



# Gundagai South Public School

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RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

Everyone from Years 1 - 6 settled quickly back into our school routine last week, however it was very unfortunate that Mrs Jackson became ill and was unable to work on Thursday and Friday due to a nasty stomach bag. We hope she is back fighting fit this week for the arrival of our 12 new kindergarten children. Those kinders that missed out on their Best Start testing will be tested this week. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Welcome to all our kindergarten children and their families for this week, your first official day of school begins today. I'm sure everyone will be extremely excited as well as nervous! (Mums and Dads included!)

In no time at all, everyone will feel very comfortable and at ease as the children quickly learn the routines of big school.



### *Swimming*

Swimming this week will be on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. Everyone must have paid their bus money and entry to the pool in order to attend each day.

Please remember to label **all** your child's belongings with their name, as it is very easy for them to misplace things. It was great to see many of the younger students in the school already tackling lessons in the 'big pool'. Well done everyone.

### *Swimming Carnival*

Students in **Years 2 – 6** will be attending the carnival next **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be some 25m races in the big pool for students who are unable to swim a full 50m unaided.

Students should complete the attached permission note and **return to school by this Friday** with payment of \$2.00 for the bus and pool of \$3.00 if no season ticket is held. **The bus will be leaving school at 9.20am** – please do not be late. It will return to school in the

afternoon in time for the afternoon bus runs. Parents are welcome to come and help on the day. A menu is attached for anyone who would like to order. **Please return your order by this Friday so it can be sent to the pool.** Thanks.

### *Senior First Aid*

This Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, all staff will be completing their Senior First Aid Certificate after school from 4.00pm – 8.00pm. Staff will be unavailable for any parent/teacher interviews during these times.

### *P & C Meeting*

The first P & C meeting for 2013 will be held next **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February** commencing at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### *New Smoking Laws*

As from January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013, smoking is banned in open areas within the perimeter of all public swimming pool complexes in NSW; banned from within 4m of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public

building; banned within 10m of children's play equipment in outdoor public places in NSW; banned in spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas in NSW when an organised sporting event is being held and banned at all public transport stops in NSW. Please see attached brochures outlining this.

### *Sounds of the Mountains 94.3 FM*

Once again this year, our students in the senior classes will be sharing our school news on the radio station Sounds of the Mountains 94.3. This can be heard each school Monday morning at approximately 9.45am

### *PBL*

It was great to see students earning their first 'fish' tokens for PBL last week. Some students already earned several fish for their token book. When students have earned 30 tokens at the first level (Red), they are able to choose from certain rewards for achieving this level. These rewards include:

- Sit next to a friend
- Bring an object to sit on your desk
- Choose a 10 minute activity for the class.

Next is Green level, when a different set of reward choices will be offered:

- Computer time for 10 minutes
- Make a 'fish' bookmark
- Super Dooper

We will teach a new skill relating to one of our values – Respect, Responsibility and Care each week.

### *Gundagai Show*

Each year our school participates in the Gundagai Show Display presenting a display of work completed by the students. This year we have chosen as our theme of "Water Conservation". Come along to the show pavilion on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February and have a look at what your children have been doing. Staff will be setting up the display on Thursday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup>, ready for the first day of the show on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### *Junior Show Schedule*

All students are also invited to independently enter different sections in the show. Sections include Flowers, Food & Cookery, Needle work, Handicraft, and Art. The Show Office (Old State Bank Building – Opposite Indulge U Hairdressers in Sheridan Street) is open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am – 4.00pm and from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am – 4.00pm to take entries. Entries may be taken to the show on the day for some sections. See attached events schedule.

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### Canteen

Our school canteen is operated 2 days per week. (Monday & Friday). We operate entirely by volunteers. If you have 1 or 2 days a term to spare we would really appreciate the help. Please complete the attached Canteen Help form and return to school as soon as possible so that the roster for Term 1 can be completed. Thankyou

### **Mirrabooka News**

Attached is the Mirrabooka News for Term 1 2013. Please take the time to read this very informative newsletter about activities held for all members of the family