



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our swimmers who swam with such enthusiasm at our Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. Special congratulations to those students who attempted their first 50 metre races and to those who swam all the different strokes. It is so encouraging to see these younger students willing to have a go and doing their best. Well done everyone. Thank you to those parents who came along to support the students and to those who gave up some of their time to assist us with timekeeping. Thankyou also to Clare McAlister and our staff members who worked tirelessly throughout the day.

**The Highlands Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Tumut Pool** – those students who have qualified will receive a permission note and details, including the menu on your newsletter today. Transport to the carnival will be by private car and the responsibility of parents to organise. I will be travelling to Tumut if anyone is stuck for a lift.

Students should note that the first events will be 100m, followed by age races 50 metre and then the relays. If you are only participating in the relays, please make sure you are there

on time – remember you are part of a team and you must not let your team members down. The carnival will commence at 9.00am and competitors should be there by 8.45am. Parents and students need to pay the pool entry fee themselves (\$2.00 per swimmer; \$3.00 for spectators) on the morning. All events will be timed and students gaining 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> on the day will qualify (subject to their time) for the Regional Carnival on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March in Albury.**

Please complete the attached permission note and return by the end of this week.

### *School Swimming Lessons*

**Lessons will continue this week today, tomorrow – Tuesday and Friday.** Please remember to send in your child's swimmers – it is important for parents to take note of the days we are swimming, so children come prepared.

Please also remember to send in your money if paying on a daily basis. The last school swimming lesson will be next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### *P & C AGM*



Don't forget our first P & C meeting for the year will be held this Wednesday afternoon. Please come along at 2.00pm and lend your support. The meeting will be held on the Air Conditioned Staffroom.

### *Welcome BBQ*



Thank you to those families who have already indicated they will be attending the BBQ for all school families this Thursday night from 5.30 – 7.30pm. Please return your note for a free sausage sizzle by Tuesday if you wish to order

sausages. If you do not return your note, then we will assume you are not planning to attend.

### Portfolios



Thank you to those families who have returned their child's portfolios. If you have not yet done so, please take the time to go through it with your child before returning it to school. Please remember to take your child's report out before returning it to school.

### NUT FREE REMINDER



Please be reminded that this year we need to all be vigilant about what we are including on our children's sandwiches and in their lunch box. One of our students is allergic to nuts, so please support us in asking you to consider this important aspect of packing appropriate lunchboxes for your children each day.  
Thank you

### Clean Up Australia - Students



Our school students and staff will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day activities on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Class teachers will decide on the most appropriate time for their class to 'clean up' due to our technology lessons throughout the day. **All students will be required to bring a pair of sturdy gloves and plastic bags for collecting rubbish on the day.** You will also need to complete the attached permission note and return to school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Thankyou

### Show Display

I hope many of you braved the beautiful rain on Saturday to attend the Annual Gundagai Show. I also hope you were able to enjoy our show display which focused on our PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning theme which tied in beautifully to the International Year of the Family. Our display was both colourful and relevant with all members of our school represented in our school fish mascot.



### Welcome Back



This Thursday we welcome back Mr Garnham to Gundagai South. Mr G will be working in the 3/4/5 room with Mr Cooper. I'm sure everyone will be pleased to see his friendly smiling face back at school again.

### Mrs Funnell - Community Helper

Mrs Funnell has asked me to pass on her special thanks and gratitude to everyone for their kind thoughts and words of encouragement whilst she has been in hospital. It has been a long and slow road to recovery since her fall last September and she is only just beginning to get out and about again. We hope it will not be too long before she is back at school with us as our "Reading Granny", as I know she is looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

### NRL Visit

This Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February all students will attend a Rugby League Clinic to be held at school with NRL Development Officers. The clinic will commence at 2.10pm after swimming lessons.

## Westpac Bank Account

Attached is information for a new initiative the Westpac Agency at Gundagai Real Estate is running to help raise funds for our P & C as well as helping children to learn the importance of saving a little each week. Please take the time to read this information.

As an extra bonus Westpac will replicate the incentive with anyone opening a new account quoting our school code whether they are a student, parent, family member or a friend.

Help your children to save money and raise extra funds for our P & C – Open an Account



## Eat It to Beat It

This week's Eat It to Beat It snippet "The Simplest way to drink the right amount of water" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.



## Head Lice

### HEAD LICE ALERT

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



**We had several cases of head lice reported again last week. Some children get very itchy and some feel nothing. If everyone is treating their children at the same time and they all follow the treatment protocol then we will have a much better chance of breaking the head lice cycle in the school**

## Sounds of the Mountain Radio News



Week 5: Kyle & Ben  
Week 6: Dakota and Alauralee  
Week 7: Claire & Elysha  
Week 8: Gabby and Kasey  
Week 9: Lizzie and Holly  
Week 10: Jamie & Vada  
Week 11: Louis & Chelsie

## PBL Focus



Our focus for PBL this week is the Sports Shed and Work Habits.

Please discuss the following values with your children at home.

### Playground – Sport Shed

**Respect:** Keep equipment tidy

**Responsibility:** Return equipment when finished.

**Care:** Look after equipment; Report problems

### Classroom – Work Habits

**Respect:** Look after equipment; Follow teacher instructions;

Respect other's right to work

**Responsibility:** Do your best; be prepared

**Care:** Neat bookwork; careful work

## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to receive uniform awards last week – **Thomas Casnave, Harri Ralph, Destiny Cooper and Chelsie Crossley.**



## *Student of the Week*

**4/5/6 – Louis Lievens –**  
Excellent articulation and presentation of school news on 94.3 sounds of the Mountains.



**3/4/5 - Rylee Byrne –** Great work during interactive whiteboard comprehension.



**Yr 2 - Valley Edwards –**  
Always being helpful and staying on task with her work.

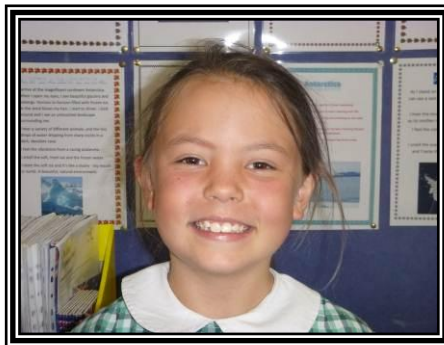


**K/1 – Jade Harvey –** For her positive attitude towards all tasks at school. Keep it up Jade.



## *Catch of the Week*

**4/5/6 – Lizzie Byron –** Always listening carefully in class and following teacher instructions for PBL



**3/4/5 – Jordan Paton –** Always doing the right thing in the playground.



**Yr 2 – Michael Field –** Good listening to News and asking sensible questions.



**K/1 - Josie Warren -** For being a responsible member of our classroom. Josie is always willing to help her peers.



## *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 3

**Recess award -** Rylee Byrne

**Lunch award –** Chelsie Crossley



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## Canteen

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February –**  
Janet Clarke

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February –**  
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**Gundagai/Adelong  
Junior Rugby League**

***2014 Registration  
Day***

Date: **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February 2014**

Time: 12 – 2pm

Venue: Gundagai  
Swimming Pool

***Free BBQ provided***

\$65 per player & capped at  
\$150 per family of more than  
2 children.

**New players welcomed and  
must show original Birth  
Certificate on Registration  
day (new players receive bag,  
socks & shorts)**

**ALL** players wishing to try out  
for the Representative teams  
the trials will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
March for U12's – U16's and  
must be registered beforehand.

***Any enquiries contact:  
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