai Swimming Pool

Fee \$75 (Swim Aust/NSW-\$55 paid online + Gundagai Swim Club \$20 paid when you register)

First club night -Thursday

14th November 5.30pm

Enquires to Kellie Magnone

0448254852 or

magnone@live.com.au

FOR SALE

3 size 10 grey cotton boys shorts \$5.00 each

2 size 10 grey cotton boys trousers \$5.00 each

1 size 10 jumper \$5.00 each

2 size 10 red t – shirts \$10.00 each

Phone Donna Bruce

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A Tumut Twilight Soccer Comp for Juniors will run from Monday 11th November and Seniors from Friday 15 November. This comp will be played in Tumut at the Bull Paddock every week on those days. Initially games will start from 5pm onwards however this may become later as the weather warms up. There will be three age groups - Sub juniors 8/9/10 yrs, Juniors 11/12/13 yrs or Seniors 14 and above (including adults).

Participation will be open to soccer players who played in the 2013 winter competition (at any town) plus anyone else interested in joining the fun. The games will be 6 v 6 with up to 9 players in the team. Individuals can join and be allocated a team or teams can be entered.

Cost for registrations are: 8 years to 16 years \$5 for registered winter players in 2013 or \$10 for new registered players; 17 years and older \$15 for registered winter players in 2013 or \$30 for non-registered players. Registrations can be done at Tumut Exhaust & Brake with Matt Henman or online. Enquiries can be directed to Chris Driscoll on 0408846818 or Rodney Anderson on 0428503126.