



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school for all of you. I hope you had a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year and were able to spend some quality time together.

A very special welcome to all our new students and families who are beginning school at Gundagai South for the very first time and a big welcome back to Katie Byrne, Rylee and Kayla.

Welcome to our new kindergarten students – Chase Anderson, Kohbi Bethune, Greg Clarke, Samantha Crooks, Hayden Crossley, Grace Field, Wade Foster, Michael French, Miah Marshall, Aiden Morris, Logan Parnaby and to Opal and Shanti Champion and Charlie Tresize. I'm sure that you will all enjoy your years at Gundagai South.



*Kayla*



*Rylee*



*Charlie*



*Opal*



*Shanti*



*Kindergarten*

Welcome back to our staff members and particularly warm welcome to Miss Carthew who, together with Mrs Jackson will be teaching the Kindergarten and Year One class. This will ensure that our students in these classes receive wonderful support in their learning. Mrs Jackson will teach release for Miss Carthew and Mrs Ray who will be teaching the Year Two class. Mrs Jackson will teach the Year 2 class on Fridays. Our largest class will be a composite Years 3/4/5 class and

team teaching this class will be Mr Cooper and Mrs Flanagan. The class will be split into two for three days a week particularly for Literacy and Numeracy, the benefits of two smaller class groups will be excellent, enabling students to receive more individual attention. I will be teaching a composite Years 4/5/6 class and on Thursdays, Mrs Flanagan will teach my class during my Principal's release both Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Ray will be working for four days a week. Also supporting our students will be Ms Dickinson who will work intensively with individual students each Wednesday. Mrs McMillan will teach Technology on Fridays and Miss T will continue to support all our students for two days a week in her role as Student Wellbeing Worker. This year we welcome back Ms Prue Frances as our School Counsellor. Prue was our School Counsellor in 2012 and you will find her very approachable and supportive. Mrs Matthews, Mr Garnham and Mrs Greaney will continue to support the students as our School Learning Support Officers, working in the K/1, Year 2 and 3/4/5 classrooms. Mrs Edwards and Ms McDonald continue as our wonderful office staff, Tracey as our cleaner and Ryan as our General Assistant. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see me at any time. We have an open door policy at our school and it is always best to discuss any issues you may have honestly and openly with the relevant people. I'm sure we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead

This year the Kindergarten/Year One class have moved back to the larger room at the bottom of the stairs whilst the Year Two class will be working in the room at the end of the corridor. Mrs Cooper's class will work in the demountable, Mrs Flanagan's class at the top of the stairs in the main building and my class in the "BER" building.

## General Information

Library borrowing – Each class teacher has a particular time for library lessons and class borrowing.

K/1 – Wednesday, Year 2- Thursday, Years 3/4/5 Thursday Years 4/5/6 Thursday.

**All students will require a named library bag in order to borrow books please.** This will ensure they are kept separate from any food scraps which sometimes find their way out of lunch boxes. It is really important to encourage and support your child's reading and borrowing from the library to assist them in their learning.

## Uniform

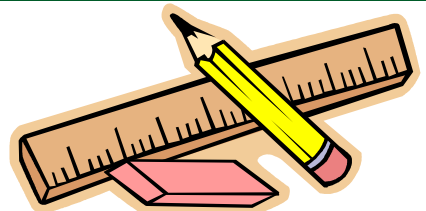
All students are expected to wear correct school uniform to school each day. In summer, girls may wear their checked school dress or red shirt and green shorts or skirt, white socks and black shoes. Joggers may be worn on Fridays which is our main sports day. Boys should wear red polo shirts and grey shorts and green shorts on Fridays for sport. White or grey socks should be worn with black shoes. Please note that coloured canvas shoes **are not** acceptable – not only are they bad for students feet, they wear out extremely quickly. Every child

must have their own school hat, clearly labelled with correct name clearly visible as our policy of 'No Hat, No Play' is enforced during our extremely hot weather in Terms 1 & 4. Please make sure all school clothes are clearly labelled: **Remember everyone must have their own hat.**

## Scripture

It is anticipated that scripture classes for Anglican and Catholic faiths will again be held on Thursdays each week from 12.45 pm – 1.15pm.

## Classroom Supplies



Each classroom teacher will advise you of any particular supplies which need to be purchased. Generally, it is expected that students will come to school well prepared and ready learn with lead pencils, coloured pencils etc. in a named pencil case. **A glue stick is a must for everyone** and often an A4 scrapbook 64 or 72 pages is needed for homework sheets.

## Homework

Parents and students in all classes have the option of purchasing an individual homework text book to be used throughout the year. If you would like your child to have their own homework book, this year, please complete the attached note and return to school with payment of \$16.00

and a book will be ordered for you.

## Home Reading

It is expected that all students will read at home each night and parents will supervise this and sign and return to school each day your child's reading card. Students will once again be striving to achieve 80 nights of reading by the end of Semester One.



## PBL- Positive Behaviour for Learning

This year we will again be teaching the students the strategies of positive behaviour for learning, encouraging and rewarding the students for demonstrating our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Care.

PBL will be a focus in each classroom as well as the playground this year, and each class will display our weekly focus. As a whole school, we will be all working towards the achievement of all five levels in our booklets as well as the completion of our school fish jigsaw puzzle in the hallway. Each class will also display the students' achievements and levels they have reached. Specific lessons will be taught each week for our focus area and we encourage all parents to

talk about PBL with their children on a daily basis. This week our focus area in the playground will be for All Settings where we are looking for the following displays of appropriate behaviour.

**Respect:** Follow teacher instructions; Wear uniform with pride

**Responsibility:** Hands and feet to self; Be punctual; Wear correct uniform

**Care:** Speak nicely; Neat tidy appearance.

## Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

This week, Mrs Jackson will be conducting our Best Start Kindergarten Assessments. Students in Kinder will be taken out individually by Mrs Jackson who will talk to the students and assess their knowledge of literacy and numeracy. This is a short testing time, and is a mandatory assessment, providing classroom teachers with a great initial guide to the individual child's level of knowledge at this time. Please see attached letter.

## School Swimming Lessons



This Friday, we begin the first of 10 swimming lessons for the students. Times for our lessons vary to fit in with other schools and carnivals. **All students from Kinder to Year 6 will be participating.**

Could all parents please sign the attached permission note and return, together with payment

by Friday morning. Students will travel by bus to and from the pool and the cost of the bus will be \$1.00 per day. Entry to the pool will be \$3.00 per day unless you are a season ticket holder (Please include your number on the note). Please note that the permission notes will cover the period from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. This permission will also cover those swimmers from Years 2 – 6 who will be attending our swimming carnival on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Payment may be made weekly, daily or as a lump sum. As well as our school staff – community members will also assist us with our swimming lessons.

Dates and times:

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** - 11am – 1.00pm

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 12noon – 2.00pm

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 12noon – 2.00pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** – 12noon – 2.00pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Gundagai South Public Swimming Carnival*

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – 12noon – 2.00pm

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – *Highlands Swimming Carnival – Tumut*

Students will need to bring with them each swimming day a towel, their swimmers, a T-shirt or rash vest, sunscreen, and their school hat. Please ensure **everything** – including uniforms, undies, and socks are clearly labelled with your child's name. Swimming items should preferably be in a water

proof bag so at the end of the day when we finish, wet items such as towels do not wet school books in their bags. Thank you.

### Media and Child Protection Permission Notes

Attached are permission notes for Media and Child Protection Education. These permission notes **must be** signed for your child to be able **to have his/her photo placed in newsletters, the local paper etc.** and for participation in lessons as part of the school's PDHPE program.

### Found

A lime green and black penny board scooter was found at the end of last year in the grass along the side of the road towards the Shell service station. If you own it or know of who owns it, please come and collect it from me at school. Thanks.

Pip☺

Thanks I'm sure we will all have a great year.

### Canteen

The canteen menu and roster for Term 1 are attached.

#### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

Due to swimming lessons, Canteen will only be operating **one day per week on Wednesdays** until Week 6 (3<sup>rd</sup> March) when it will commence operating on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

– Nicloe Bethune

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**February** – Janet Clarke and Georgina Marshall

### OOSH Newsletter

The Out of School Hours Care newsletter is attached for your information.