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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

A good week was had by everyone last week with students quickly back into school routines.

This week Mrs Jackson and Mrs Flanagan begin team teaching the 3/4/5 class and together I am sure they will do a wonderful job. They are both very keen and enthusiastic. I'm sure you will all see some changes for the class. I am yet to hear from staffing in relation to filling the position.

This afternoon all staff will be updating their CPR training from 4.00pm. Staff from Nangus will also join us for this important training.



Our Cross Country training started last week – thank you to all those who have already returned their notes. Remember that this is an important part of our PE curriculum and all students are

expected to participate in the District Cross Country at Bongongo on Friday. Please make sure you have returned your permission note and money for the day.

The bus will be leaving school at **9.15am** to arrive in time to have morning tea. Students will all walk the course at 10.00am. Organised games on the oval will run for students once they have finished their race. Students will need to wear their sports uniform including T-shirt and shorts or skirt. Remember you **cannot** participate in a tracksuit (because it is too hot), however the weather will be cool in the morning, so your tracksuit and possibly a coat will be needed. **Please make**

sure your belongings are labelled and **all students** need to take their own bottled water. A menu for lunch will include sausage sizzle - \$2.50, Hot Dog - \$2.50; Pumpkin Soup and Roll - \$2.00; Fruit Box - \$1.00. Cakes, chips etc. will also be for sale at varying prices at recess and lunch.

Those students who qualify – 8 years and up will attend the Highlands Cross Country to be held at the Showground at Gundagai on **Thursday 22nd May**. Regional Cross Country will be held on **Tuesday 10th June** at Deniliquin.

Dance Lessons



These lessons started with great anticipation and renewed enthusiasm from the students last Wednesday. It was great to watch the students easily adapt to the complicated and technical sequences in the classes. Don't forget to send you your \$2.00 each week please.

Regional Choir

For our three students participating in choir, in Wagga, this Wednesday will be your next day. Mr McAlister is available to take the students to Wagga for you.



2014 Riverina Schools Choral Camp

An opportunity exists for students from Years 5 – 12 to participate in the Riverina Schools Choral Camp at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 4.00pm 20th July to Friday 25th July concluding with a concert for the public at 2.30pm. The camp features a 3 ½ day choral workshop for students with one day set aside for a short time for the choir to perform at local schools.

Attendance at the camp may lead to selection in the Regional and State Choir for participation in the Schools' Spectacular. The cost of the camp is \$390. If you are interested in your child attending, please see me for nomination forms.

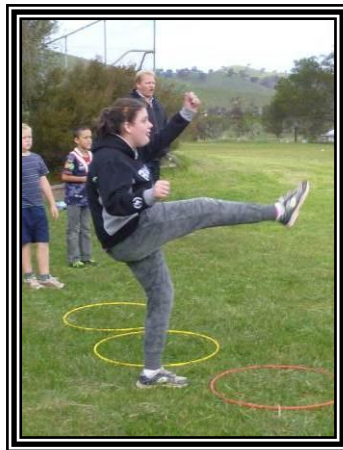
Afternoon Tea



Thankyou to those parents and students who were able to come to the farewell afternoon tea for Mr Cooper. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

PBL Reward

Congratulations to all students for their PBL achievements last term. Everyone enjoyed the special 'Out of Uniform' day on Friday. Everyone is now working hard to cover the next fish piece in colourful dots.



*Fun activities during sport for
PBL Reward*

Touch Football Trials – Years 5 & 6

Those students (boys and girls) in Years 5 & 6 who are interested in trying out for the Highlands PSSA touch football teams should complete an Expression of Interest to participate. Trials will be held on **Monday 19th May**.

NAPLAN



Next week all students in Years 3 & 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests. These will be held over 3 days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Friday as a 'catch up day'. It is really vital that all students are at school on these days to participate in the

tests. Students will continue to practise these formats this week to ensure they know what to expect. It should not be expected that NAPLAN practise is conducted to the exclusion of all other work. Remember, it is a snapshot of what students are able to do on one day of the year. Students should not feel stressed about participating in the tests. Students all need to remember to read the material and questions for each test really carefully and to continue to refer back to the test questions and readings to answer the questions. We wish everyone the best to luck.

National Reading Month



March is National Reading Month

This month has been recognised as National Reading Month and all students are encouraged to read every day. Our school will be participating in National Simultaneous Reading Day on **Wednesday 21st May**. We will also combine the activity with the Cancer Councils Biggest Morning tea to raise much needed funds for cancer research.

Parents, grandparents, carers and friends are invited to come along at 11.15 on this day to join with their students in reading together "Too Many Elephants in the House". More details next week.



P & C Meeting



Our next P & C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th May at 2.00pm**. Please come along and share in what has been happening at school.

Ms McDonald

Ms McDonald has been offered the opportunity to gain two more permanent days of work at Brungle Public school, so unfortunately she will no longer be able to work at our school each Friday. I am pleased to say that Mrs Karen Clarke from Tumut will be working in the office on Fridays from next week. Some of you will have met Karen last Friday and I'm sure she will do a wonderful job. Our thanks to Jill for her wonderful help and support each Friday. She will still be working in the library each Thursday.



Jars



Don't forget to keep collecting glass jars in preparation for our school fete in October. This particular stall which Jill runs so capably is always a great money spinner, so we need as many glass jars as possible please. Send these in and Jill will store them until needed. Later next term, we will be requesting donations of goodies to put inside the jars. Thankyou

Clubs

This Wednesday marks the final day of Clubs – Wednesday afternoon activities for this semester. Thankyou to all the staff who have conducted fun sessions and opportunities for the students to participate in a variety of different activities. I know all the students have enjoyed these activities.

Volunteers Needed



More volunteers are needed to help with canteen. At the moment we only have seven parents/grandparents. Canteen

will be cut back to only Wednesday's and Friday's starting Term 3 if we cannot get more assistance.

Thankyou
Janet Clarke

Radio News

Week 3 Vada & Louis
Week 4: Jarrah & Chelsie
Week 5: Kyle & Ben
Week 6: Dakota & Alauralee
Week 7: Claire & Elysha
Week 8: Gabby & Kasey
Week 9: Lizzie & Holly



School Banking



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



Upcoming Events



Week 2

Wednesday 7th – Choir Wagga

Friday 9th – Cross Country

Week 3

NAPLAN

Wednesday 14th – P & C meeting

Week 4

Monday 19th – Touch Trials

Wednesday 21st – Morning Tea for Cancer Council and Simultaneous Reading Day @ 11.15am

Thursday 22nd – Highlands

Cross Country @ Gundagai

Friday 23rd – Mortimer Sheild Yrs 5 & 6 Tumut

Week 5

Tuesday 27th – Year 6

Leadership Wagga

Wednesday 28th – Choir Wagga

Thursday 29th – Small Schools' Athletics – 8 years and older

Friday 30th – Regional Touch Trials

PSSA Small Schools'

Highlands Soccer Knockout V Adelong Years 5 & 6 – Date to be confirmed.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be the Walkers/Bus

for Playground and Listening for the Classroom

Playground – Walkers/Bus

Respect: Wait patiently

Responsibility: Right place, right time

Care: Be safe

Classroom – Listening

Respect: Sit quietly, Eyes on speaker

Responsibility: Put hand up to ask questions. Stay on topic

Care: Sensible answers

PBL- Red Level

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Red level certificate **Wade Foster, Michael French, Aidan Morris, Miah Hoskings, David Foster, Braith Winner and Michael Field**

PBL- Green Level

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Green level certificate:

Grace Field and Samantha Crooks.

Well done girls.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 1: **Brandy McGrath, Angel Clark, Greg Clarke and Zak Anderson.** Students may choose to wear their school hat this term and next, however it is not a requirement with the uniform for these two terms.

No other hats may be worn though – and all students should be wearing our beautiful warm red fleecy jumpers.

20 Nights Home Reading

Congratulations to **Harri Ralph, Shanelle Jones, David Foster, Wade Foster, Teleah Smith and Jade Harvey** who have reached 20 nights home reading awards. Well done.



40 Nights Home Reading

Congratulations to the first people to receive awards for 40 nights. As part of our Supporting our Students and Encouraging Reading at home program, each of the students who achieve 40 nights receives a book of their choice.

Jamie Bonat, Ben Crooks, Louis Lievens, Vada Hindmarsh, Jarrah Ransome, Alauralee Bowditch, Claire Lievens, Gabrielle Butcher, Lizzie Byron, Greg Clarke and Nic Monaghan.
Special congratulations to these students.



Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Lizzie Byron –
Independently drafting a well-structured persuasive writing text.



3/4/5 – Rylee Byrne – Quiet work in class.



Year 2 – Nic Monaghan –
Always being sensible and quiet when exiting and entering rooms.



K/1 – David Foster – For his improved effort during handwriting. Great work David!



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 – Elysha Anderson –
Following PBL rules in lines and when entering the classroom.



3/4/5 - Bianca French – For always lining up beautifully at morning assembly.



Year 2 – Cooper Bethune –
Always being ready and waiting patiently in lines.



K/1 - Aiden Morris – For trying hard to follow PBL rules when walking in lines. Well done!



Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 1

Recess award –

Brandon Lee

Lunch award –Destiny Cooper



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Canteen

Wednesday 7th Lunch Special –

Lasagne, orange or black
currant pop top, bag of lollies
\$5.00



**Wednesday 7th May – Janet
Clarke**

**Friday 9th May – NO
CANTEEN – BONGONGO
CROSS COUNTRY**

**Monday 12th May – Erica
Manns**

FOR SALE

2 x size 10 red polar
fleece jumpers –
\$10 each
Contact Anne in the
office