



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

A huge congratulations to all our Year Five students who presented their speeches with confidence, enthusiasm and commitment last Friday. It really was a difficult decision for everyone who cast their votes following the presentation of speeches. Thank you to those parents, grandparents and siblings who come to support the students. I'm sure they appreciate your support. We will all find out who has been elected on Speech Night – on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### *Greyhounds as Pets*



This Friday we will all enjoy a presentation from representatives from 'Greyhounds as Pets'. They will be visiting the school from 9.15 – 10.15am.

### *Heptathlon and Fun Run*

Everyone is invited to attend our Fun Run and Heptathlon

Day this Friday commencing at 12.00noon.

Students are reminded about their sponsorship forms – it is probably best if you are collecting sponsorship to have a \$ amount for your participation. We will run 7 events throughout the afternoon and students will be put into teams to compete in each activity. Parents are welcome to come and join us for the day – and to help out or participate in the events throughout the afternoon. (Nothing too strenuous – just fun!).

Please return your sausage sizzle orders for Friday by Wednesday. It would be great if we had a parent volunteer to cook the sausages as all staff will be busy with the heptathlon. **Canteen will be operating on Friday, however no lunch orders will be available** as we are having the sausage sizzle lunch.



### *Strike Action*

This Tuesday morning, the Teachers Federation has called for strike action from 9.00am – 11.00am. This is in response to planned changes to both Gonski funding and the future role of Principals and changes to the operating and running of small schools.

The DEC (Department of Education and Communities) has, in response to Principals' concerns about ever increasing administrative workloads in addition to their full time teaching load, suggested that in order to alleviate the administrative workload, Principals of PP5 and PP6 (schools with enrolments less than 155 students) would lose their principals and instead have a leading teacher in their place and the principal from a much larger school e.g. Tumut Public would be in charge of many smaller schools - as well as their own. This in itself is obviously untenable and we can't imagine principals of larger schools wanting to take on this role.

In another scenario, the Federation is now proposing alternative "solutions" – none of which are acceptable to

principals of any of the schools – large or small.

In addition there are now considerable concerns about the surety of increased funding for our school under the Gonski review.

I think there are many unanswered and unknown questions as these ideas are all tied to the current funding agreement which expires in January 2014 and need to be addressed.

Some of our staff may choose to go on strike tomorrow, however, be assured that your students will still receive high quality teaching during their morning literacy session.

### *School Counsellor*

Due to the illness of her father, Anne Egan our school counsellor, was unable to be at school last Thursday. Instead she will be at school this Wednesday. Our thoughts are with Anne and her family during this time.

### *Welcome*



Last Friday, we welcomed Tanya Lee and her two boys Cody and Brandon who are in Years 3 & 2 respectively. The boys quickly settled into the school routine and already know some of the students whom they have met at the

skatepark. Welcome Tanya and the boys.

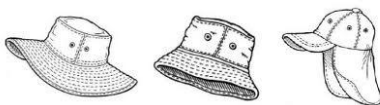
This week we also welcome back Brodie Paton (Year 10 Gundagai High School) who will be continuing her workplace experience at her old school.

### *Pavers*



Please ensure that you return your paver order with your inscription and money as soon as possible. Orders will be placed before the end of term and all money must be in before they can be ordered.

### *Hats*



Congratulations everyone on the much improved effort with school hats. Last Thursday, everyone in the school wore their school hat for morning assembly. A fantastic effort – well done. Wearing of school uniform was much better last week – we need to eliminate coloured track pants still though (it's too hot anyway).

### *P & C Meeting*



Don't forget that our final P & C meeting for 2013 will be held next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**December.** It will be held at 2.00pm and we will discuss our final evaluations for the school as well as final arrangements for speech night. Everyone is welcome to come along. Thank you to those parents who returned the survey. Your students each received an icy pole last Thursday during the hot lunch play time. It's not too late to send in yours!

### *Special PBL Treat*



To celebrate the success of PBL during 2013, the whole school will receive a treat of a visit to the Gundagai Pool **on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Everyone is allowed to come out of uniform for the day; you many bring your own picnic lunch and if you wish \$2.00 to spend at the pool. The bus cost to the pool will be covered, however parents will need to pay for entry to the pool (\$3.00) unless you hold a season ticket. We will be leaving school at approximately 12.00noon. Students in K, 1 and 2 will change at school first with the help of their buddies.

It is now a requirement for all schools to determine the skills and ability of all students with regard to swimming. Please complete the attached permission note, also indicating your child's swimming ability and the pool you wish them to swim in. **All students will require this information in order to attend this special PBL celebration.** Please return your permission note by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## Hot off the Press



This week we celebrate some great writing by four of our very capable students. Congratulations to **Hugh Cooper, Jaylen Bell, Kasey Bethune and Louis Lievens**. Each of our students has written very different pieces, with each one demonstrating skill and talent in composing texts.

## Calendar

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



## 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 again 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.

## Thankyou

I would like to thank all the helpers - mums, dads, grandparents and friends we have with in the canteen. Without the volunteers we would not have a canteen for our children. We are only a small school and we are open 3 days a week, this would not be possible without all your help. All money raised goes back to the school for our children to enjoy.

Volunteer  
Canteen Manager  
Janet Clarke



## Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 20, 40, 60 and 80 night's home reading.

### 20 Nights

Valley Edwards

### 40 Nights

Tiara Foster, Angel Clark, Jorja Humphreys, Dakota Anderson

### 60 Nights

Thomas Casnave, Lizzie Byron, Gabrielle Butcher, Holly Young, Vada Hindmarsh, Anna McGuirk

### 80 Nights

Greg Clarke



## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our uniform winners – **Isaac Ford, Adam Morris, Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon, Claudia Jones**.

## PBL - Red Level

Congratulations to **Jarrah Ransome** who has achieved Red level for PBL

## PBL - Green Level

Congratulations to **Dakota Anderson, Leonie Rolfe-Lanyon, Dylan Doran, Darren Hampton-Press, JJ Bell, Billy Anderson, Jordan Paton, Zak Anderson and William Bruce** who have achieved green level for PBL



## *PBL – Pink Level*

Congratulations to **Ryan Anderson, Nic Monaghan, Seth Jones, Jess Crooks, Angel Clark, Michael Monaghan, Amy Myers and Vada Hindmarsh** who have achieved their Pink level certificate.

## *PBL – Blue Level*

Congratulations to **Brandy McGrath** who has achieved Blue level. Well done

## *Student of the Week*

**5/6 – Kyle Monaghan** – Great results in Semester Maths test.



**3/4 – Connor Winner** – Excellent work during the Wombat Stew Literacy unit.



**1/2 – Jaylen Bell** – Great participation in classroom activities.



**K/1 – Braith Winner** – A great effort in writing.



## *Catch of the Week*

**5/6 – Vada Hindmarsh** – Setting a good example for others when lining up for morning assembly.



**3/4 – Lizzie Byron** – Always fantastic in class lines.



**1/2 – Kynan Paton** – Being a model student lining up correctly.



**K/1 – Josie Warren** – Excellent lining up.



## *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 8

**Recess award** -Lizzie Byron  
**Lunch award** – Holly Young



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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 4<sup>th</sup> December –**

Nicole Bethune & Megan  
Chomley

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December –** Janet  
Clarke

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Laurie Byron

### **FOR SALE**

3 size 8 grey cotton boys  
shorts \$5.00 each

1 hat \$3.00

2 size 8/10 grey cotton boys  
trousers \$5.00 each

1 size 10 jumper \$10.00 each

2 size 10 red t – shirts \$5.00  
each

**OR**

The lot for \$40

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