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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic swimming carnival in Tumut it was last Tuesday. I was so proud of all our swimmers who participated with such enthusiasm and effort. Our junior girls relay team came 3rd (beating much larger primary school teams) and **Hayley Booby** came 3rd in the 8 years girls 50m Freestyle. This was a great achievement as Hayley had only learnt how to swim 50m freestyle the previous week.

Although none of our swimmers have qualified to attend the district carnival in Albury, there has been a wonderful improvement in our results this year, with most students improving their times considerably with many students coming in the first 10 placings. With our primary enrolment at 44, it is a great achievement when we are coming against schools with much larger primary enrolments – up to 230 students.

Worthy of special mention are two students – **Gabrielle Butcher** who improved her butterfly time by almost 12 seconds and **Jarrah Ransome** who also improved her freestyle time by 10 seconds. Jarrah has only learnt how to swim 50m during our intensive swimming lessons this year and she was

able to participate enthusiastically in all events in which she qualified. Placings for some of our students who also deserve special congratulations include – **Destiny Cooper** 6th 9 years 50m free; **Alauralee Bowditch** 6th 10 years 50m free; **Claire Lievens** 9th 11year 50m free – PB by 4 seconds, **Harri Ralph** PB by 4 seconds 50m free, **Chelsie Crossley** 12 year 50m free PB by 5 seconds, **Kyle Monaghan** 5th 12year 50m free PB, **Jamie Bonat** 6th with a 6 second PB, Junior Girls relay – improved time by almost 20 seconds, coming 3rd behind Tumut and Franklin Public Schools. Senior Girls relay improved their time by 31 seconds, placing 4th behind Tumut, Franklin and Tumbarumba.

Chelsie Crossley was 5th in the Senior Girls Breaststroke with a PB, **Gabby Butcher** Junior Girls Breaststroke with a PB, **Holly Young** Senior Girls Backstroke PB, **Alauralee Bowditch** 9 second improvement in Junior Girls Butterfly coming 7th behind **Gabby Butcher** who was 4th, **Claire Lievens** 5th 11 years Butterfly with an improvement of 6 seconds and in the Senior Girls 200 m Individual Medley, **Claire** was 7th and improved

her time by 6 seconds. Lastly, with a great finish, **Gabby** in the Junior Girls Individual Medley improved her time by a whopping 35 seconds to come 6th. A great result and congratulations to all participants



Thankyou to the parents who helped with transport and supported the children all through the day and to all the teachers for their great efforts throughout our swimming lessons.

Parents Matrix for PBL

Currently this is being developed by the staff and it should be available within the next couple of weeks. We are endeavouring to cover a wide range of situations in the home which our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Care can be practised and improvised.

Canteen



Don't forget canteen resumes this week for its days of **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Thankyou to Ms McDonald who had to do canteen lunches on Friday for those who thought it was on. A reminder to all parents – please note that the canteen has limited times for selling at both recess and lunch times. At recess there should be **no more buying after 11.40** and at lunch time there is **no more buying allowed after 1.45pm**. This is so children have sufficient time to eat what they buy before the bell goes and so that they all have time to have a run around before the afternoon classes resume. Could all canteen parents please note these times. Thank you

Breakfast Program



Attached is an outline of the Breakfast Club Program that commenced at Gundagai South last Friday.



Congratulations

A special congratulations to **Vada Hindmarsh** whose work was chosen as one of the winners in the Crab Mascot Colouring Competition held last year, for the Western Region. Well done Vada. Your certificate and prizes will be arriving soon and will include a rod and reel pack.

Premiers Reading Challenge



All students are encouraged to register to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2014. Almost 7500 titles are included on the recommended reading list, with many Australian authors included in the list.

Registration opens today (3rd March 2014) and continues until 22nd August. Visit www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

University of NSW Exams



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Parents of students from Years 2 – 6 are encouraged to allow them to participate in the University of NSW exams for Computer, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths. Please see the attached note for closing dates and cost to enter these exams.

Clean Up Australia Day



Well done to all those students who contributed to helping keep our town neat and tidy. The

students collected rubbish from the playground, the lookout, Camphor Lane, Tom Street, Luke Street, Eagle Street and part of Mount Street. A large variety of rubbish was collected, particularly take away food containers and drink cans and bottles. The students were disgusted by the amount of rubbish carelessly discarded in some streets and park areas. Thankyou to the Gundagai Shire Council for collecting the bags of rubbish from the school on Friday afternoon. We appreciate their support.



Grandparents Afternoon

On **Tuesday 18th March** we will be holding a Grandparents afternoon. Grandparents are invited to come to school from 2.00pm to visit the classrooms and stay for afternoon tea from 2.30pm.

Please indicate on the attached note if your grandparents will be attending.

Thank you

Thankyou – Men's Shed



Last week we received a kind donation of a school set of lead pencils from the participants of the Men's' Shed. Their donation was very much appreciated.

Thank you Allan.

Activities Afternoon - Clubs

This Wednesday afternoon we start our Afternoon Club Activities. The students will be spilt into groups across the school, to participate in and learn new skills in a variety of special areas. Thankyou to those parents and community members who have offered to assist the students and to those who have donated knitting needles, wool and other items which we need. Thank you

Mrs Funnell



This week we welcome Mrs Funnell Back to Gundagai South Public School. Mrs Funnell is our 'reading granny' and the students love to sit with

her and read to her or be read to. She is very excited to be back at her favourite school with the students and we are very pleased she is fit and well again and back on her feet. Welcome back Mrs Funnell.

Welcome



Last Tuesday we welcomed Georgia Turek to our school. Georgia is in Year 3 and I'm sure she will settle quickly into our school. We welcome Georgia and her family to our school.

Upcoming Events

Grandparents Afternoon
Choir – Uralba
P & C Meeting
Soccer Trials
Trent Barrett - Years 3 & 4 -
P & C catering
Life Education Van
Nangus Sports Camp –
Overnight Camp (Years 3 – 6)

Special Recognition



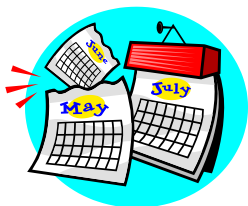
Last week I received an email – sent to all schools following the Highlands Swimming Carnival. The contents of the email made

special reference to the two students from Gundagai South School who took the time and showed their initiative in Thanking teacher Kelly Sharwood from Tumbarumba Public School who co-ordinated and ran the carnival.

At the end of a tough day, this simple gesture was greatly appreciated by Kelly and Sue Hall – President of the Highlands PSSA, and together they wanted to acknowledge and say their own thank you to our two students.

Well done to **Jarrah Ransome** and **Jamie Bonat** – you showed great leadership and initiative and you have both, together earned this week's PBL "Catch of the Week" award. Congratulations and well done.

Calendar



The calendar for March is attached for your information. Please keep this on your fridge and add any relevant information as it comes.

Radio News

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 make a healthy brekky!" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.



Choir

Congratulations to **Jarrah Ransome** who has successfully auditioned for the Riverina District Choir. If anyone else in Years 4 – 6 would like to try out, it will be held on Wednesday 5th March.



From the Easel

Congratulations to the students who have had their art work selected for the inclusion in the newsletter in our first "From the Easel" for 2014.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be the Play Areas in the playground and Entering and Exiting the Room for our Classroom Focus.

Play areas include the sandpit area, climbing equipment, the oval and ball courts.

Respect: Share and take turns, be friendly

Responsibility: Play by the rules, be sun safe

Care: Use equipment properly

Classroom – Entering and exiting the rooms

Respect: Walk sensibly and quietly

Responsibility: Line up quietly, keep in line

Care: Bags on backs, hands and feet to self

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 5: **Hayley Booby, Jessica Crooks, Amy Myers and Thomas Casnave**

20 Nights Home Reading



Congratulations to **Louis Lievens, Alauralee Bowditch, and Lizzie Byron**, the first to reach 20 nights home reading awards. Well done.

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Gabrielle Butcher – Working enthusiastically and more calmly to complete set class tasks.



3/4/5 – Zak Anderson – Trying really hard in all lessons.



Year 2 – Cooper Bethune – Taking care of his belongings in the classroom.



K/1 – Michael French – Attempting all tasks with a smile. Such a pleasure to teach.



Catch of the Week



4/5/6 – Jarrah Ransome & Jamie Bonat – Showing wonderful initiative and leadership at the Highlands Swimming Carnival.



3/4/5 – Courtney Hampton-Press – Always having a neat desk and tray.



Year 2 – Charlie Hourn – Having his personal belongings labelled.



K/1 – Te-Leah Smith - For consistently showing care to all members of our class. Te-Leah is a wonderful role model for the younger students in her class.



Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 5

Recess award - Jack Clarke

Lunch award – Brandy McGrath



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Wanted

Nanna Jude has asked if anyone has any surplus class jars at home if they could send them to school for her to collect.

Thankyou

Canteen

Wednesday 5th March – Janet Clarke

Friday 7th March – Cheryl Lanyon & Shan Bowditch

Monday 10th March – Tiki Paton & Jodie Dean

FREE

2 male ginger kittens

1 female grey kitten

Ready to go now

6 – 8 weeks

Will use kitty litter

Very Cute!

Contact Jodie

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