



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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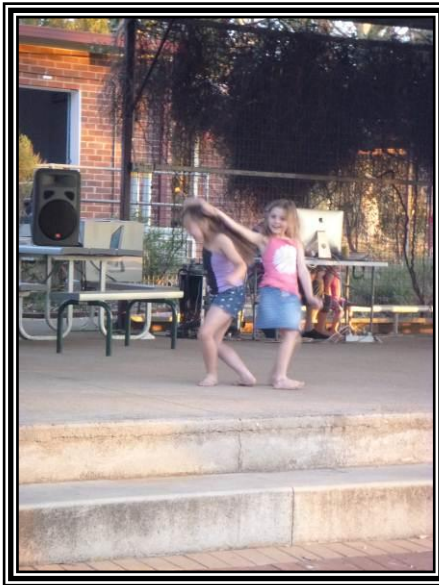
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Term 4 Week 8

24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Parents,

A great night was enjoyed by all who attended the student disco on Friday evening. Thankyou to Trevor Champion who provided the fantastic music for everyone to enjoy and to all the parents, grandparents and friends who were there to help cook the BBQ, serve in the canteen and supervise the students. It was a very relaxed and enjoyable occasion with some of the students demonstrating great co-ordination and super cool moves. Most energetic and nonstop action award during the evening goes to **Samantha Crooks**, who I'm sure would have slept well on Friday evening. Thanks also to Mrs Jackson and Ms Sini who stayed back to help me supervise. Well done everyone.



### Transition Day



Our final transition day for our new kindergarten enrolments will be held this Wednesday. Students are invited to attend for the whole day. They should bring a hat, recess, lunch and a bottle of water and piece of fruit for fruit break. Parents are invited to come along to an informal chat **from 9.30 – 10.30**. It is hoped that Mrs Hillier will be able to come along for part of the day to meet her new class for 2015. It looks as though this will be quite a small class grouping for next year.

### School Counsellor

Ms Francis, our school counsellor will be visiting this Friday. If you wish to make an appointment to see her, please phone Anne and ask her to organise a time that is suitable.

### Schools' Spectacular



This week **Jarrah** and **Vada** will travel to Sydney to meet up with and perform with over 3600 students from across New South Wales at the QANTAS Credit Arena for the annual Schools' Spectacular performance. Both girls are very excited to be part of this fabulous experience and I know they will treasure this fabulous experience for many years to come. It is a great achievement for them both and they are to be congratulated on their musical achievements throughout the year.



## Opening of Operation Art



Last Thursday afternoon I had the opportunity to take **Vada, Jarrah** and **Claire** to Wagga to perform with other members of the Riverina Central Choir at the Opening of Operation Art in the Riverina. The girls sang beautifully at the room at the Art Gallery and are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and commitment. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

## Library Books



Last week was the final week for borrowing library books. Please make sure you have checked at home and have returned all school library books and home readers by the end of this week.

## P & C Meeting



Thankyou to those parents and grandparents who attended our P & C meeting last week. There was some very productive discussion and input which was much appreciated. At the meeting I spoke to everyone about the schools Parents, Visitors and Volunteers Policy. A copy of this policy is included with your newsletter. Please read through the policy to ensure you are familiar with DEC regulations. Minutes are attached for your interest.

## Miss Webb

Miss Webb's final prac day was last Friday and we thank her for her contribution and work with the students in Years 4/5/6. We wish her well as she continues her studies.

## Welfare Program



As Miss T and myself have previously advised you via our newsletter, the governments support for the welfare worker program in its current form will cease at the end of 2014. Whilst the position of Welfare Worker will change, we have the opportunity to continue to access additional welfare

support for our students through the program which is now referred to at the National School Chaplaincy Program. This program would support the services of a chaplain in the school who would – as Miss T has done, provide support for school communities to assist with the social and emotional wellbeing of the students. They can provide support for resilience building, mentoring and support for parents, students and staff, running specific programs to suit the needs of the school community members. They also network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services. Personnel are trained, competent professionals who operate under the strict guidelines of the department of Education and Communities. Members of the P & C discussed this at our meeting and were in agreeance that the students at the school would significantly benefit from the support of a Chaplain to provide welfare support through this program. If you **do not** believe we should apply for funding through this program, please return the attached slip. Thankyou

## Year 6 Orientation



Year 6 students will participate in an orientation day on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. A parent information evening will be held at the High School on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at

**6pm.** Permission notes should have been returned to school.

### Year 5 Leadership Speeches



Students in Year 5 will present their leadership speeches to the school on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm**. If parents wish to come along they are welcome to do so. Good luck to our prospective leaders.

### The Australian Army Cadets

An information flyer for students in Year 6 for the Australian Army Cadets is attached to your newsletter. This opportunity exists for students who are 12 ½ and is held in Cootamundra each Monday evening. It is a very worthwhile program and provides students with the opportunity to grow and challenge themselves personally whilst providing good basic training and discipline. I know of students from Gundagai who are already enrolled in this program and they thoroughly enjoy the challenges and commitment.

### "Annie"

In just a few short week's time, the senior students will be performing the play "Annie".

This will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm**.

Everyone is invited to attend this performance. A permission note for students to attend is included. Please sign and return to school next week. The school will pay the cost of the bus.

Students in the performance will be required to travel to St. Pat's Hall for practise prior to the performance. The first practise will be next **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Parents should sign and return the permission note which will cover 3 practices between **1<sup>st</sup> December and 10<sup>th</sup> December**. They will travel by bus. A costume note will be sent out tomorrow.

### Head Lice

## HEAD LICE ALERT

Please be vigilant with child/children by checking their hair **EVERYDAY** and treating if necessary.



### Radio News



Week 9: Rory & Claire  
Week 10: Jarrah & Elysha  
Week 11: Ben & Vada

### School Banking



Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

### Nutrition Snippet



This week's Cancer Council Nutrition snippet "**The Simplest way stay healthy over summer**" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

### PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "**Corridors and Pathways**" in the playground and "**At seats**" for our Classroom.

### Playground –Corridors and Pathways

**Respect:** Inside voices.

**Responsibility:** Walk.

**Care:** keep left.



## Classroom – At seats

**Respect:** Work carefully.  
Respect school property.  
Remember others in room.

**Responsibility:** Tuck chairs in.  
Sit correctly. Complete own  
work with care. Work quietly.

**Care:** Sit on chair correctly. Do  
your best.

Please discuss our focus areas  
with your children this week.

## *PBL- Uniform Winners*



Congratulations to our weekly  
uniform award winners for  
Week 7 - **Gabrielle Butcher,**  
**Miah Hosking, Braith Winner**  
**and Jarrah Ransome.**

## *PBL Red Level*

Congratulations to **Rory**  
**Anderson** who has achieved his  
Red Level.

## *PBL Green Level*

Congratulations **David Foster**  
who has achieved his Green  
Level.

## *PBL Pink Level*

Congratulations to **Chloe**  
**Crossley, Daniel Anderson,**  
**Ben Crooks and Gabrielle**  
**Butcher** who have achieved  
their Pink Level. Well done .

## *PBL Blue Level*

Congratulations to **Charlie**  
**Hourn, Brydon Harvey**  
**Hayden Crossley and Amy**  
**Myers** who have achieved their  
Blue Level.

## *PBL Orange Level*

Congratulations to **Jordan**  
**Paton** who has achieved his  
Orange Level. This is a great  
effort. Well done Jordan

## *Reading Awards*



Congratulations to following  
students who have achieved  
their 20, 40 and 60 night's  
home reading certificates.

### 20 Nights

**Harri Ralph**

### 40 Nights

**Rylee Byrne**

### 60 Nights

**Kynan Paton, Ben Crooks,**  
**Jarrah Ransome**

## *Student of the Week*

**4/5/6 – Alauralee Bowditch –**  
Maintaining consistently high  
results in weekly spelling tests.



**3/4/5 – Jessica Crooks –**  
Diligence in all areas of her  
work.



**Year 2/3 - Billy Anderson –**  
Trying hard with Maths.



**K/1 - Hayden Crossley –**  
Great improvement in his  
sounds.



## Catch of the Week

**4/5/6- Rylee Byrne –**  
Following PBL rules and  
working with a positive attitude.



**3/4/5- Kynan Crossley –** Being  
sensible in all play areas.



**Year 2/3 – Charlie Tresize –**  
For working will with  
computers.



**K/1 – Jade Harvey –** For being  
a great role model for the  
younger students in our class.



## Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy  
recess and lunch awards  
winners for Week 7  
Recess award - **Aiden Morris**  
Lunch award - **Shanti Kothe-  
Champion**

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### CANTEEN

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November –**  
Cheryl Lanyon

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December -**  
Kristie Rainbow

### SANTA LETTER BOX



Attached in information from  
the Gundagai Lions Club  
about their "Letter to Santa  
Project. Santa's letter box is  
located at the Gundagai  
Newsagency and all letters  
must be dropped in by  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Grandparents, aunts and  
uncles etc. can also write a  
letter for their grandchildren,  
niece or nephews so they  
receive a letter from Santa  
too.