



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 11

15<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Parents,

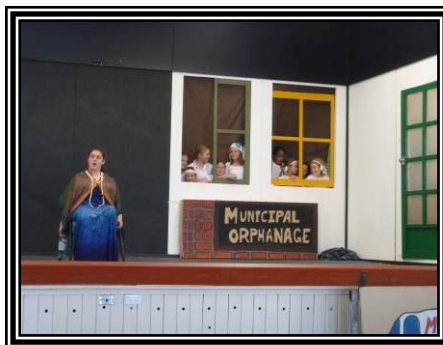
Wow! The final newsletter for 2014! Where has the year gone? A huge congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the presentation of "Annie" last Wednesday afternoon. The performance was just amazing and the students really rose to the occasion and certainly showed us what the students from Gundagai South really can do.

I was so immensely proud of them all. My sincere thanks to **Karen Byron** for her wonderful musical talents, **Ms Dickinson** and **Ms Sini** for their help with the students, **Mr G** for his carpentry skills and **Mrs Petty** and **Barbara Manning** for their assistance with costumes. Due to the great success of the performance, there will be a second performance which will be:

*Tonight - Monday  
15<sup>th</sup> December at  
7.00pm at St. Pat's  
Hall.  
Cost will be \$5.00  
per person or  
\$10.00 a family.*

It is open to members of the public, so come along for an hour and be entertained by the future stars of musicals.

**Students are to be there  
please by 6.00pm and  
remember your costumes  
please.**



### Fundraising

Thankyou to everyone who contributed to our fundraising last week – at the Annie

performance and with our Crazy Hair Day on Thursday. Altogether \$150 was raised for World Vision which will allow the students to choose some great resources for those less fortunate than themselves. Thankyou everyone for your support and the students all looked terrific.

### PBL Rewards



Congratulations to all our students who enjoyed the ultimate treat for reaching Orange level for our PBL rewards on Friday. They were treated to some lovely pancakes with a selection of fruit toppings kindly prepared by **Ms Sini**. Thankyou Ms Sini – I'm sure the students loved their special treat. The whole school then enjoyed their PBL reward at the pool for completing their final fish puzzle piece for 2014.

Thankyou to **Mr G** for cooking the BBQ for us.

## Presentation Evening

Everyone is reminded that our starting time for presentation evening on **Tuesday evening at the High School will be 6.30pm**. Students and parents are asked to **arrive at 6.15pm**. Full summer uniform please. There will be a raffle on the night – kindly donated by **Jessica Butcher**, so please bring your money on the night. Those parents who haven't yet returned their raffle tickets sent home last week should please do so. Parents are also reminded it is their responsibility to return signed permission notes and money for buses etc., promptly, and when requested. Mrs Edwards spends an inordinate amount of her valuable time chasing up permission notes and giving parents reminder after reminder. Remember it is your responsibility to support the school and your child.

## Final Day



The final day for students this year will be **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**. Students are asked to bring along some party food for the day and they may come out of uniform.

## Reports & Portfolios



Hopefully these can be handed out on Tuesday afternoon, however we have just purchased a new photocopier and are having trouble with it printing correctly. Let's hope it all works.

## Staffing



As many of you already know, **Mrs Ray** is retiring at the end of this year. **Miss Carthew** has accepted a position in Wagga at Mt Austin Public School; **Mrs McMillan** is leaving Tumut and moving to the Hunter Valley to be closer to her grandchildren; **Ms T's** position as our welfare worker comes to an end and Mrs Murray in the office is moving back up to Coffs Harbour with her family. On behalf of all the staff and students, I want to thank each of these staff for their commitment and support of our students during their time at Gundagai South. Mrs McMillan has worked at the school since 1991 as our librarian and computer technology teacher during that time and her many years of sharing such valuable knowledge and wisdom will be

sadly missed. Mrs Ray is moving into her well-earned retirement after spending the last 8 years of her long teacher career here at Gundagai Shouth. She will be sadly missed by the many children she has had during this time. Miss Carthew, Ms T and Rachel have all been with us for just a short time, however I'm sure their students will miss their cheery faces and wonderful support. Thankyou to all these fantastic people for their contribution to teaching and supporting the students at Gundagai South. Thankyou also to **Mr Ridley** and to our parent and community helpers, **Tiki, Janet, Kelly, Mrs Petty** and **Mrs Funnell**.

## 2015 Staffing



In 2015, we will be welcoming **Mrs Hillier** from Tumut to our school. Mrs Hillier will teach a beautiful K/1 class, whilst we will welcome back **Mrs Wheeler** who will teach the Year 2/3 class. Both these teachers have had the opportunity to meet and work with the students over the past few weeks.

I will be teaching the 4/5/6 class and **Mrs Jackson** will teach release; **Ms Dickinson** will teach learning support on Mondays supported by **Ms Sini** on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Our students will be learning in small class groupings where they will be able to receive some very specialised support from these teachers as well as **Mrs Green** (our Instructional

Leader) and our SLSO officers – Mrs Matthews, Mrs Greaney and Mr Garnham. If you have any questions, please come and discuss your concerns with me. I'm very much looking forward to an exciting year of learning in 2015.

### **School Planning**

At our last P & C meeting, parents spent quite some time discussing the strengths and areas for improvement for Gundagai South as we move forward into a new planning cycle. Their input was much appreciated however, there may be some parents who did not attend the meeting, but who have some good ideas and suggestions for how we can make our school an even better school in 2015. Please complete the attached form and share your ideas with us, as we value all your feedback. Thankyou

### **Nutrition Snippet**



The last Cancer Council Nutrition snippet for 2014 "The Simplest way to make healthy Santas" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

### **Merry Christmas**



I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year and a safe and restful holiday. **School resumes**

### **for students on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**January.** Thankyou everyone. Merry Christmas.

Pip☺

### **Gumnut Childcare Centre**

**For early learning  
Excellence in care and early  
childhood education  
Locally owned early childhood  
service**

**Monday to Friday**

**8.00am to 5.30pm**

**Including school holidays**

**Full permanent days or**

**Occasional days**

**Preschool - extended hours**

**Fees considerably reduced by**

**Childcare Benefits and**

**Childcare Rebate**

**For enrolment orientation  
or information contact us**

**on**

**Ph: 69441889 or**

**[gumnut1@westnet.com.au](mailto:gumnut1@westnet.com.au)**

### **Swimming Lessons**

**Austswim Qualified  
4 years and over  
Contact Sandra Daley  
69447314 or  
0408479774**

**Gundagai Show 20-21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
2015**

**See the website for entries  
and entertainment**

**[www.gundagaishow.com.a](http://www.gundagaishow.com.au)**

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**thankyou**

**Alana McDonnell**

**Auditions for the  
play "Dimboola" , to  
be held in March 2015  
as a feature of  
the Gundagai's  
Riverfest, are now  
open.**

**If you are over 18  
years of age and  
interested in being a  
character in the  
"Wedding from Hell"  
please present  
yourself to the  
Gundagai District  
Services Club at 6pm  
on January 12th in  
the Function Room  
where Jim Graham  
will run through the  
available roles and  
commitments required.**

**Please contact Jim  
Graham on 69441932  
,mobile 0418 766 106  
or email  
[jim1946@gmail.com](mailto:jim1946@gmail.com) if  
you require further  
information.**



# The simplest way

...to make healthy Santas.

This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they're cute to look at, and delicious to eat!

Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:



1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip
2. Spoon/pipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the 'hat' on top
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.

Merry Christmas from all of us at *Eat It To Beat It!*

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

# SPORT AND RECREATION



## Game On! Summer School Holiday Sports Program

Girls and boys aged 7 to 12 years are invited to spend a day (or five) at Borambola sport and recreation centre and try different sports and activities during the January school holidays!

### Hook into Hockey - Monday 19 January 2015

- Hockey, Indoor Rock Climbing, and Archery
- Lunch Included
- Program number: 0070809

### Batters Up Softball - Tuesday 20 January 2015

- Softball, BMX, Kayaking and Geo Cache
- Lunch Included
- Program number: 0071026

### Wet and Wild - Wednesday 21 January 2015

- Water Polo, Raft Building, Kayaking and Slip and Slide
- Lunch Included
- Program number: 0071027

### Cricket World Cup - Thursday 22 January 2015

- Cricket, Low Ropes, Slip and Slide and Pool Games
- Lunch Included
- Program number: 0071028

### Mini Roos Friday - 23 January 2015

- Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer Outdoor Rock Climbing, and Slip and Slide
- Lunch Included
- Program number: 0071029

#### MORE DETAILS

##### LOCATION:

Borambola Sport and Recreation  
Centre: 1980 Sturt Highway,  
BORAMBOLA NSW 2650 (via  
Wagga Wagga)

##### TRANSPORT:

Bus leaves Bolton Park Car Park  
at 8.30am sharp (please arrive at  
8.15am); and arrives at 5:15pm.  
Roll call is checked at the bus.

##### PRICE:

\$ 65 per day OR \$300 for all 5  
days. (Includes activities, lunch  
and transport from Wagga  
Wagga)

##### BOOKINGS CLOSE:

Wednesday, 14 January 2015.

\*\*Sports and activities may change subject to weather

#### WHAT TO BRING

Participants should:

- Wear comfortable clothing for playing sport & enclosed shoes.
- Bring a hat & a drink bottle
- Bring swimmers & a towel.

**Places are limited – Booking is essential.**

**Book Online: [dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=riverina](http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=riverina) Or Phone us on (02) 6928 4300**

**Remember the underlined program number to book online.**

#### Sport and Recreation

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