



# Gundagai South Public School

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RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Although it was most unfortunate that we had to call off our planned parent BBQ last Thursday due to the rain – it was very pleasing to see so much welcome rain falling so beautifully. We will attempt to hold our BBQ for everyone this Thursday from 5.30 – 7.30pm and hope that the weather is kind to us this week.

If you have a change of plans for this week, please let us know. Everyone is welcome. All students enjoyed the performance last Friday afternoon call “The Owl’s Apprentice”. Jenny the puppeteer did a fantastic job and the set was amazing. The students are to be commended for their participation in question time, with the range of questions being asked showing their interest and enthusiasm as well as their interest in the technical aspects of shadow puppetry.

This week we welcome back our four students from Stewart House – Jayden, Jamie, Dakota and Riley. From all accounts a wonderfully exciting time was had by all with so many wonderful opportunities to visit a huge number of attractions in Sydney. Unfortunately they too found that the weather in Sydney was rather wet.

### *Clean Up Australia*

Once again we were all involved in “Clean Up Australia” Day – We held our clean-up day last Friday, particularly focusing on the area around South Gundagai. To our surprise we collected 5 huge bags of rubbish from outside of our school grounds. It is amazing how much rubbish accumulates very quickly and how quick the children are to recognise how untidy it makes our community look.

We are sure that the visitors to the look-out and the local residents appreciated our hard work.



### *Welcome Mrs Merrigan*

This week and for the following three weeks we welcome Mrs Merrigan who will be teaching the 1/2 class in Mrs Flanagan’s absence. I’m sure Mrs Merrigan is very excited to be back at Gundagai South and we wish Mrs Flanagan a speedy recovery.

### *PBL*

This week our focus is again on **RESPECT**, and we are looking at the ‘Toilets’ areas of the school. Our values for respect in the toilet area show that we “go and leave”. We should like to remind all students that the toilet is not a play area and it is also a private area.

Recently, we have had a whole toilet bowl broken because some of the younger girls in the school decided it might be fun to climb onto the toilets to try and look over the top.

Please remind your children about the rule of respect in the toilet areas. I’m sure this would apply at home as well.

We expect all our students to wear their full school uniform every day – this includes their hats and our winners of the

Zooper Doopers last week were: **William Bults** and **Jessica Crooks**. Each day someone's name is drawn from the hat and if they are in full school uniform they win a Zooper Dooper. At other times there will be different prizes to win – so please encourage your children to dress in their full school uniform each week and to 'wear it with pride'.

### *Training & Development*

Tomorrow, Mrs Jackson continues her T.E.N. training in Wagga with Mrs Bull teaching the K/1 class and on Thursday Mrs Jackson continues her L3 training.

This Tuesday afternoon all principals in the Highlands area have a meeting with our School Education Director, Mr Brabin and Mrs Ray will be taking the class after lunch instead of on Wednesday afternoon.

### *It's Not Okay to Be Away...Nor to Be Late to School*

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time.

Attached is important information with reasons why you should make sure your child attends school regularly. Please take the time to read this very interesting article.

### *Rugby League Clinic*

Tomorrow, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, all students will attend a Rugby League Clinic to be held at school with Adam Perry –

Development Officer with the NRL. The Infants' clinic will commence at 12.15pm and the Primary at 12.45pm.

### *Sounds of the Mountains – School News*

Wk 6 – 4.3.13 – **Dakota & Jamie**

Wk 7 – 11.3.13 – **Vada & Matty**

Wk 8 – 18.3.13 – **Chelsie & Louis**

Wk 9 – 25.3.13 – **Claire & Jamie**

Wk 10 – 1.4.13 - **Easter Monday**

Wk 11 – 8.4.13 – **Alauralee & Braydon**

### *News from Class 1/2*

During Creative Arts we will be creating a collage. Students will need to bring in a photo of their family from home by next Monday. We will photocopy the photos, and then the children will create a background using water colours and coloured paper. After that the children will cut out the family print photocopies and arrange them on the background.

Thank you  
Mrs Merrigan

### *P & C Easter Raffle*

Thank you to those parents who have already donated eggs and returned their raffle tickets for the Easter egg raffle.

**Each family has been asked to donate Easter eggs/chocolates for this raffle.** Raffle books were attached to last week's newsletter. Tickets are \$2 each

or 3 for \$5 the raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thankyou

### *Head Lice*

## HEAD LICE ALERT

**Please be vigilant with your 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.**

### *Student of the Week*

**5/6 – Holly Young – Working enthusiastically in class.**



**3/4 – Jordan Paton** – Excellent work in class all of the time.



**1/2 – Kynan Paton** – For always showing Respect in the classroom.



**K/1 – Lilah Norden** – Consistent effort in all Key Learning Areas.



## Catch of the Week

**5/6 – Cassie French** – For speaking nicely and congratulating her maths partner on her skills and success.



**3/4 - Claudia Jones** – Always being responsible.



**1/2 - Jessica Crooks** – For always having lovely manners.



**K/1 – Angelina Winner** – For a caring attitude towards all class members.



## Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 20 nights home reading.

**Cooper Bethune, Amy Myers, Brandy McGrath, Braith Winner, Hugh Cooper, Charlie Hourn, Destiny Cooper, Cassie French, Louis Lievens, Anna McGuirk.**

These students will be presented with a certificate of achievement for their great efforts. Well done everyone.

## Recess and Lunch

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

**Recess award -**

Anna McGuirk

**Lunch award**

Shanelle Jones



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## CANTEEN

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Bec Worldon & Kate Worldon**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Karen McGuirk**

# JENNIFER SMART SCHOOL OF DANCE

The Jennifer Smart School of Dance will recommence lessons shortly.

A date for the enrolment day will be set in the very near future and details will be advised in your School Newsletter.

Certificates and Medals from last year's exams will be presented on the enrolment day.

For further details please contact Mrs Leane on 69447205 or 0457 328884 or Karen Lewin on 0428 441080.

## Tumut Easter Bazaar

Good Friday March 29  
Easter Saturday March 30

at

BOYS CLUB HALL

(next to Ambulance Station)  
9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS

FREE ENTRY

## GREAT BARGAINS

Craft, Pottery, Books,  
Clothing, Plants, Fruit, Toys,  
Jewellery, Babywear, Hats,  
Kitchenware, Jams, Cakes  
and

Lots, Lots More  
BBQ Tea & Coffee  
Bookings: phone  
02 4232 2337 or  
0419 427 801

## Gundagai Panthers Junior Soccer – Final Call for Soccer Parents/ Community Members

The Gundagai Panthers AGM was held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Three people attended. I will take on President (Meredith Tait), Rich Manton will be Vice President which involves picking up and dropping back soccer van as well as setting up and packing away soccer nets with other parents help (if we get a 14/15's team otherwise someone else will need to take on this role), James Tait will be Treasurer, Jim Scobie will be MPIO Officer and Michelle Scott will be Registrar. However we were unable to fill the following positions on the Committee. We need:

a **Secretary** (requires sending approx. 6 letters to sponsors and organising the street stall – information to parents and volunteers to man the stall – booked for 4,5,6 May 2013);

a **Canteen Co ordinator** to order food, stock canteen and establish a parent roster for the canteen, a **Referee Co ordinator** (and parents willing to referee – there is an on-line course for parents to learn from) to organise referees for home games;

a **Uniform Co ordinator** to check all shirts have been returned, to follow up if they haven't been and to keep a record of which child has which shirt (this job is finished by beginning of season)

and a **Publicity Officer** to collect weekly match reports from coaches (season is 10 –12 weeks) to send to local paper (via email) as well as end-of-season write up in paper.

Would any parents or community members interested in helping please contact Meredith Tait on 0438 835658 or 68448221 ASAP.

***If we are not able to fill these positions Junior Soccer will be abandoned this year.***

Thanks  
Tait

Meredith