



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

Thankyou to those P & C members who returned the note for the P & C panel representation. Jessica Butcher will be the representative on the Merit Selection Panel she will undergo the necessary training in Tumut tomorrow.

Thankyou to both Jessica and Janet who expressed their interest in fulfilling the position in support of the school. We appreciate your interest and support. The position will be advertised on Wednesday.

### *Support for our Students – Speech and Dental Hygiene*

In last week's newsletter I mentioned that our school would be able to have access to the services of a speech pathologist who would be visiting the school to work with both staff and students. Hannah Woodford will be visiting the school this Tuesday for the day and the staff have identified some students who could benefit from assistance in this area. Ms Woodford will work in the classrooms with teachers and students. More details for you as they become available. On Wednesday morning I met with Helen McConnell-Berndt

who is the Project Officer for an organisation called SPICE – promoting Special Programs and Community Engagement. She works with the Department of Education including Charles Sturt University. Our school, together with Nangus and the other schools in Gundagai will host a third year Dental Hygienist for one day a week over the next four weeks and then again for two days in the final two weeks of term. The dental hygienist will work in the classrooms with staff and students to deliver important messages about the need for good dental hygiene. Our school is fortunate to have the additional support for all our students. This support will begin on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July** and the lessons will include information on diet and the importance of dental health, correct brushing techniques, the importance of regular check-ups at the dentist and the protection of teeth when playing sport.

### *Jump Rope for Heart*

Thank you to those students and families who made a great effort to return their sponsorship money by last Friday. There are still people who have outstanding money and forms and we would

appreciate your prompt return of both money and forms so that this can be sent off to Sydney. Thankyou



### *National Tree Day*

This year each class will be planting a tree in the school grounds in support of National Tree Day. We have received some trees donated to the school through the Riverina Highlands Landcare Group and we will plant these trees on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 12.45pm**. If any parents wish to come along and help, you are most welcome.



## Special Fathers/Grandfathers Evening.



Earlier in the year, we held a special afternoon tea for our students' grandparents. We would now like to hold a special get together for students' and their dads, grandfathers, big brothers or neighbourly father figure.

We propose to hold this special occasion on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August from 4.30 – 6.00pm.**

We would like this time to be a shared activity between students and their special person and we would love it if families could build or make something together.



In the past when we have held such an event, dads (etc.) have been super imaginative and creative in what they have built or created with their students. Ideas included home designed stilts, garage for matchbox cars, a bird feeder and cage, a billy cart, garden seat, art work etc. We would love it if you could come along with your child (grandchild, friend, neighbour) and enjoy a fun afternoon together. Come along with all the necessary materials and building equipment and tools

and lots of enthusiasm. Could you please indicate if you could like to join us on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Light Horse Demonstration



Last term a planned visit from students at Rosewood Public School to our school had to be cancelled when their bus was unavailable. **On Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Light Horse Regiment – led by Stalwarts Ron and Luke Dowell will **visit the school at 2.00pm** and students from Rosewood are hoping again to participate in a visit on this day. Parents are welcome to come along if they want to hear more about this amazing group and its importance in our war time history.

## Primary Excursion to Dubbo



This excursion is now **only 5 weeks away**, so we need now to complete all the formal permission notes and medical forms. Please complete the attached forms and return them to school with your money for the excursion (\$200) as soon as you are able to so that bookings can be confirmed. An itinerary is attached for your interest.

More details in the coming weeks.

## Head Lice

### HEAD LICE ALERT

Please be vigilant with child/children by checking their hair **EVERYDAY** and treating if necessary



## Nut Free



A friendly reminder that we do have a child with a nut allergy at this school so please bear this in mind when packing your children's lunch that we are a nut free school. No nutella, peanut butter etc.  
**Thankyou**

## Eat It to Beat It

This week's Cancer Council 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.



## Radio News



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

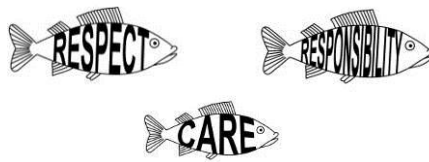
## School Banking



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 "Listening" for our Classroom.

### Playground –Toilets

**Respect:** Go, then leave

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

**Care:** Report Problems

### Classroom – Listening

**Respect:** Sit quietly. Eyes on speaker.

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

**Care:** Sensible answers.

## PBL- Uniform Winners

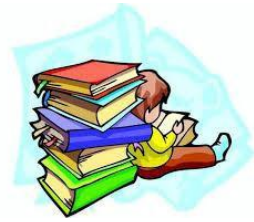


Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 1: **Angel Clark & Daniel Anderson.**

## Home Reading

Each semester our home reading program continues with encouragement for all students to read each night. **Recording of the number of nights read begins again at the start of the new semester** and this means

that everyone once again has the opportunity to participate in our Encouraging Students to Read program. Students receive a book to keep when they achieve **40** & **80** nights of reading.



## Student of the Week

**4/5/6 – Rory Anderson –** Sharing his knowledge with the class with enthusiastic contributions to discussions.



**3/4/5 – Opal Champion –** For a quiet, pleasant attitude to her work.





**Year 2 - Greg Clarke** – For doing his best during maths lessons.



**K/1 – Wade Foster** – For a settled start to Term 3.



### *Catch of the Week*

**4/5/6- Harri Ralph** – Following PBL rules and being an enthusiastic and helpful class member.



**3/4/5 – Kynan Crossley** – For lining up quietly in morning assembly.



**Year 2- Noely French** – For a sensible attitude towards his classwork.



**K/1 – Kayla Byrne** – For being a helpful class member and following the PBL focus.



### *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

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

**Recess award** Teleah Smith

**Lunch award** – Vada Hindmarsh



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## Canteen

**Helpers will be needed to run the canteen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August due to the unavailability of our regular canteen helper.**

**If no one is available - canteen WILL NOT operate on these days.**

**Please let Janet or Anne know if you can help out on these days.**

**Thankyou**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
Tiki Paton & Jodie Dean

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July -**  
Shan Bowditch & Cheryl Lanyon