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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents, friends and grandparents who were able to attend our final school assembly for 2013 last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you there to support the students and enjoy their work.

A very special congratulations to our new kindergarten students for 2014 who joined with the current kindies to present some work about the Three Billy Goats Gruff, one of the Fairy Tales which they have been reading at school.



P & C Meeting

Thank you also to those parents who attended our P&C meeting last Wednesday. I appreciate your input to our discussions about our school and how we can improve what we do for the children.

Beach to Bush



Maxine and Adrianna gave an excellent presentation to the students last Tuesday. They spoke about the dangers at the beach and how to keep safe with timely reminders about swimming between the red and yellow flags and ensuring everyone is protected adequately from the sun. The students also learnt about different types of waves, how to spot a rip and what to do should they be caught in one. Discussion about blue bottles was also high on the agenda with tips for treatment if stung. Everyone was also very excited to have the opportunity to closely examine shark eggs, and watch **Kynan Crossley** rescue

Destiny in a re-enactment of a surf rescue. A great learning opportunity and our thanks to Surf Life Saving NSW who organised the Beach to Bush program for students in rural NSW.



Portfolios

Another reminder to parents about retuning portfolios please. We would ask that everyone who has not yet returned theirs could make an effort to do so this week as it is frustrating for everyone if we don't have

portfolios to put new work into. Thank you for your attention to this.



Major Works - Wheelchair Access

As you will all have noticed, major works have begun at the school to construct a number of paths which will allow for wheelchair access to all parts of the school. This week there will be major disruptions to the front entrance of the school when they begin the work on the front path and paved area. The pavers at the front door will be removed and then relaid at the conclusion of the work. I'm sure you will be patient and understanding during this time. Thankyou

New Pavers

A reminder to everyone who wishes to place an order for a new commemorative paver – orders close at the end of next week. **Please send in your wording and money by Friday 29th November.**



Fundraising - World Vision

This Friday, everyone is invited to come dressed in their favourite sporting team colours – or come dressed as their favourite sports star. **For the privilege of doing so, everyone is asked to bring a gold coin donation** which the students in Years 3 – 6 will use to support a community to access clean drinking water. Please give generously.



Proud & Deadly Awards - Congratulations

Last week the school received a special invitation for **Kasey Bethune** who had been nominated to receive a Proud and Deadly Award at the Aboriginal Awards Ceremony being held in Tumut tomorrow afternoon. Kasey's award comes as a result of her wonderful academic achievements in the Year 3 NAPLAN testing this year. Kasey and her family are all invited to attend this special recognition ceremony. Congratulations Kasey.



Wellbeing Worker

At last the long search is over! Congratulations to our new Wellbeing Worker for the school – **Tiina Lehtsalu**. Tiina will begin work at school this week and in her role will be a friendly face around the school who will offer support to both students and their families who may require an ear to listen or support in any capacity. If any parents feel they need support with their students in any way, then Tiina is the person to talk to.

She has worked with behaviour management and students requiring additional learning support for many years, so is well qualified to offer support to our students and families. Welcome, Tiina.

Miss Carthew

We welcome back **Miss Carthew** to our school for the final few weeks of the term. Miss Carthew will be supporting students in the school and completing various testing before the end of the year which will assist us with our class organisation for 2014. Welcome back Miss Carthew.



Year 5 Leadership Speeches



Don't forget our Leadership Speeches for Year 5 for School Leaders will be given **on Friday 29th November at 2.45pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along and support their children if they would like.

Greyhounds as Pets



On **Friday 6th December**, our school will be able to enjoy a presentation given by an organisation called "Greyhounds as Pets", the presentation will run from 9.15am – 10.15am.

Heptathlon - School Fun Run Activity Day



After recess on **Friday 6th December** the school will be holding a Heptathlon and Fun Run activity day to complement our focus on Healthy Lifestyle

Choices as part of our Live Life Well program.

Students will participate in a variety of different fun activities including a fun run. Sponsorship forms for the fun run are attached for your information. Our aim is to promote and encourage healthy lifestyle and activity and parents are also invited to participate in the games and activities. Come prepared.

We will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch for everyone – please complete the attached note to order sausages for your family. There will be no cost for sausages.



From the Easel

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates to recognise the great art work at Friday's assembly. In Year 5 – **Chelsie Crossley** was awarded a certificate, **Thomas Casnave** in Year 4, **Seth Jones** in Year 2 and **David Foster** in Kindergarten. Congratulations to each of these students. Please enjoy the art work attached to your newsletter.

South Sports Star Award

Congratulations also to our Sports Star Award for October – **Riley Bethune**. Riley

received the award for his outstanding efforts at the Boorowa Touch Football. Congratulations Riley.



Parent Survey

A short series of questions for you to answer is included with the newsletter to help us make decisions about the future direction of the school. Could everyone please complete the survey and return by next **Wednesday 27th**. Thankyou

Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

Please be vigilant with child/children by checking their hair EVERYDAY and treating if necessary



We had several cases of head lice reported last week. Some children get very itchy and some feel nothing. If everyone is treating their children at the same time and they all follow the treatment protocol then we will have a much better chance of breaking the head lice cycle in the school.

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 20 and 60 night's home reading.

20 Nights

Kye Humphreys

60 Nights

Amy Myers, Brandy McGrath, Lilah Norden, Josie Warren, David Foster & Kynan Paton



PBL Focus



This week we focus on all settings in the school for our Positive Behaviour for Learning. The staff will be looking out for students who are showing Respect by following teacher instructions and wearing our uniform with pride; Responsibility – Keeping their hands and feet to themselves and wearing correct uniform and Caring – for others by speaking nicely and keeping a neat and tidy appearance.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our uniform winners – **William Bruce, Michael Field and Adam Morris.** Well boys.

PBL - Green Level

Congratulations to **Billy Anderson** and **David Foster** who have achieved green level for PBL

PBL - Pink Level

Congratulations to **Angelina Winner** and **Josie Warren** who have achieved their Pink level certificate.

PBL - Blue Level

Congratulations to **Lilah Norden** who has achieved Blue level. Well done Lilah

Student of the Week

5/6 – Louis Lievens – For an outstanding contribution and effort with poetic imagery.



3/4 – Kynan Crossley – Improvement in his reading



1/2 – Destiny Cooper – Being a conscientious student and always doing what she's asked.



K/1 – Dana Rolfe-Lanyon – For perseverance in her reading.



Catch of the Week

5/6 – Jamie Bonat – Being an excellent role model during assembly.



3/4 – Thomas Casnave – Always following our school rules.



1/2 – Ryan Anderson – Awesome behaviour in assembly.



K/1 – Josie warren – For excellent presentation of our school values during assembly.



Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 6

Recess award -

Michael Field

Lunch award – Kynan Crossley.



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Book Club

Book Club brochures are attached. If you wish to place an order, these need to be returned to school with the correct money by **Monday 25th November.** Thankyou

Canteen

Potato Wedges will be available at recess this Wednesday only – 1 cup \$2.00

Wednesday Lunch Special – Cheese Burger with tomato or BBQ sauce and hot chips, zooper dooper, bottle of water – all this for \$5.50



Bottles of water now available for \$1.00 each

Wednesday 20th November – Janet Clarke

Friday 22nd November – Jacinta Warren

Monday 25th November – Erica Manns

"THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" - Carberry Park, 10am, Sunday 24 November
The final Sundry In Gundy for this year will feature a "Blessing of the Animals" ceremony, a celebration for both children and adults to participate in by giving thanks for the animals in our lives, both family pets, livestock and working animals.

Scheduled for a 10am start in Carberry Park, an invitation is extended to all to bring along their dog, cat, canary, ferret, pony, cockatoo, lamb, mouse, frog, cow, rooster, budgie, rabbit or whatever other animal that brings meaning to their lives. (Also bring a light chair, a hat and perhaps sunscreen?).

The joyous ceremony will be conducted by Father Bernie Hennessy, to whom the Tourism Action Committee extends grateful thanks.

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