



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 4

4<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Dear Parents,

A very busy week last week with the celebration of Education Week.

Unfortunately Friday was bitterly cold and wet, however our thanks to Kim Field from Rosewood for organising the Light Horse Display and to Ron and Lucas Dowell for their wonderful presentation.

Unfortunately I was unable to be there due to the untimely and unexpected death of a former Principal colleague David O'Rourke from Cabramurra whose funeral was held in Canberra on Friday. Thankyou to all the parents and friends who attended the Open Day and enjoyed the opportunity to see what the children are doing at school. Thankyou to the staff who helped with the tree planting and to Mrs Greaney for digging the last hole!



### *New Office Staff*

This week we welcome Mrs Rachael Murray to the role of Administrative Officer for the library on Thursdays and Administrative Manager for the office on Fridays. Rachel has accepted the position vacated by Mrs McDonald on Thursdays and Mrs Clarke on Fridays as Mrs McDonald is now working 3 days at Brungle and 2 days at Tumut and Mrs Clarke is assisting her husband in the office of the family business in Tumut. Thankyou

to both these ladies for thier support and knowledge and thankyou to Mrs Loren Curtis who worked for us on Friday.

### *Choir Success*

I hope everyone read the wonderful story about our successful choir girls in last week's local paper. It certainly was a great reflection of the maturity and commitment shown by each of the girls during the year.

Today **Vada** and **Jarrah** have travelled to Sydney to perform at the Opera House and they will be returning on Tuesday. A wonderful opportunity to participate with choirs from across the state in such an esteemed venue.

**Claire, Vada** and **Jarrah** performed brilliantly at the Market Place last Monday for the opening of Education Week before **Vada** and **Jarrah** then joined with other chosen members of the Riverina Central Choir to perform with the cast of Opera Australia in the performance of the Magic Flute. It was a wonderful performance and Mr McAlister and I were lucky enough to be able to attend and appreciate the opportunity the girls have enjoyed. We were both so



proud of the girls and their wonderful achievements.



### *Tennis Lessons*



Everyone was enthusiastic about the start of our tennis lessons last week with Birdie encouraging and supporting the new kinder students for their first lesson. The tennis court is proving so popular we have to have specific times for each class to use our wonderful facility. We are lucky to have the court and Birdie estimates its value to be in excess of \$65,000. We are also lucky to have our own mini nets, 30 tennis racquets and balls for our use. Lessons will continue again on Tuesday, please send in your \$2.00, so your child doesn't miss out.

### *Dental Hygienists*



Laura and Monica, the dental hygienists from CSU will be visiting the school again today

to work with the students to encourage the awareness of regular, frequent and correct brushing techniques, together with the importance of good diet to ensure the prevention of dental disease.

### *P & C Meeting*



Don't forget our next P & C meeting will be held this **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August** commencing at 2.00pm. I have to travel to Moama on the following Wednesday afternoon, hence it is being held a week early.

### *Fathers/Grandfathers Building Evening*



Don't forget – this will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> from 4.30 – 6.30pm**. Come along with your child, grandchild, friend and spend some time together building something together and sharing some quality time. Be imaginative and creative with what you bring with you to build! (and bring your own tools!)

## *Year 5 Environmental Education Centre*

Unfortunately no-one from Year 5 showed interest in attending this EEC last Friday, however we do have 2 students who will be attending this Thursday. It is a very practical hands on day, a day suited to those students who enjoy participating in the outdoors learning environment. The cost is \$2.00, payable on the day and students should wear 'civies' (not school uniform) and they need to take recess and lunch. The day begins at 9.30am.

### *Welcome Back*



This week we welcome Mrs McMillan back for Term 3. She has certainly been enjoying her hockey having most recently competed in the Nationals in Darwin and the Masters in Newcastle – following on from the team's success in the Netherlands at the World Cup, Trish has been selected to play for Australia again, this time in the Over 60's side in the Trans Tasman Cup against t New Zealand in May 2015 in Melbourne. Congratulations Trish – we are all extremely proud of your achievements.



## Spelling Bees



This Friday afternoon, students in Years 3 – 6 will participate in our in school Spelling Bee to determine which students will represent the school at the Regional Spelling Bee in September.

## Snow Trip



Next Monday we will be travelling to Mt Selwyn for a day at the show. Please now send in the full amount to cover the full cost of the trip. All money must be paid prior to going. The bus will be leaving school at 9.30am. Please ensure you have appropriate snow gear, wet weather gloves, beanie, scarf and snow boots (not joggers). **Please complete the attached information sheets and return by tomorrow, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – all information has to be sent off to Selwyn tomorrow.**

## Maths Exam - UNINSW

Next **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**, students will sit for the Maths

exam. We wish all these students the best of luck.

## Excursion Reminder

Please send in the balance of your money for the excursion ASAP, as well as your completed permission note and medical forms. A letter outlining suggested clothing is also included for your your information.



## 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

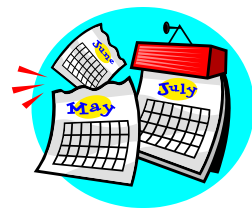


This week's Cancer Council Eat It to Beat It snippet "The Simplest way to food shop on a

budget "is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council in their Eat it to Beat it program.

## Calendar

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



## Radio News



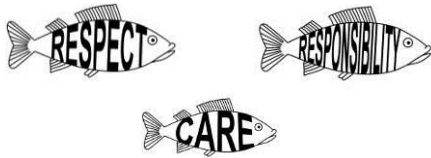
Week 5: Jamie & Gabrielle  
Week 6: Ben & Chelsie  
Week 7: Excursion  
Week 8: Claire & Vada  
Week 9: Louis & Harri  
Week 10: Alauralee & Elysha

## 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 “**Lunch Area**” in the playground and “**Looking after belongings**” for our Classroom.

### Playground –Lunch Area

**Respect:** Stay seated.

**Responsibility:** Eat your lunch.

**Care:** Pack up. Rubbish in bins.

### Classroom – Looking after Belongings

**Respect:** Take care with others’ belongings

**Responsibility:** Label belongings. Take care of own belongings. Return equipment.

**Care:** Put things neatly where they belong. Zip up bags.

## PBL Green Level

Congratulations to **Ben Crooks** and **Brydon Harvey** who have achieved their Green level certificate. Well done.

## PBL Pink Level

Congratulations to **Ryan Anderson** who has achieved his Pink level certificate. Well done. Ryan

## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 3: **Lilah Norden, Destiny Cooper, Jessica Crooks and Louis Lievens**

## Student of the Week

**4/5/6 – Rylee Byrne** – Working enthusiastically during literacy lessons.



**3/4/5 – Dylan Manns** – Great effort in maths.



**Year 2/3 – Shante Kothe-Champion** – Trying hard with her class work.



**K/1 – Te-Leah Smith** – For trying really hard in her spelling test.



## Catch of the Week

**4/5/6- Jarrah Ransome** – Demonstrating responsibility and maturity in all areas of school life.



**3/4/5 – Angel Clark** – Showing respect in all areas.



**Year 2/3- Ryan Anderson** – Being helpful with the sports shed.



**K/1 – Jade Harvey** – For her improved work habits in class.



### *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 3

**Recess award -**

Shante Kothe-  
Champion



**Lunch award** – Brydon Harvey

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### Canteen

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

**PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE CORRECT DATES!**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Laurie Byron**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August -**

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# LOST


New red polar fleece school jumper size 14 with the name Morris written on it.

Could all parents please check at home to make sure it hasn't been taken home by mistake.

Thank you



# August 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <i>Open Day</i> <i>Tree Planting</i> Light Horse Demo <i>Jeans for Genes</i>	2	3
4 Regional Athletics Albury Dental Hygienists <b>Riverina Central</b> <b>Choir -</b> <b>Performance</b> <b>Opera House</b>	5 Tennis Lessons 	6 P & C Meeting 2.00pm Dad/Grandfathers building activity 4.30-6.00pm School Banking	7 Year 5 Riverina Environmental Education Centre Wagga	8 <i>Afternoon</i> <i>Spelling Bee</i>	9	10
11 Dental Hygienists <b>SNOW TRIP</b>	12 UNI NSW Maths Exam Tennis Lessons	13 <i>Paint 'n' Play</i> <b>9.30</b> <i>L3 Training</i> School Banking	14 Principals' Conference Moama	15 Principals' Conference Moama	16	17
18  Dental Hygienists	19 Tennis Lessons	20 <b>ASSEMBLY</b> School Banking Choir Instructional Leaders Meeting Mt Austin PS	21 <i>Principals' meeting</i> <i>Cootamundra</i>	22	23	24
25 Dubbo Excursion Yrs 3/4/5/6	26	27 <i>L3 Training</i> School Banking	28	29 →	30	31