



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

A great day was enjoyed by all who were at school on Friday! The visit from Lori, Gay and Ryan from "Greyhounds as Pets" was very informative and the two dogs Ruby and Elmo proved to be a great hit with everyone. It was great to have the students showing such great interest with an excellent range of questions and I'm sure everyone enjoyed their time with the dogs at the end of the session. I know my class certainly were enthralled and found it a therapeutic and relaxing way to have a chat whilst Elmo enjoyed being stretched out on the carpet resting.



### *Heptathlon and Fun Run - Thanks*



The day continued in a relaxed and informal way with the students all excited about their participation in the heptathlon and fun run.

Thanks to Mr Cooper for organising the children in their groups and doing the timetable. Special thanks to all staff for running fun and challenging activities where everyone was working together as part of a team. Thanks to Brodie Paton (Year 10 Gundagai High School) who ran one of the groups for us.

My thanks especially also to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came for the day and especially those people who volunteered to man a checkpoint on the fun run activity and to assist with cooking the BBQ and serving lunch to everyone. Your help was most appreciated. Thanks also to Janet Clarke who operated the canteen on the day for drinks and ice-creams which proved popular in the warm weather.

Congratulations to all students who participated in all the activities. I know you all did really well and I'm sure you would have all slept well on Friday night. The sportsmanship, camaraderie, encouragement and support shown by all students was evident in each activity and is certainly one of the very special factors of our school. Well done everyone, a most enjoyable day.





## Sponsorship Forms

Students should now finalise their sponsorship forms and return to Mrs Edwards as soon as you can so the information can be sent away before the end of the year.

Remember, if you have asked someone to sponsor you and they have given you money for your participation, then you must by law, hand in that money for its designated purpose. Thank you.

## P & C Meeting



Don't forget our final P & C Meeting for the year will be held this Wednesday

commencing at 2.00pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and meet Tiina, our Student Welfare Worker.

## PBL - Awards Day at the Pool



This will be held this Friday for everyone who has achieved a PBL certificate this year. We will all be travelling to the pool after recess on Friday and we will have lunch at the pool. K/1/2 will change into swimmers at school with their buddies help. Please bring your own lunch and bottle of water –

## CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR RECESS ONLY THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHES AT SCHOOL.

All students must pay for their pool entry or send in your season ticket number on your permission note. If you do not return your permission note, you will not be able to attend. As a special treat, students may come out of uniform – but must have a t-shirt or rashi to wear and they will be able to bring enough money to purchase an ice-cream from the kiosk (**NOT** fizzy drinks or lollies etc.). You do not have to bring money if don't want and the amount is limited to one ice-cream each. Please make sure your child does not bring a large amount of money as it will only get lost.

We will return to school in time for afternoon buses. Please make sure your child has their clothes clearly named. They will need towel, rashi or t-shirt, swimmers and a large broad brimmed hat. Children may bring their own sunscreen, however school will provide sunscreen for everyone and the children will be encouraged to re-apply at lunch time. Please make sure you have told us all the information needed about your child's swimming ability.

## Welcome



This week we welcome two of our former students – Jamie Evans and Kelsey Bruce. The girls will be spending today and tomorrow at school as part of their community service requirements for Kildare Catholic College.

## Thanks



My special thanks to Brodie Paton who has spent the past week at school helping in each of the classrooms. Brodie used her initiative and chose to spend last week at her old school and her help was greatly appreciated by all staff and students.



When Brodie gave her Year 6 speech at the end of the year on Presentation Evening, she said she had been told to believe in herself and follow her dreams, Hopefully, Brodie's dreams are being fulfilled as she gains valuable experience in the field of education. Good for you Brodie. Keep up your commitment and hard work and your dreams will come true.

## Student Welfare Worker

Many of you will have seen or spoken to Tiina (Miss T), our student welfare worker during the past couple of weeks. Tiina is working at school with us to support our school community in any way possible. She has some great ideas and I'm sure you will be hearing more from her next year too. A small piece of information about the Good Beginnings program is attached to the newsletter for your interest. A permission note for students who would like to have a chat to Tiina is available from Anne in the office. Parents need to complete this and leave it at the office.



## Nutrition Information Eat It to Beat It

Attached to the newsletter is this week's Nutrition Snippet – The simplest way to create a

healthier breakfast from the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.

## Pavers



Thank you to those parents who have sent in their paver orders and payment. At the moment we don't have enough to place an order before the end of year, so we will advertise again and place an order early next year. Please encourage anyone else you know of who expressed an interest to send in their order. Thank you.

## World Vision Fundraising



Thank you again to everyone for their donation for World Vision during our crazy hair day and sporting team colour days. An amount of \$292.80 was raised. The students have decided that they will buy a trio of farm animals for \$140 (goat, lamb and pig). Food for Life for \$127 consisting of fast growing seeds, fruit trees, farming tools and a fish farm and Childhood Immunisation for \$25. Immunisation protects from polio, tetanus and tuberculosis. I'm sure this money and these gifts will be greatly appreciated.

## Speech Night Practise

On Monday next week we will all travel to the High School for practise. **We will leave school at 9.30am, returning by 12.30pm.** Canteen lunch as normal. Please complete the attached permission note and return by Friday this week. Thanks

## PBL Focus



Congratulations to everyone on a much improved effort with class lines at recess and lunch time. Well done. This week our focus area will be bus lines, as unfortunately students who catch the early buses are needing reminders about appropriate behaviour both when they are waiting and lining up as well as when they board the bus. Our rules of Respect, Responsibility, Care at bus lines are:  
Wait patiently; Right place, right time and Hands and feet to self.

## Speech Night



Speech night will be held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at the MPC at the Gundagai High School. **Students are asked to arrive at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm**

**start. They should all be in full school summer uniform** and everyone is expected to attend. This year we will have our Awards Ceremony and then supper will follow to conclude the night. There is no play performance this year, however there will be some musical items for your enjoyment. Parents are asked to bring a plate please for supper.

**Kindergarten** – Fruit platter

**Years 1 & 2** – Slices/cakes, biscuits

**Years 3 & 4** – Sandwiches

**Years 5 & 6** – Savoury biscuits and cheese

Thank you.

A raffle will be held on the night, so remember to bring your money. Our thanks to Jessica Butcher who has donated a beautiful hanging basket of flowers for the raffle. Raffle tickets are attached to your newsletter to pre sell prior to next Tuesday and return to school. Thank you for your support.

## Final day of School



This will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** when we will have a fun day at school and whole school party. Parents are asked to send in something nutritious for lunch which can be shared please. Thank you. The school will provide a drink.

## Staff Changes for 2014

Next year, we will have some staff teaching different classes. My aim as always is to provide

the best possible learning opportunities as I can for the students.

Next year Ms Dickinson has been offered work in Tumut and as she has two young children this makes more sense for her.

I have managed to secure her great talents and support for our school for one day a week.

Miss Carthew will be teaching Kindergarten and Year 1, Mrs Ray will be teaching Year 2 and Mrs Jackson will work with both teachers to support the students learning and the staff with release time.

In the primary area of the school, I will be teaching a Year 4, 5, 6 class, Mr Cooper will teach a year 3,4,5 class in a similar way to Mrs Ray this year. Mrs Flanagan will also take the teacher release time as well as support of students who need additional small group work.

By doing this, our school funds will be stretched to the max! Hopefully the new Resource Allocation Model of funding will continue to be allocated and our funds will also come from equity and socio-economic funding. We are still hoping to employ our teachers' aids (SLSO's) during 2014.

The exact makeup of the classes will not be decided until all final assessments have been completed at the end of the year.

Mrs McMillan will still continue to provide us with excellent technology support one day as well.



## Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 60 and 80 night's home reading.

### 60 Nights

Zak Anderson and William

Bruce

### 80 Nights

Edward Coady



## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our uniform winners – **Brandy McGrath, Billy Anderson and Brydon Harvey.**

## PBL – Pink Level

Congratulations to **Holly Young and Braith Winner** who have achieved their Pink level certificate.

## PBL – Blue Level

Congratulations to **Josie Warren and Dana Rolfe-**



**Lanyon** who have achieved Blue level. Well done

### *Student of the Week*

**5/6 – Chelsie Crossly** – For making a great effort with all classroom learning.



**3/4 – Claire Lievens** – Always doing her best!



**1/2 – Tiara Foster** – For fantastic spelling test results and great reading



**K/1 – Jade Harvey** – For trying hard in her reading.



### *Catch of the Week*

**5/6 – Louis Lievens** – For being a wonderful participant in the Heptathlon and encouraging his team members.



**3/4 – Cody Bell** – Great behaviour in class.



**1/2 – Charlie Hourn** – For always lining up at class lines with respect and being responsible.



**K/1 – Teleah Smith** – For showing Respect, Responsibility and care in all areas.



### *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 9



**Recess award** - Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon

**Lunch award** – Dylan Manns

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### Canteen

#### **Wednesday Lunch Special –**

Meat balls with tomato sauce and hash browns, zooper dooper, bottle of water – all this for \$5.50.

Frozen Yoghurt is now available - cost is \$1.80

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Nicole Bethune & Megan Chomley

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December RECESS ONLY**

– Tiki Paton & Jodie Dean

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December NO RECESS LUNCH ONLY** – Janet Clarke

# The simplest way

to create a healthier breakfast

Choose these simple, tasty options for your child's brekkie to give them the energy to get through the day.

When you make their breakfast tomorrow, have a think about healthier alternatives.



| Breakfast                 | Healthier  |
|---------------------------|--|
| White toast with vegemite | Wholemeal toast with avocado   |
| Flavoured milk            | Fruit smoothie with frozen raspberries, honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt |
| Rice bubbles              | Porridge topped with banana + honey  |

For more information visit  
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Rangers for a unique and hands on  
Aboriginal Cultural Experience**



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**Thurs 26th DEC, Sat 28th DEC & Thurs 2nd JAN**

**LOCATION: Yarrangobilly Caves**

**TIMES: 11 am and 1:30 pm 1 hour sessions**

**PRICE: Adults \$20 Concession \$15 Family \$48**

Join our Aboriginal Discovery Rangers on an educational and exciting range of hands on activities such as boomerang throwing and rope making, including traditional bush craft and Aboriginal cultural basket weaving and axe grinding demonstrations.

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