



Gundagai South Public School

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RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to our wonderful staff who all contributed such lovely food for our afternoon tea for our grandparents and special friends who visited the school last Tuesday. We had an excellent rollup of visitors who were very appreciative of the afternoon to celebrate Senior Citizens Week with their grandchildren at Gundagai South. Everyone enjoyed the time in the classrooms as well as the excellent performance from the choir and Ms Dickinson. The afternoon tea that followed was truly scrumptious. Thankyou everyone.

Thankyou to Ms Dickinson and the parents who helped transport the choir to Uralba where they performed beautifully. Well done



Trent Barrett Shield

This Thursday our girls in Years 3 & 4 will represent the school in Gundagai at the Trent Barrett Shield Gala Day. **The first game for the girls is at**

9.45am, so they should be at the oval at 9.15am to begin warming up. The girls will be provided with a team shirt and everyone needs to wear green sports shorts, white socks and joggers. **Kynan and Adam** will also be attending and joining with one of the other school teams. A 9.45am start too.

P & C Catering Thursday – Helpers Needed Please



The P & C are catering for the Trent Barrett day and need your help. If you can spare an hour or two it would be most appreciated. This is not just for those people who have students attending, but for all parents as funds raised assist all students in the school. To support the P & C, they have asked for an **out of uniform day for everyone**. This will be this **Wednesday 26th March** and all children are asked to make a **gold coin donation**. This money will be used to purchase cake mixes etc. for the Trent Barrett Day.



Parents are also asked to send in a plate of cooking for Thursday please to help provide some tasty treats for the hungry hoards!

Homework Club



A reminder to all parents about the importance of completing weekly homework set by your child's teacher as well as nightly home reading. It is great to see how much those students who complete this each week continue to move ahead with the consolidation of learning and concepts taught in class. Parents need to demonstrate responsibility to their students by showing that they value learning and the work their students do at school by supporting the teachers and the school and completing weekly homework. For those students who do not hand in their homework on Fridays, they will be asked to attend the Homework Club run by Miss T in order to complete their homework.

Remember that completed homework can always be handed in prior to Friday and this provides valuable feedback.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during weeks 10 & 11 this term. If you would like to discuss your child's work and progress with the class teacher or teachers, then please complete the attached note

indicating your first and second preference times and we will try to accommodate your preferences. This is an excellent opportunity to see how well your students are progressing as well as finding out if there are areas where more support may be needed.



Boys' Soccer - Highlands

Best of luck to **Riley Bethune** who will travel to Cootamundra this Friday to participate in the Highlands Boys' Soccer trials.

Easter Egg Raffle

To celebrate Easter and raise some funds for the P & C they will be having an Easter Egg raffle. **If everyone could please donate an Easter Egg for the raffle** we should have a very large raffle with a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize. A block of chocolate may also be donated instead of an egg if you wish. Raffle tickets to sell are also attached to your newsletter. Thankyou



Upcoming Events



Week 10 – Parent Teacher Interviews

2nd April – Life Education Van
3rd & 4th April – Nangus Sports Camp Infants \$22; Primary \$35

Week 11 – Parent Teacher Interviews

8th April – Rugby League Trials Tumut; Netball Gala Day and Trials Tumut – Remember that notes **must be in by Wednesday 26th** if you wish to trial for Highlands selection.

9th April – School Assembly 2.00pm, Riverina Central Choir

11th April - Final day of school – Easter Hat Parade 2.45pm.

Principals' Conference

This Thursday and Friday, I will be away attending the Wagga & District Principals' Conference.



Instruction Leader Position

Last week I received advice that our school, together with Franklin Public School will secure the shared services of an Instructional Leader for the period 2014 – 2016. This position is a shared one and is

to support our students K – 2 in literacy and numeracy. The position has been advertised and we will find out within the next two weeks who has been successful in application. The position is to provide classroom teacher support, professional learning, assistance in programming to differentiate for learning, assessment of students needs amongst other things. This will provide some wonderful additional support for our students and staff in K – 2. More details as they become available. This additional support is part of the Early Action for Success program.

PBL Home Matrix

As mentioned previously in our newsletter, it was discussed at our first P & C meeting for 2014 that a Home Positive Behaviour for Learning Matrix be developed at school and sent home to all families who may wish to use our three school values of **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Care** in the home. This has now been developed and discussed at last week's meeting and it is included for your interest. It has been developed for home to support the values of Respect, Responsibility and Care and to give parents a guided as to how this might look at home. It is not compulsory and you are welcome to use it if you wish. It may help provide parents with a guide as to the expectations for students at home.

Reading Support – Supporting our Students Literacy & Encouraging Reading at Home

Following discussions at our staff meetings, we are keen to

begin a program where we are trying to encourage our students to have greater access to their own personal books to read at home. We are linking this to our Home Reading program and once students reach 40 nights of home reading, they will have the opportunity to choose a book to keep from a selection of books which the school has purchased. The books will have a special book label in the front, acknowledging the school program and allowing the student's name to be recorded. We are trying to encourage more reading at home by providing our students with a book of their own choosing, each time they achieve 40, 60 or 80 nights of reading. We hope that you will encourage our new program and spend some time together with your child, sharing their book with them.



Lunch Boxes

All students need nutritious food to give them energy and to do their best learning. A healthy lunch box should include fruit, a sandwich or sandwiches, salad or healthy wrap and a limit of just one treat. Unfortunately too many children are coming to school with a whole lunch box full of treats – chips, tiny teddies, rollups, lollies etc. which have absolutely no nutritional value what so ever. They are also full of sugar. At recess and lunch times, children need to eat a healthy nutritious

snack or sandwich so they can then go and have time to play and be active. Please be mindful of what is being packed in your child's lunch box.



NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Students in Years 3 & 5 will sit for the annual NAPLAN tests on **Tuesday 13th**, **Wednesday 14th** and **Thursday 15th May**. A note is attached to your newsletter advising you of these dates.

Calendar



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

P & C Minutes



The minutes from last Wednesday's P & C meeting are attached for your interest.

Radio News

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 bust hunger after school!" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.

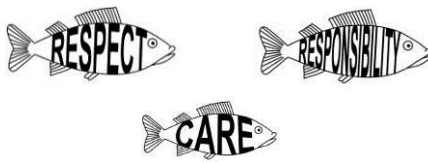


School Banking



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

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be the Playground – Corridors and Pathways and Classroom – Speaking to Others Focus.

Corridors and Pathways

Respect: Inside voices

Responsibility: Walk

Care: Keep Left

Speaking to Others

Respect: Speak politely, Greet people

Responsibility: Make eye contact

Care: Speak clearly to be understood

PBL- Red Level

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Red level certificate. **Jack Clarke, Kayla Byrne, Jade Harvey, Kye Humphreys, Cooper Bethune, Jorja Humphreys, and Rylee Byrne**

PBL- Green Level

Congratulations to **Josie Warren** who has achieved her Green level certificate. Well done Josie

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 8: **Jarrah Ransome, Amy Myers, Zoey Anderson & Wade Foster**

20 Nights Home Reading

Congratulations to **Michael Monaghan, Jess Crooks and Adam Morris** who have reached 20 nights home reading awards. Well done.



Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Jamie Bonat – Always working conscientiously at his desk and completing classwork with maturity.



3/4/5 – Jess Crooks – Fantastic work in all subjects.



Year 2 – Billy Anderson – For always waiting on the checkerboard to be collected at home time.



K/1 – Amy Myers – For always completing her work quietly.



Catch of the Week



4/5/6 – Chelsie Crossley – Being responsible and following PBL rules for leaving school at the end of the day.



3/4/5 – Tiara Foster – Being a kind and considerate class member.



Year 2 – Charlie Tresize – Always sitting correctly when working at tables.



K/1 – Braith Winner – For his improved effort when sitting on the carpet.



Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 8

Recess award – Seth Jones

Lunch award – Claudia Jones



Pip☺

Canteen

Wednesday 26th March – Georgina Marshall

Friday 28th March – Tiki Paton & Jodie Dean

Monday 31st March – Laurie Byron

Left Behind

Stroller – blue after Grandparents afternoon

Wanted

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

Thankyou

Netball Registration

Netball team packs are now available to pick up at Hopes Place. Individual forms are also available.

If you have a child in primary school that is wishing to play please email me their details asap so we can start to form up some teams.

If your child has already been organised in to a team there is no need to let me know just pick up a team pack.

My email is

trace33@westnet.com.au

As there will be no fun-net this year, all kindergarten and up ages are eligible to register. Registration days will be 3rd & 4th April from 3.30 to 4.30pm at Hopes Place. Please make sure that all money accompanies rego forms.

Thankyou

Tracey Ingold

**MUD, SWEAT & BEERS
Event! @ Gundagai
Saturday 12th April
2014**

**Mark Stewart is
looking for volunteer
childcare
workers/teachers/baby
sitters to mind
children at this
event.**

**Child minding will be
needed between the
hours of 8am and 3pm,
and they are
keen for people to do
shifts so it's not
such a long day. All
people who are
members of a non-
profit organisation
will receive a \$50
donation per person
for their time, so if
your centre/school
etc. are looking for
some fundraising
money this is a
wonderful
opportunity. Child
minding will take
place in the Saddling
Enclosure at the
Gundagai Racecourse
on the 12th of April
2014.**

**Please make sure you
contact Mark Stewart
for further details**

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P & C Meeting Wednesday 19th March, 2014

Meeting Opened: 2.05pm

Present: Nicole Bethune, Tara Morris, Pip McAlister, Janet Clarke, Anthea Cooper and Tiki Paton.

Apologies: Alex Butcher and Jessica Butcher.

Minutes of previous meeting held on 18/02/2014, Moved Nicole, Seconded Tara.

Business Arising:

- Pip to follow up previous emails to A Play regarding playground equipment suitable for children with upper limb restrictions.

Moved Tiki, Seconded Nicole.

Treasurers Report:

P & C: Opening Balance: \$4684.36

Income: \$79 Clothing Pool

Canteen: Opening Balance: \$8679.03 at 28/02/14

Expenditure: PFD \$746.80, Ferndale \$98.80, IGA \$17.84

- Bills passed for payment.

Moved Tara, Seconded Nicole.

Correspondence:

- Westpac Bank- regarding the commission paid to the school. For every new bank account opened Westpac will deposit \$40 directly into the new account and \$10 will also be donated to the schools P & C. For every deposit made an additional \$1 will also be donated to the P & C. \$69 commission has been earned to date, this will be paid at the end of term.
- School Global Funding.

Principals Report:

- Movie night planned with Bongongo School, Gundagai South Public School as the venue, to assist with raising funds to help with drought relief. Date to be decided.
- Alex & Jessica expressed their interest to run plant stand at upcoming school fete.
- Jessica to follow up on the materials for chook run.
- Mortimer Shield to be held in Tumut on the 21st of May.
- Wednesday afternoon activity clubs are a great success, everyone enjoying it, groups rotate to different activities each week.
- School plan to be updated this year. Program for books in homes to be looked into further.
- Parent Matrix- Following the PBL, ideas to implement the 3 values, respect, responsibility & care, at home.

Moved Anthea, seconded Janet.

General Business:

- Breakfast Club- Bendigo Bank kindly donating \$50 per week towards the cost. Thank you letter to be sent.
- Canteen- Janet discussed with Ellie the possibility of new canteen, no funding available. Decided not to proceed.
- Trent Barrett- Janet organising menu, more helpers needed please.
- Suggestion for out of uniform day on Wednesday 26th March, gold coin donation to raise funds to go towards catering for Trent Barrett Shield.
- P & C Minutes to be included in newsletter.
- Nicole to organise Easter raffle, each child to donate a egg/chocolate. Raffle to be drawn at school assembly. Tickets to go out Monday 24th March.
- Riley Bethune selected in the boys PSSA soccer team at Cootamundra on the 28th March.
- Alauralee Bowditch selected in the girls PSSA soccer team at Albury on the 2nd May.
- Rugby League & Netball trials on the 8th April.
- School assembly Wednesday 9th April, everyone welcome to attend.
- Last day of term Friday 11th April.
- All students are encouraged to participate in the Anzac Day March.

Moved Janet, Seconded Tara.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th May

Meeting Closed: 3.05pm

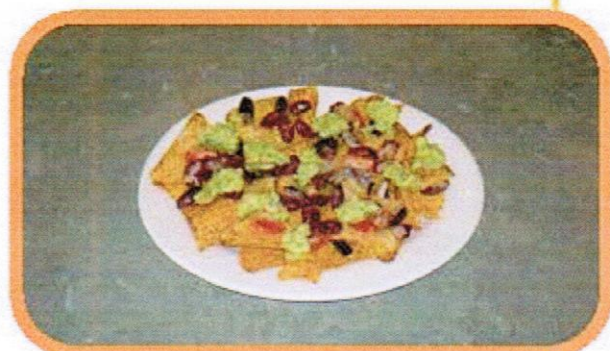
The simplest way

to bust hunger after school

Try these great vegie filled recipes that will top up their tank until dinner time.

Speedy Pizza

A wholegrain English muffin with tomato, corn, capsicum and reduced fat grilled cheese.



Fast Toasty Fingers

A slice of wholegrain toast cut into soldiers served with 'reduced salt' or 'no added salt' baked beans.


Vegie Kebabs

Kebab skewers with reduced fat cheese, cherry tomatoes & cucumber slices.

Macho Nachos

Corn tortillas and sprinkle with quartered cherry tomatoes, kidney beans and reduced fat cheese. Bake in oven for 15 minutes and serve with mashed avocado.

For more information visit
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Tumut Easter Bazaar

Good Friday April 18
Easter Saturday April 19
at BOYS CLUB HALL
(next to Ambulance Station)

9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS

FREE ENTRY

GREAT BARGAINS

Craft, Books, Antiques, Collectables,
Plants, Fruit, Toys, Jewellery,
Baby wear, Clothing, Socks, Handbags,
Jams, Cakes and Lots, Lots More

B.B.Q Tea & Coffee

Bookings; ph 02-42322337 or 0419427801