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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5

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Dear Parents,

Today will be the final day of our swimming lessons for 2014. It has been wonderful to see the great improvement made by so many of our students and to see their confidence has grown during the past few weeks. It really does make a difference when lessons and time in the pool are consistent and ongoing. Congratulations to all our students on their achievements. A special thank you to all the swimming teachers who have worked with patience, perseverance and encouragement during the past weeks. A special thank you to Casey Norden, Mrs Morse, Mrs Petty and Clare McAlister who have willingly given their time to help the students to improve their skills and water awareness.



Highlands Swimming Carnival

We wish all those students competing in the Highlands Swimming Carnival tomorrow the very best of luck. I'm sure everyone will do their best. Everyone needs to arrange their own transport and should be there by 8.45am. The relays will be held immediately after the 50m races, so please be there in plenty of time. Do not guess that you can arrive about 11.00am as you will miss your race and let the team down.

Please be there on time. Everyone has notes to remind them and all permission notes should have been returned to school. The menu was included with permission notes on last week's newsletter. Please remember your hat and sunscreen and swimmers suitable for a swimming carnival.



BBQ



Thank you to all those families who braved the cooler weather to attend our school BBQ on Thursday evening. It was a very pleasant relaxed and informal evening enjoyed by all. Thankyou everyone.

P & C AGM



Thank you to those parents who attended our P & C AGM last Wednesday. Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected to the executive.

President: **Nicole Bethune**

Vice President: **Tara Morris**

Secretary: **Tiki Paton**

Treasurer: **Janet Clarke**

Canteen Manager: **Janet Clarke**

Fundraising Officer: Nicole Bethune

Thank you also to our outgoing committee, particularly Karen McGuirk for her fantastic support throughout the year.

Clean Up Australia day



Don't forget to send your gloves and plastic bags for Clean Up Australia day this Friday 28th February. Each class will clean up a particular area of the community throughout the day. Don't forget to send your permission notes.

Wednesday Afternoon Activities



Commencing in Week 6 on Wednesday afternoons we will be holding a special activity afternoon. This will run for approximately 5 weeks with students being split into groups to participate in a different activity each week. One of the activities we have chosen to do will be knitting and we would love for the students to be able to knit some squares to contribute to the 'Wrapped with Love' project for needy children and families in poorer countries of the world.

We would like to ask if any parents or grandparents are able to make any donations of wool, wool scraps or knitting needles to support our project please. We have already purchased some, but need lots more and hope that the wider community will be able to support us.

We are also asking for be empty toilet rolls for K – 2 craft.

Thankyou

Other activities could include cooking, gardening, board games, music, science experiments and many others.

The project activities afternoon will run over several weeks each term.



Sounds of the Mountains



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

Eat It to Beat It

This week's Eat It to Beat It snippet "The Simplest way to include all 5 food groups in the lunch box" is attached.

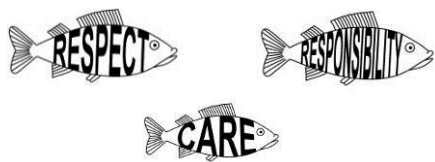
Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.



How to Support Your Child's Spelling Development

Attached is information with tips on how to help develop your child's spelling development. Please take the time to read these useful hints and tips.

PBL Focus



This week our focus areas for PBL will be the Canteen and Looking after our Belongings in the Classroom

Canteen

Respect: Use your manners

Responsibility: Line up; wait your turn; 10 minutes buying time during play time

Care: Make healthy choices

Belongings in the Classroom

Respect: Take care of others belongings

Responsibility: Label belongings; take care of own belongings; Return equipment

Care: Put things neatly where they belong; Zip up bags

PBL – Uniform Winners



Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to receive uniform awards last week – **Kyle Monaghan, Jorja Humphreys and David Foster**

Student of the Week

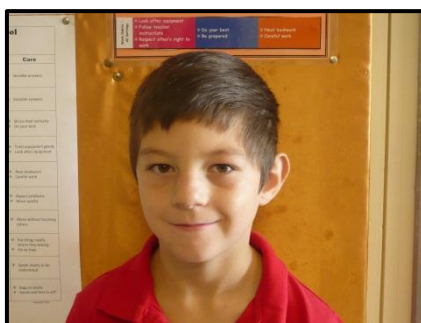
4/5/6 – Claire Lievens –
Always completing work to a high standard and doing her best.



3/4/5 – Brydon Harvey –
Always doing his best in all subject areas.



Year 2 – Kynan Paton –
Being a diligent and well-behaved worker.

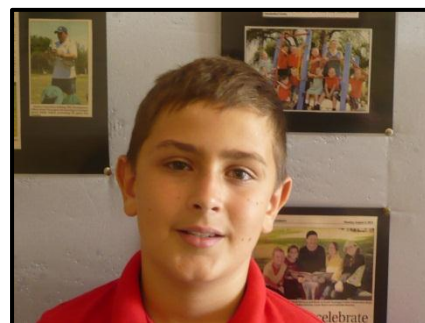


K/1 – Chase Anderson –
Trying really hard during reading rotations. Well done Chase.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 – Ben Crooks –
Demonstrating positive independent work habits and being a good role model for other students.



3/4/5 – Thomas Casnave –
Improved work habits.



Year 2 – Nic Monaghan –
Respecting other class members' right to work.



K/1 – Miah Hoskings –
Always trying her best when following the PBL focus. Super effort Miah.



Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 4

Recess award - Josie Warren

Lunch award – Hayden Crossley



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Canteen

Wednesday 26th February – Nicole Bethune

Monday 3rd March – Laurie Byron

Wednesday 5th March - Janet Clarke

Friday 7th March – Cheryl Lanyon & Shan Bowditch

Gundagai Panthers **Junior Soccer**

Expressions of Interest are attached if your child is interested in playing Junior Soccer this year. The comp will start on Saturday 10th May. If you are interested please return the form to school by Friday 28th February

Child Dental Benefits **Schedule**

Information is attached regarding financial support for basic dental services for children aged 2 – 17.