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NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to another busy term. It looks as though the cold weather is set to continue this week with Friday predicted to be super cold and possibly wet. However, on the positive side, there is lots of snow - for those who may wish to join the snow trip and each day brings us closer to spring and the warmer weather!

Staffing



This term we welcome Miss Weir who will be teaching together with me on the Year 4/5/6 class. I am planning to reduce my teaching load in order to spend more time on the ever increasing load of administrative tasks which need to be undertaken.

Mr Ridley will be teaching Mrs Ray's class on Friday, and Miss Dickinson will be supporting our students with additional

learning needs on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mrs Green, our Instructional Leader will be supporting our students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to this fabulous support for our students, we will be using some of our Instructional Leader allocation and funding to access the services of a Speech Pathologist to work in the school during this term. The first visit will be in Week 2. For the first three weeks of term Mrs McMillan will again be away playing hockey at Nationals and Masters. Miss T will also be absent for weeks 1 – 3 inclusive. We welcome back Mr Kucher who will complete his final week of practicum experience with Miss Carthew and her K/1 class.

Literacy and Numeracy Classes

To ensure all students receive the best possible teaching and learning opportunities in classes that are reasonably even in number and quite small, some students will move from their former class structure to different classes for literacy and numeracy as we have done in the past. They will then spend the afternoons in their normal class. If you have any questions

or concerns at all about the classes or your student's progress, please call the school and either your child's class teacher or I will be more than happy to meet with you to discuss any issues.

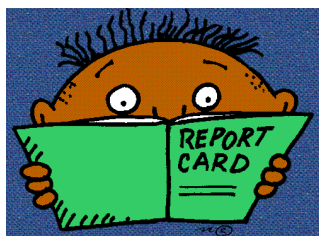
New Teacher Appointment

I have been in contact with staffing during the holidays and the new permanent classroom teacher position will be advertised in Week 2. Due to staffing being unable to make a successful centrally appointed staff member before the end of Term 2, the position will be filled now and the successful applicant will begin their permanent appointment at the beginning of Term 1, 2015. At the end of Term 2, I called for an Expression of Interest from P & C members who would be interested in being trained for the Merit Selection process. Two P & C members nominated – Jessica Butcher and Janet Clarke and I now need parents to nominate their preferred panel representative and return their nomination confidentially to school by **this Thursday** in order that the P & C member can be trained. Could you please complete the attached nomination form by

placing 1 & 2 in your preferred order beside the name.

As there is no P & C meeting until August, this is the best way to complete the necessary process in time. Thankyou for your help.

Portfolios and Reports



I trust that you have all taken the time to read through and discuss your child's report and the work samples contained in their portfolios during the holidays. Please take out your student's report and keep it somewhere safe before returning the portfolio to school for next semesters work samples. Please **do not** take out any work samples as these are placed in your child's special books which are presented at the end of Year 6. Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to your child's class teacher.

Tennis Lessons



Once again the school will be offering tennis lessons for all students this term. There will be 6 lessons during the term and the cost will be \$2.00 each week per student. The school will pay the remaining cost for each student. Birdie is looking

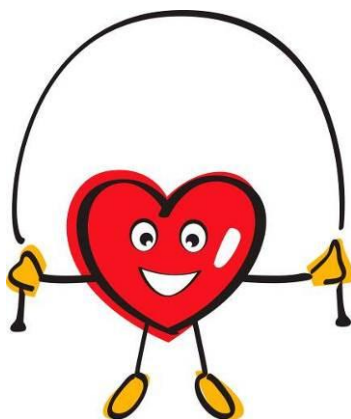
forward to once again working with our students and everyone loves her enthusiastic, positive and fun teaching approach. The first lesson will be held on **Tuesday 29th July**. Please send in your payment before this date – you can pay weekly or in full. Everyone will need to have paid in order to join in the lessons.

Home Reading Program



Congratulations to **Greg Clarke** who is the first student to receive a book award for 80 nights of home reading. Well done Greg.

Jump Rope



A successful Jump Off was held on Friday 27th June with lots of enthusiasm and fun during the afternoon. Could everyone who has collected sponsorship money for the Heart Foundation, **please send it in to school with your completed forms by this Friday**. If you have completed the process on line, thankyou – please let us know of your success and fundraising amount Thank you.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all our assembly award winners who received their awards during our final assembly for Term 2.

Principal's Award

K/1 - **Michael Monaghan**
Year 2 – **Charlie Tresize**
3/4/5 – **Brydon Harvey**
4/5/6 – **Lizzie Byron**

Citizenship Award

Holly Young

Primary Excursion – Years 3 - 6



Don't forget to send in money for our school excursion. The excursion date is Week 7, 25th August and I'm sure the term will fly really quickly so, please think about making payments now. Thankyou to those parents who have already made payments and to those who have finalised their payments.

Sounds of the Mountain Radio News



This term we will again be presenting our school news on Sounds of the Mountains. The following list is included for your interest.

Week 2: Dakota & Elysha
Week 3 Lizzie & Holly
Week 4: Rory & Jarrah
Week 5: Jamie & Gabrielle
Week 6: Ben & Chelsie
Week 7: Excursion
Week 8: Claire & Vada
Week 9: Louis & Harri
Week 10: Alauralee & Elysha

Calendar



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

School Banking



Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking on Wednesday.

Eat It to Beat It

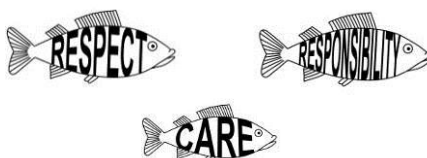


The Cancer Council Eat It to Beat It snippet "The Simplest way to be sun smart and still get your Vitamin D" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.

PBL Pink Level

Congratulations to **Greg Clarke** who has achieved his Pink level certificate. Well done Greg.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



Our first focus area for Term 3 will be, Lines for the Playground and Entering and Exiting the room for Classroom

Playground - Lines

Respect: Wait patiently

Responsibility: Right place, right time

Care: Hand and feet to self

Classroom - Entering and exiting the room

Respect: Walk sensibly and quietly

Responsibility: Line up quietly, Keep in line

Care: Bags on backs, hands and feet to self

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Canteen

The canteen menu and roster for Term 3 are attached.

PLEASE NOTE

CANTEEN FOR TERM 3 WILL OPERATE ON Monday & Friday Only

Friday 18th July – Cheryl Lanyon & Shan Bowditch

Monday 21st July - Janet Clarke

Out of School Hours Care

The GOOSH Program for Term 3 is attached for your interest

Book Club

Book Club
brochures are
attached. If you
wish to place an
order, these need to
be returned to
school with the
correct money by
Monday 21st July
Thankyou

Paint n Play

The next Paint 'n' Play
session to be held at
Gundagai South will be on
Wednesday 16th July from
9.30am. Please come
along and enjoy the great
activities and games with
Tash Smith from
Mirrabooka. Activities will
be held indoors.

July 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	15 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	16 <i>SPICE Meeting 8.30am GSPS</i> Paint 'n' Play 9.30am <i>School Banking</i> L3 Training Miss Carthew	17	18 Return Jump Rope money	19	20
21	22	23 CHOIR <i>School Banking</i>	24	25	26	27
28 BOOK WEEK	29 Tennis Lessons	30 <i>School Banking</i>	31	Light Horse Visit		