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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 11

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Dear Parents,

What a beautiful day it was at Bongongo on Friday for the annual Cross Country event. Thank you to all those parents who came and enjoyed the day and assisted with transport.

Congratulations to the following students who received placings on the day.

5 Years Girls - 1st **Angelina**

Winner 2nd Dana Rolfe-Lanyon

5 Years Boys - 1st **Braith**

Winner, 2nd Michael Monaghan

6 Years Girls - 2nd **Valley**

Edwards, 3rd Shanelle Jones

6 Years Boys - 3rd **Greg**

Clarke

7 Years Girls - 2nd **Hayley**

Booby

7 Years Boys - 1st **Cooper**

Bethune

8/9 Girls - 2nd **Jessica Crooks,**

3rd Alauralee Bowditch

10 Year Girls - 1st **Claire**

Lievens

10 Years Boys - 2nd **Riley**

Bethune

11 Years Girls - 1st **Anna**

McGuirk, 2nd Holly Young, 3rd

Leonie Rolfe -Lanyon

11 Years Boys - 3rd **Kyle**

Monaghan

12 Years Boys - 2nd **Jayden**

Bonat

Well done everyone.

In addition to those students from 8/9 – 12 years who were

winners or place getters, the following students also qualified for the District Cross Country at Batlow on Tuesday 21st May. 8/9 Girls **Lilly Dowell** (4th); 8/9 Boys **Edward Coady** (4th); **Daniel Anderson** (6th); **Seth Jones** (8th) 10 Years Boys **Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon** (5th); **Matty Dowell** (6th); 11 Years Boys **Jamie Bonat** (4th); **Louis Lievens** (5th) and 12 Years Boys **Dylan Doran** (5th). Although the District Carnival is not until week 4 next term, please make the effort now to fill in the permission note and return it and indicate if you are able to provide transport for your child or other students. Thanks.



Life Education Van

Everyone enjoyed their visit to the Life Education Van last week. Students gained a greater understanding of healthy lifestyles and some important information about friends and relationships, systems in the body and smoking. Did you know that there are 4003 different chemicals in each

cigarette including nail polish remover, rocket fuel, tar, arsenic and rat poison! And the amazing thing is that people pay money for these choice ingredients in fact, if a person smokes a packet a day at an average of \$16.00 per packet, that's \$112 a week or \$5824 a year! Incredible!

Possum Magic Performance - Canberra

Next term, in Week 1, students in Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 have seats booked to attend the live performance of Possum Magic in Canberra. The cost will be \$15.00 per student. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a live performance. **Please complete the attached permission note and return to school along with payment as soon as possible please.** The bus will leave school at 9.15am on Thursday 2nd May for the performance at 11.45am. Students will need to take their recess and lunch and a bottle of water on the day. They will return in time for the afternoon buses.

Gala Netball and Rugby League

Girls who are participating in the Gala Netball day will need to be at school **by 8.00am Tuesday morning** and I will drive them up to Tumut. After the conclusion of the Gala Day, girls will participate in Highlands Netball Trials. These will run from 2.00 – 4.00 pm and I will drop the girls home after that. If the boys intend going to the footie trials, they will need to organise their own transport and will need to be at Jarrah Oval (home of the

Tumut Bulls) Boundary Street, Tumut by 12.45pm.

P & C Stall

The roster is attached for the street stall to be held this Wednesday in front of the Bendigo Bank. This street stall is taking the place of the P & C meeting this Wednesday. Everyone is encouraged to lend a hand as "many hands make light work". **Donations of cooking or produce will be greatly appreciated.** My thanks to Nicole Bethune for organising and running the Easter egg raffle for us. Approximately \$500 was made which will be used to support all students to help keep costs to a minimum for everyone.

Assembly

Our main assembly for this term will be held this **Friday from 2.00pm** in the new BER room (my classroom). Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the students' presentation of work.

ANZAC Day March

All students are encouraged to participate with the school and march on Anzac Day to show your support of our fallen soldiers in past conflicts of war. **Students should wear full school summer uniform and bring a jumper and meet up at 10.15am outside the Family Hotel on Thursday 25th April.** Students are also invited to attend the dawn service which commences at 6.30am at Anzac Grove.

Our school captains are required to march and assist with the laying of wreaths at the cenotaph during the day.

Work Experience

This week we welcome one of our former students, Brodie Paton to school. Brodie who is in Year 10 will be undertaking a week's work experience at her old school. I'm sure she will be a great help and will enjoy being back in our classrooms.

Choir

This week Ms Dickinson will be holding auditions for the choir so that a small group of students will be chosen to participate in the Highlands 'Just Singing' Concert to be held in September this year. First practises for the massed choir performance will be held in May, so permission notes will be sent out in Week 1 next term.

NAPLAN

In Week 3 of Term 2, all students in Years 3 & 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy tests which will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 14th, 15th and 16th May. A letter is attached for parents of these students, explaining the process. Students will complete test in reading, writing, spelling, and punctuation and numeracy over the 3 days.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

This year we have nominated our school to participate in the

Premier's Reading Challenge. All students from Years 2 – 6 should be practising reading for at least 30 minutes per day. Younger students should be interacting with books with their parents/carers for the same amount of time each day i.e. reading to your child and having your child "read" to you. Students/parents should go online at:

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au to register and check out the book lists. Students can also keep their records on line too. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to come and speak to their child's teacher already. I'm sure you are gaining much valuable information. Students need to be recognised for their good work as well as encouraged to recognise areas for improvement and it is important that parents are a valued part of this shared learning and understanding. Interview will continue this week.

Changes for Pick-Up Areas

Thank you to all parents and carers who happily accepted the minor changes to the afternoon pick areas.

It was great to know that you were able to recognise that these changes were made with the safety of the students foremost in our minds. Students will continue to wait patiently on the checkerboard to be picked up. Students who are walking home will be seen safely across the road by their

class teachers. Remember, that children under 10 require an adult to walk home with them. If any parents arrive a little before 3.15pm, there are some seats which have been placed under the apple tree for you to use while you wait.

Return to School

As Friday is the last day of Term 1 – where have the last 10 weeks gone, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. **Staff will return to school on Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April when 2 staff development days will be held.** The staff will work at school on Monday and travel to Young on Tuesday for Regional Training on the implementation of the new curriculum in 2014.

Students will not return to school until Wednesday 1st May.

Thank you everyone for your support during a busy and exciting first term.

Student of the Week

5/6 – Leonie Rolfe-Lanyon – Making a great effort at Cross Country.



3/4 – Harri Ralph – Excellent work in Maths.



1/2 – Isaac Ford – For great reading.



K/1 – Noel French – Improvement in reading & spelling.



Catch of the Week

5/6 – Jayden Bonat – Showing kindness towards all students



3/4 – Claire Lievens -Fantastic Cross Country running.



1/2 – Angel Clarke – For being a responsible, respectful and caring student.



K/1 – Cooper Bethune – For showing Care to other students in the playground.



Red Level Winners - PBL

Congratulations to **Connor Winner, Riley Bethune, Claire Lievens & Alauralee Bowditch** who have reached Red level. Well done.

PBL

Winners of the Zooper Doopers last week for being in full school uniform were: **Ashton Bults and Brandy McGrath.**

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 20 and 40 nights home reading.

20 Nights

Dakota Anderson, Chelsea Crossley, Lizzie Byron, Dylan Manns, Riley Bethune, Thomas Casnave, Jack Dowell, William Bults, Valley Edwards .

40 Nights

Louis Lievens, Anna McGuirk, Jessica Crooks, Destiny Cooper, Hayley Booby, Chloe Crossley, Brandy McGrath, Amy Myers, Cooper Bethune, Gabrielle Butcher.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 10

Recess award - Lilah Norden
Lunch award – Jessica Crooks



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Canteen

Friday 12th April – Karen Kelly & Alexandra Butcher

Junior Golf Days at Gundagai in holidays
Want to learn how to play golf? here is your big opportunity!

The Gundagai golf Club members and the Tumut golf professional are generously running 2 **Free** golf sessions in the holidays at the Gundagai golf Course for 8 year olds and up.. Any students who wish to learn to play golf are invited to attend.

Wed 17th April start at 1.00
(Sessions with Golf pro and club members / mini competitions)

Thursday 18th April
9.00am- 12.00
(competition golf in teams/ pitching/putting competitions)

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn some skills. If you are interested in attending please ring **Mick Wells 69441926 to book in.**