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NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 3

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Dear Parents,

Another busy week ahead of us all with the Highlands Athletics Carnival this Tuesday.

Parents, please note that you are responsible for transporting your child/children down to the oval as there is no bus running and staff will be at the grounds before buses arrive at school, so please don't assume we will be there to transport your child to the athletics. It is your responsibility to get them there.

Thank you to those parents and community members who have offered to help throughout the day with the canteen duties.

We still need helpers as we need to set up three different areas to serve everyone – the van which will serve pies and sausage rolls; a BBQ area with a volunteer to cook the BBQ and an area where they will be serving tea and coffee and cool drinks. If you have not yet put your name down, please be prepared to lend a hand on the day. Could we also have any donations of cakes, slices and biscuits if you are not able to be there. The roster is attached to your newsletter. Thankyou
All students will need to be at the grounds, warmed up and

ready to participate by 8.45am as the first race will commence at 9.00am. Children need to be dressed appropriately for participating in an athletics carnival with suitable shoes (that fit) and school sports uniform. Please bring warm clothes – tracksuit and jacket as it will most likely be cold early in the morning.

Good luck to all participating students.

***Education Week Open
Day – Wednesday 31st
July***



Don't forget everyone is invited to our Education Week Open Day this Wednesday. Classes will be participating in a variety of NAIDOC activities throughout the day until lunch time and during this time, the classrooms will be open for you to join in activities and view your child's work. Book Fair will be open during recess and lunch times and at lunch we will enjoy a BBQ together. If you would like to participate in

the sausage sizzle, the cost is \$1.00 each. **Sausage orders need to be sent in by Tuesday morning.**

At 2.00pm we will all join together during the simultaneous literacy session as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities and read together the story "Herman & Rosie".

Following this will be a special 'Aboriginal' dance and the choir will sing a song. To conclude the day, students will spend some time writing a poem for their pocket based on the story they have read.

Everyone is invited to participate in as many activities as they are able to throughout the day.

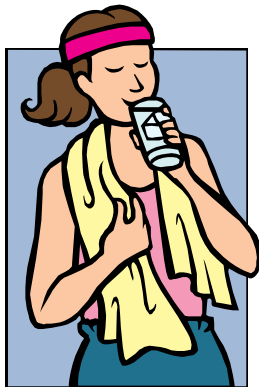
Students are encouraged to come dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal flag (black, yellow and red).

I'm sure it will be a great day and lots of fun.

***Premiers Sporting
Challenge***

The students are continuing their weekly recording of their participation in a variety of healthy fitness activities with the aim to achieve Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze level. Some students regularly achieve

the diamond level throughout the week, which is a great achievement. We are now entering the final 3 weeks of this 10 week competition, so keep encouraging your children to participate in as many activities which promote fitness and healthy lifestyles.



University of NSW – English Exam

Best of luck to our students who will sit for this English exam this week. I'm sure they will do their best.

Major Excursion

Could parents please finalise all payments for the excursion as final numbers will be sent to the motels and venues later this week. As the bus is now full, anyone who has not sent in permission notes, medical forms and part payments, will have to go on a waiting list and hope that a position on the bus may become available. Those included on the bus are those who have returned notes and finalised payments and those who have returned notes, but have not yet finalised payments. Suggestion is for these people that first in with final payments will be able to attend.

“Inside the Walls”

This week we will be recommencing our section in the newsletter where we recognise, share and celebrate the students learning in the classroom. Each week, one class will highlight the work they are doing in the classroom and this will be available for all to see both in the newsletter and on the website – this week it will be the K/1 class. Also included each month will be other areas where we recognise students' success – From the Easel and Hot off the Press. Look out for these new and exciting opportunities to recognise our students at Gundagai South.

Author in Residence – John Heffernan Camp

Don't forget – excitement is building for our Author visit beginning on Monday 5th August. Donations of biscuits etc., fruit as per last week's newsletter (**Years 5 & 6 – Home cooked cake, slices etc.** **Years 3 & 4 – Packets of sweet biscuits or home cooked goodies for supper.** **Years 1 & 2 – Packets of savoury biscuits or home cooked goodies** **Kinder – Donations of fruit which we will cut for morning and afternoon tea**) would be appreciated and in return children may **come to school out of uniform on Monday.** Please forward money for the cost of the visit (our students get to work with John over three days) so they are extremely lucky to have this wonderful opportunity. Everyone is super excited and can't wait. Parents don't forget to come and hear John on Monday at

2.00pm. Please come and support our school.

Assembly

Our first assembly for this term is planned for **Friday 9th August at 2.00pm**. This will be an infants' assembly in the 1/2 classroom and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy seeing your students sharing their work.

Preschool Visit

On Wednesday 14th August, we will welcome the students from Gundagai Preschool to our school for an enjoyable morning together with our current kindergarten students. They will arrive between 10.00am & 10.30am and stay with us to eat their recess after sharing some activities together in the classroom.

2014 Kindergarten Transition

Enrolments are now being taken for all classes for 2014

Our comprehensive kindergarten transition to school program will begin this term and continue into Term 4 on the following dates:

Monday 26th August -
9.00am – 1.15pm

Wednesday 11th
September – 9.00am – 1.15pm

Tuesday 15th October -
9.00am – 1.15pm

Wednesday 30th
October – 9.00am – 2.00pm

Friday 15th November
9.00am – 3.15pm

If you know of anyone who will be starting school in 2014 please let them know. Thank you

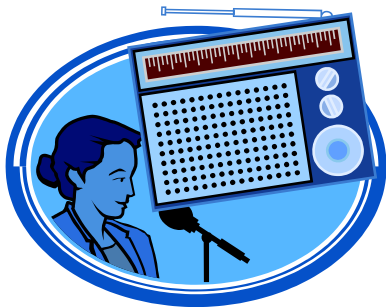
August Calendar

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



Sounds of the Mountains Roster

Week 4 – Jarrah & Dakota
Week 5 – Holly & Ben
Week 6 – Jess & Angel
Week 7 – Cassie & Jamie
Week 8 – Kyle, Louis & Braydon
Week 9 – Chelsie & Claire
Week 10 – Vada & Alauralee



Emergency Contacts

Included with newsletters today is a fridge magnet with a handy list of emergency contact phone numbers. This has been provided to us through Gundagai NRMA – Don and Kathy Tuckwell, the NSW State Emergency Service and

FloodSafe. Please keep it on your fridge for a quick reference in case of an emergency.

Student of the Week

5/6 – **Ben Crooks** – Showing initiative and independence to produce great descriptive writing.



3/4 – **Zak Anderson** – Excellent spelling results.



1/2 – **Darren Hampton-Press** – For a greater effort in writing and spelling.



K/1 – **Josie Warren** – For always trying her best in writing.



Catch of the Week

5/6 – **Dakota Anderson** – For being kind and helpful.



3/4 - **Connor Winner** – Showing more responsibility every day!



1/2 – **Zoe Anderson** – For being a responsible learner trying her best in the classroom.



K/1 – Lilah Norden – For always showing Care and Respect for her school.



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Weekly Uniform award winners for week 2: **Connor Winner, Cassie French, Anna McGuirk and Shanelle Jones.**

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 2

Recess award –

Jessica Crooks

Lunch award – Anna

McGuirk



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Canteen

Friday 2nd August -
Karen Kelly & Alexandra
Butcher

Monday 5th August –
Karen McGuirk

2013 Preschool Melbourne Shopping Tour

Places are filling fast the Preschool Melbourne Shopping Tour. Leave Friday 11th Oct and return Sunday 13th Oct. Bookings can be made by contacting Vicki Rowley 0427061941. Deposit of \$100 required on booking. Never a dull moment and great opportunity to get those xmas gifts.

Kindergarten/ Year 1

We have been very busy in our classroom being responsible for our learning. On Wednesday we celebrated being 100 days smarter.

