



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 10

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Dear Parents,

Another great day was had by all our new kindergarten students last Wednesday with parents attending an informal information session and morning tea.

Each student was excited to meet their senior school buddy who will form an integral part of the transition program and will continue to support the students when they begin formal school next year. My thanks to all these students who did an outstanding job of supporting and encouraging the new students throughout the day.



*Grace & Miah*

### Regional Spelling Bee



Congratulations to our representatives who participated in the spelling bee in Wagga last Monday. Each student participated with enthusiasm and in good spirits with **Jordan** and **Kasey** being eliminated in Round 3. **Dylan** in Round 6 and **Jarrah** in Round 7. Well done.

Thank you to Belinda and Nicole for transporting the students and supporting them on the day. It is great to be able to participate in such events and provide everyone who

participates with great experiences.

### Tennis



Our final tennis lesson for this year will be held this Tuesday. Everyone has shown great improvement in all skills and they are to be congratulated for their great efforts and excellent sportsmanship. It is great to see students using their skills during the day practising on the tennis court as well as hitting up against the walls. Next term we begin our Nutcracker Shield tennis competition and everyone in Years 3 – 6 is encouraged to enter both the singles and doubles. Please ensure your child is able to participate in the final lesson, by ensuring you have paid.



*Chase, Logan & Louis*

## School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Tennis lessons with Master Coach Norman Cahill will be held in Tumut during the school holidays commencing on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

Numbers per class are limited so contact Birdie to make a booking (6947 4968 or 0427 343 903 or email [birdietennis@bigpond.com](mailto:birdietennis@bigpond.com))

## Assembly



Everyone is invited to our final assembly for this term which will be held on Friday in the 5/6 classroom (library). It will be a primary assembly with students in Year 3 - 6 presenting.

## Name Pavers

I am keen to gauge the interest from the current students, parents and community members and staff in relation to a further order of name pavers which can be seen as you enter the front gate of the school on the left hand side and at the front door. There are also pavers with all staff and students names in front of the hayshed which were laid for our 125 year celebrations in October 2006. All students who have their names on these pavers are now in High School or have finished school. We would hope to place the order by the end of the year or

early next year and have them laid during Term 1 2014. Cost would be approximately \$40 for a single paver with additional costs for double or family pavers. Please indicate on the attached form if you are interested in ordering a paver. More information at the beginning of Term 4.

## Rugby League



Congratulations to our Under 10 and Under 12 Minor League teams who were successful in winning their Grand Final games on Saturday. Commiserations to the Under 11 and Under 16 League Tag team, but a great effort to be there. Well done.

## Final Week for Mr Crane



This week marks the final week of Mr Crane's internship at Gundagai South. He will now be looking forward to employment as a qualified teacher next term. We thank him for his input, enthusiasm and commitment to working with the students of Gundagai South and Years 5 & 6 specifically. I'm sure Dean has learned a great deal which will stand him in good stead for his future teaching. We all wish him well and thank him.

## Hot off the Press



This week we acknowledge some wonderful examples of writing within each classroom. Two of the examples – **Lilah** and **Claire's** are poetry examples submitted for the Riverfest Poetry Competition whilst **Ben** and **Angel's** writing shows examples of work using Accelerated Literacy teaching with Mrs ray and Mrs McAlister. We are sure you will be impressed by these great examples. Each month four students will have their work recognised in our special addition to the newsletter called "Hot off the Press". Congratulations to our first four students.

## Gutsy Challenge – Sponsorship Money Due



Thank you to those students and families who have participated in the Gastro-Intestinal Cancer Fundraiser called the Gutsy Challenge. Not only are you doing yourself a favour by following some healthy eating habits, you are also assisting in medical research fundraising to find a cause for this large array of intestinal associated cancers.

Please send in your sponsorship form and money before the end of the week. Thank you.

## Canteen - Battle on the Bidgee

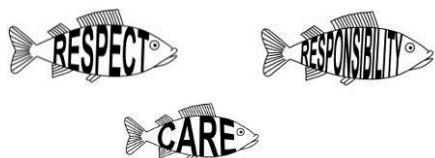
*Gundagai South Public School has been invited to conduct the canteen at the 'Battle of the Bidgee' on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> of October from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm. We will be looking for volunteers over these days. I am happy to organise and be there for the 3 days but as it is a busy time I will need your help.*

*Could you please fill in the attached form and return to school by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September so if we have enough helpers this will be a great fundraiser for the school.*

*Any questions/queries please contact me on 0403271666*

*Thank you  
Janet Clarke*

## PBL Corner



### Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week our focus for PBL is Assembly time.

Each class will focus on explicitly teaching all students the expectations for behaviour during our whole school assembly which is being held on Friday.

The following will be explicitly taught during this week.

**Respect:** Follow instructions  
**Responsibility:** Sit quietly and listen

**Care:** Use your manners  
Last week's area of focus "Toilets" showed much improvement, although there are still some students who are asking to leave the classroom during lesson time instead of going to the toilet at the designated times of recess and lunch. When these students are leaving the classroom, they are often seen 'wandering' instead of going to the toilet. This area will be a focus area again in Term 4.

Each class is completing a short power point presentation to use in class to teach each of the values in their particular setting.

## PBL in the Classroom

Next term, all staff and students will be following the same rules and procedures and consequences which will apply to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour in the classroom.

Students will firstly receive a warning and their name will be placed on the class chart of behaviour consequences. If inappropriate behaviour occurs again or students are spoken to about not following class rules, being off task, out of their seat and disturbing others for example, then a sad face is placed under the first cross.

This will result in 5 minutes time out in the classroom and catch up of work at recess or lunch. A second sad face means 10 minutes exclusion from playtime and a further sad face equivalent to 3 crosses means children will spend lunch in the "Quiet Room" where they will be asked to reflect on the reasons why they are there and what they should do next time in order to avoid being in the Quiet Room.

Please discuss these consequences with your child/children as well as discussing our weekly PBL focus. That way, students understand that you as parents and carers are aware of what we are trying to instil in the children in relation to our PBL strategies in relation to behaviour.

An example of our Classroom Behaviour Consequences Chart will be included in our first newsletter for Term 4.

## PBL- Uniform Winners



Weekly Uniform award winners for week 9: **Louis Lievens, Ben Crooks, Lizzie Byron and Leonie Rolfe-Lanyon.**

## PBL – Green Level Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Green Level. **Chelsie Crossley, Cassie French, Jamie Bonat, Claudia Jones, Gabrielle Butcher, Riley Bethune, Edward Coady and Isabella Winner.** Well done

## PBL – Pink Level Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Pink Level. **Connor Winner, Cooper Bethune, Kye Humphreys, Hugh Cooper, and Josie Warren.** Well done.



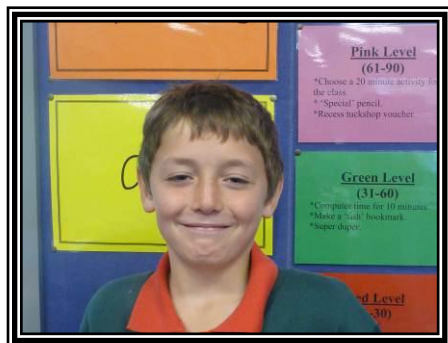
## 20 Nights Home Reading



Congratulations to **Chelsie Crossley, Vada Hindmarsh, Holly Young, Jamie Bonat, Dylan Manns, Lizzie Byron, Thomas Casnave, Zak Anderson, William Bruce, Gabrielle Butcher, Tiara Foster and Destiny Cooper** who have all achieved 20 nights Home reading.

## Student of the Week

**5/6 – Jamie Bonat** – Always being an enthusiastic student in classroom tasks.



**3/4 – Claudia Jones** – Fantastic effort during maths.



**1/2 – Jessica Crooks** – Being a responsible and respectful class member.



**K/1 – Angelina Winner** – Always trying her best in Reading and Writing.



## Catch of the Week



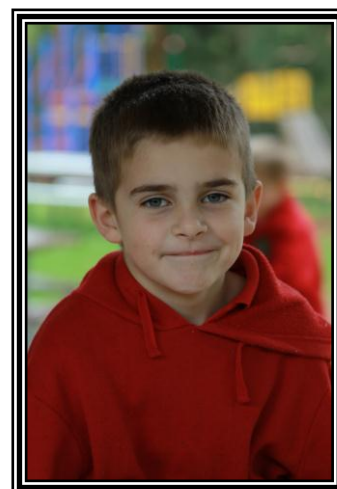
**5/6 – Cassie French** – Being a helpful class member.



**3/4 – Riley Bethune** – Displaying the core values of our school.



**1/2 – Darren Hampton-Press** – Following school values – Go then leave toilet setting.



**K/1 – Amy Myers** – Showing Respect, Responsibility and Care when visiting the toilet area.



## Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 9

**Recess award** -Greg Clarke

**Lunch award** – Holly Young



## Return to School

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday together. **School resumes for everyone on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.** Happy holidays.

Pip☺

### Canteen

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** –  
Amanda Humphreys & Kristie Cooper

### TERM 4

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Janet Clarke

### On the road to....

Issue 4 of On the road to....is attached for your information. Items of interest inside this issue are: Fun in the Park, Library News, GOOSH News, Recipe, Gumnut, Heart Foundation and Gundy's Go Talent.

## Gundagai High School Variety Night

### AUSSIE ROCK CONCERT

- Gundagai High School students performing Aussie Rock songs
- Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2013
- 6.30pm for a 7pm start
- Supper available
- \$5 per person or
- \$20 per family
- At the school MPC (Hall)

Come and witness the great talent of the youth of Gundagai.

### Vacation Care

The Vacation Care Program for the September/October holidays is attached. Vacation Care will be held from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 8.30am - 6.00pm