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NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 3

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Dear Parents,

Wow! This week is Education Week – a change in week from the original date set for week 7 this term. Every day for us a Gundagai South is Open Day and celebration of our staff and students' work and activities in which they engage.

Education Week Activities at Gundagai South Public School. **Monday 28th** - Our senior students **Vada, Jarrah** and **Claire** will be representing the school with their participation in the Riverina Central Choir presentation for the Opening of Education Week in the Market Place in Wagga.

Visiting Dental Hygienist working with each class throughout the day

Tuesday 29th – Whole school tennis lessons with Birdie

Wednesday 30th – UNINSW English Exam.

Language, Literacy and Learning training – Miss Carthew.

Evening performance of Opera Australia's "The Magic Flute" at the Civic Theatre in Wagga with Jarrah and Vada performing with the Opera Australia cast to present Mozart's famous opera.

Thursday 31st – Funding review meetings.

Friday 1st August – Jeans for Genes Day – Support this

worthy organisation and wear Jeans to school for a gold coin donation.

12.15pm – Open Classrooms – come along and spend some time with your children and discover how teaching and learning has changed.

Tree planting by each class from **12.45pm** in support of National Tree Day.

2.00pm – Light Horse Display and presentation to the whole school. Rosewood Public School students visiting.

Parents are welcome to join the children and staff for our tree planting and to participate in the Light Horse presentation with students from Rosewood.

Year 5 students – Talented Student Program – Wagga Environment Education Centre.

Dental Hygienist



Today we welcome Laura Douglas and Monica Franses to our school as part of the community engagement

program in collaboration with partners Charles Sturt University to offer Dental Hygienist support to schools in the Gundagai district. Laura and Monica will work with class teachers during the next three weeks to encourage our students to be more aware of the importance of good dental hygiene.

Tennis Lessons

Please send in your \$2.00 per child for the first of their tennis lessons which will start this Tuesday morning. Remember to send in your money as we don't want anyone to miss out.



Speech Pathologist

Last Tuesday, Hannah Woodford, Speech Pathologist visited the school. Hannah has identified, together with the staff, students who would benefit from some additional assistance with speech and language. She will be

developing some programs which will be delivered in class literacy lessons and I'm sure that this will assist all our students with all literacy learning, but particularly communication skills, interpersonal relationships and writing and spelling.

Thankyou



Last week the school received a very generous donation of a chook run and roost which we need to put together for our chook yard. Our sincere thanks to **Alexandra, Jessica and Robert Butcher** for this wonderful asset to the school, as this now means that our chook yard can finally be completed. Thank you to the Butcher family.

Transition to School Evening

Thankyou to Miss Carthew who made a presentation to parents at the Transition to School evening last Thursday night at Gumnut. The evening was held to provide parents with some ideas for how to help their children prepare for starting school. Thankyou Miss Carthew.

Jeans for Genes Day

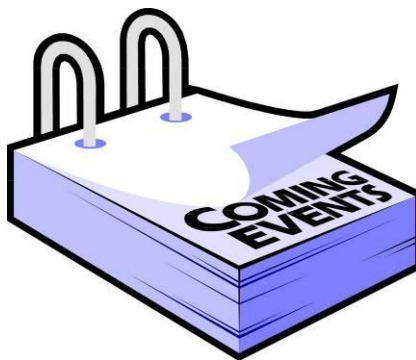


JEANS FOR GENES DAY
FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

Don't forget to wear your favourite jeans this Friday to

support **Jeans for Gene's day with a gold coin donation**. Parents come along at 12.15pm to our open classrooms, followed by tree planting and a presentation by the local Light Horse Company.

Events for next week to keep in mind



Monday 4th August – Regional Athletics

Wednesday 6th – 2.00pm
P & C Meeting
4.30pm Fathers' building activity evening.



Year 5 Talented Student Program

Four students from Year 5 have the opportunity to participate in a fun filled day at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre in Wagga this **Friday, 1st August**. The first 4 students with note in will be able to attend this Friday (transport is required please) however there will be an opportunity for more students to attend on **Thursday**

7th August. The cost is \$2.00 per student. This is a great opportunity for everyone in Year 5 to develop their scientific investigation skills. Please complete the attached permission note for one of these two days and return as soon as possible.

Spelling Bees



The school will again be conducting spelling bees for our participation in the Regional Spelling bee. These activities will be held over the next two weeks.

Snow Trip



An opportunity exists for students and parents to travel to Mt Selwyn for a skiing trip. This has been organised for **Monday 11th August** and would involve leaving here at approximately 9.00 and travelling up to Selwyn ready for some skiing, a lesson and more skiing. Costs are yet to be finalised as we are waiting for Selwyn to get back to us. We would need to know if you are interested in participating. I have booked the small bus which seats 24, so first in will have first preference and a deposit will be needed. **Parents**

must travel with students in Kindergarten and Year 1. The package deal which we use is a great option. It covers bus costs, entry into the park (cheaper for schools) lift hire, clothing hire and a lesson for an hour and a half. We usually return at about 6.00pm. This is a half day package. Please complete the attached permission note and return with a deposit of \$50.00 if you intend participating by Friday. Thankyou.

Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

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



Eat It to Beat It

This week's Cancer Council Eat It to Beat It snippet "The Simplest way to increase your fruit and veg intake" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.



Radio News



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 "Sports Shed" in the playground and "Work Habits" for our Classroom.

Playground –Sports Shed

Respect: Keep equipment tidy.

Responsibility: Return equipment when finished.

Care: Look after equipment. Report problems.

Classroom – Work Habits

Respect: Look after equipment. Follow teacher instructions. Respect other's rights to work.

Responsibility: Do your best. Be prepared.

Care: Neat bookwork. Careful work.

PBL- Uniform Winners



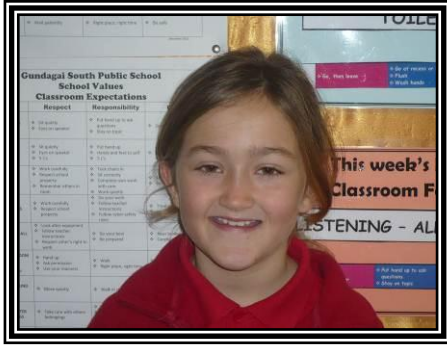
Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 2: **Harri Ralph, Kyle Monaghan, Zoey Anderson and Aiden Morris.**

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Dakota Anderson – Following instructions well.



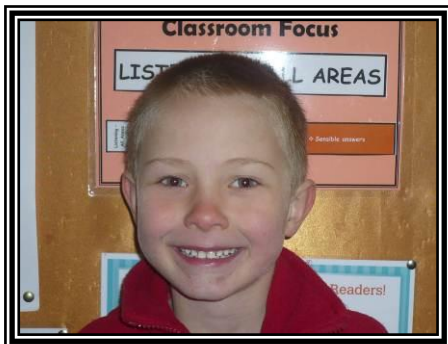
3/4/5 – Jessica Crooks – For excellent listening skills in all areas.



Year 2/3 – Tiara Foster – Neat work habits.



K/1 – Jack Clarke – For his beautiful handwriting. Jack is trying really hard during reading groups.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6- Jamie Bonat – Following all PBL rules.



3/4/5 – Brydon Harvey – For showing dedication to all areas of his learning.



Year 2/3- Chloe Crossley – For showing good listening skills.



K/1 – Samantha Crooks – Always showing the 5 L's on the carpet.



Healthy Recess and Lunch

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

Recess award -

Charlie Tresize

Lunch award –

Destiny Cooper



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Canteen

Helpers are still needed to run the canteen on Monday 11th and 25th July and Monday 8th 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 1st August -
Shan Bowditch & Tara Morris**

**Monday 4th August -
Tiki Paton & Jodie Dean**