



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3

12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents,

This week will see all students in Years 3 & 5 sit for the NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading, Writing and Numeracy. These tests will be held over 3 days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We wish all the students good luck – remember to take your time and read the questions carefully.

### Cross Country

Congratulations to all those students who travelled to Bongongo on Friday to participate in the Small Schools' Cross Country. It was a beautiful day – informal and relaxed and was enjoyed by all. Our students performed well and are to be congratulated for their enthusiastic participation.



The following students gained places in the 5, 6 & 7 year old events:

5yrs Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> **Miah Hosking**

5yrs Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> **Hayden**

**Crossley**

6yrs Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> **Teleah Smith,**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Samantha Crooks**

6yrs Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> **Kohbi**

**Bethune,**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Braith Winner**

7yrs Girls – 2<sup>nd</sup> **Josie Warren**

7yrs Boys – 3<sup>rd</sup> **Kye**

**Humphreys**

Well done on the completion of the 100 metre race.

The following students in the 8/9, 10, 11 & 12 years events gained places.

8/9yrs Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Rylee Byrne,**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Jess Crooks**

8/9yrs Boys – 3<sup>rd</sup> **Cooper**

**Bethune**

10yrs Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Alauralee**

**Bowditch,** 3<sup>rd</sup> **Claudia Jones**

10yrs Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> **Kynan**

**Crossley,** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Daniel**

**Anderson,** 3<sup>rd</sup> **Cody Lee**

11yrs Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Claire Lievens**

11yrs Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> **Riley Bethune**

12yrs Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Holly Young,**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Dakota Anderson,** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Chelsie Crossley**

Students listed below have qualified to participate in the Highlands Cross Country to be held at the

Showground/Common area in **Gundagai on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

Students will be required to be there by **9.30am.** A canteen will be operating on the day and students should wear their school sports uniform.

Students participating include –

**Holly Young, Dakota**

**Anderson, Chelsie Crossley,**

**Louis Lievens, Jamie Bonat,**

**Kyle Monaghan, Claire**

**Lievens, Jarrah Ransome,**

**Courtney Hampton-Press,**

**Riley Bethune, Zak**

**Anderson. Brydon Harvey,**

**Alauralee Bowditch, Claudia**

**Jones, Gabrielle Butcher,**

**Kynan Crossley, Daniel**

**Anderson, Cody Lee, Rylee**

**Byrne, Jess Crooks, Chloe**

**Crossley, Cooper Bethune,**

**Edward Coady and Darren**

**Hampton-Press.**

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by this **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. Well done everyone.

### P & C Meeting



Our next P & C meeting will be held this **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** commencing at 2.00pm in the staffroom. Come along and have your say and find out what's going on at school.

### Dance Lessons



Dance lessons will continue this Wednesday. Everyone is enjoying working with Aleshia. Don't forget to send in your \$2.00 payment each week.

### Touch Footie Trials

Permission notes should have been returned today for these trials which will be held in Gundagai next **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 10.00am**. Students will be responsible for transport to and from the trials. Mrs Arnall will be conducting the trials.

### Mortimer Shield – Years 5 & 6

The Mortimer Shield Day – Rugby League and Aus Tag will be held in Tumut on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at Twickenham Oval. Students have already indicated that they will be participating and everyone will need to complete the attached permission note and return to school by this Friday please. We will be joining with students from Nangus and Adelong to form teams. Students will be required to travel by private car to and from the grounds on the day however I will also be attending. Please let me know if your child requires a lift. A canteen will operate on the day and students will need to wear their sports uniform and bring bottles of water.

### Cancer Council Morning Tea and Simultaneous Reading Morning



March is National Reading Month

All parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend a special morning tea and shared reading activity on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May commencing at 11.15am**. The students will conclude their dance lessons at 11.15 and this will be immediately followed by our participation in the National Simultaneous Reading activity where we encourage parents and visitors to sit with a small group of children to share the chosen book for 2014 "Too Many Elephants in the House". Following this at approximately 11.30, everyone is invited to join in morning tea to raise funds to support the Cancer

Council of Australia. **All students are asked to bring a gold coin to participate in the morning tea** and visitors are asked to contribute a gold coin or donation towards the day. **Everyone should try to wear something yellow on the day.**



### University of NSW Exams



Next week students who have chosen to, will sit for the University of NSW Computer Exam. These exams are designed to challenge students in their thinking, requiring them to apply creative thinking at a higher order. Good luck to all students who are participating.

### Tumut and District Hockey Competition



If anyone is interested in playing hockey in the Tumut competition, registrations are now being taken. A modified competition for anyone from 5 yrs to 11 yrs has been organised with skills taught along the way. Contact Lyn Bathgate for

more information.  
[lyn.bathgate@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.bathgate@gmail.com)

## Choir Success



Congratulations to **Jarrah Ransome** and **Vada Hindmarsh** who have been chosen to audition for the Riverina Choir to participate in the State Choir. Only 12 students received this invitation, so a great achievement for Jarrah and Vada. We wish both girls good luck and will await the outcome of the auditions. Well done girls

## Small Schools Athletics – 8 Years and Older



Gundagai South will be holding the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May** at Stan Crowe & Owen Vincent Ovals. The other small schools will be competing. High jump and discus events will be conducted at school over the coming weeks. This carnival is for all primary students and for those in **Year 2 - 8 years of age**

**this year.** Further details in next week's newsletter.

## Leadership Conference – Year 6 Leaders

The four Year 6 School Leaders will be participating in this conference in Wagga on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. I am able to transport students to Wagga on this occasion. Parents/Carers will need to sign a permission note. Details about this next week.

## Principals' Meeting & Training and Development

Today I will be attending a principals' meeting in Cootamundra and Miss Carthew will continue her numeracy training and development course in Tumut. Miss Hannah and Ms Dickinson will take the respective classes.

## 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 today. 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**

## Parent Reminder about Collecting Children from School

A reminder to parents about collecting their students in the afternoons from school. All students know that they must wait to be collected from the checkerboard area beside the staffroom. Could parents please ensure that they go to this area to collect their children.

## Hot Off the Press



The first "Hot off the Press" for Term 2 is included with this week's newsletter. Congratulations to **Grace Field, Ryan Anderson, Isaac Ford** and **Dakota Anderson** whose work was selected. Well done.

## Activities Afternoons- Clubs

Thankyou to everyone who contributed to the successful activities afternoon program. The students enjoyed participating in all activities and were enthusiastic and committed.

## Knitting

Wednesday clubs have now finished, but we are asking children to continue knitting squares until the end of term when we will collect all the knitted squares and knitting



needles. I would like to thank all the people who donated wool and knitting needles, and especially the children, parents, grandparents, aunts and even teachers who helped to knit squares so that we can have them made into rugs. We are now looking at possibly having enough to make 2 rugs for "Wrapped with Love". Once the rugs are completed we will show them to the children before donating them to this worthy cause.

Thankyou  
Mrs Ray



## Radio News



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.



## PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "Toilets" in the playground and "Work Habits – All Settings" for our Classroom.

### Playground -Toilets

**Respect:** Go, then leave

**Responsibility:** Flush. Wash hands. Go at recess or lunch

**Care:** Report problems

### Classroom - Work Habits – All Settings

**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 our weekly uniform award winners for week 2: **Chelsie Crossley, Chloe Crossley, Daniel Anderson and Rory Anderson**

## PBL Red Level

Congratulations to **Billy Anderson** who has achieved his Red level certificate.

## PBL Green Level

Congratulations to **Greg Clarke and Grace Field** who have achieved their Green level certificate. Well done.

## 20 Nights Home Reading

Congratulations **Kye Humphreys**, who has reached 20 nights home reading. Well done.



## 40 Nights Home Reading

Congratulations to **Kynan Paton** who has reached 40 nights home reading.

## Student of the Week

**4/5/6 – Kasey Bethune** - Giving 100% effort and participation in the Small Schools Cross Country.



**3/4/5 – Chloe Crossley** – Waiting patiently in lines.



**Year 2 –Michael Field** – Good listening and asking sensible questions.

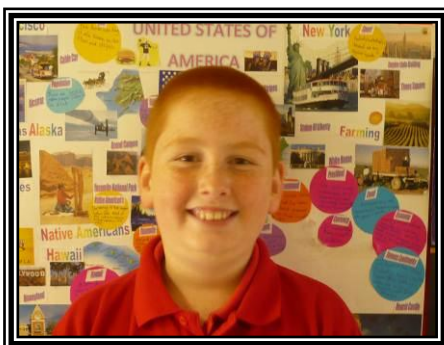


**K/1 – Jade Harvey** – For putting in 100% effort during reading groups.



## Catch of the Week

**4/5/6- Rory Anderson** – Showing positive listening skills in class and contributing excellent ideas in class discussions.



**3/4/5 -- Adam Morris** – Listening carefully to all instructions.



**Year 2 – Kye Humphreys** – For being sensible while waiting for afternoon buses.



**K/1 – Braith Winner** – For fantastic classroom behaviour.



## Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 2

**Recess award** - Jade Harvey

**Lunch award** – Angel Clark



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## **Canteen**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May –**  
Janet Clarke

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Tar**  
Morris & Shan Bowditch

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Tiki**  
Paton & Jodie Dean

## **ATTENTION PARENTS** **of YEAR 4 Catholic** **Children**

Lessons to prepare  
for the Sacrament  
of First Holy  
Communion will  
commence this  
Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>  
at St. Patrick's  
School in the Year  
3 classroom with  
Mrs Saunderson  
Our celebration  
Mass for First  
Communion will be  
on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>  
June at 6:00p.m in  
St. Patrick's  
Church Gundagai.  
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