



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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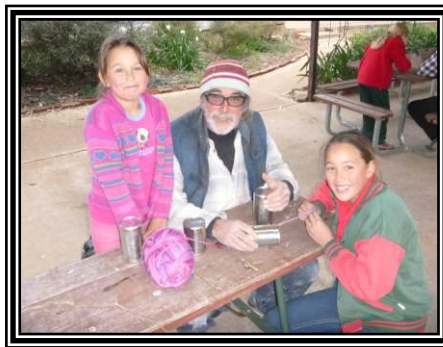
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Luke Street  
Gundagai NSW 2722

Term 3 Week 5

11th August 2014

Dear Parents,

Thankyou to those fathers, grandfathers and friends who came to school on a chilly Wednesday evening last week to spend some quality building time with the children. There was a good rollup of enthusiastic students and their helpers who sawed, hammered, nailed, glued and built a great variety of special objects. From the pinball machine to the bird feeder, paddle pop stick basket and homemade bear, there was something for everyone. Thankyou to the staff who attended and thanks to Ms Dickinson and the students who made the scones for afternoon tea.



### Snow Trip



Today Mrs McMillan and Mrs McAlister will accompany the students and some parents to the snow. I'm sure we will all have a fun filled day as there is plenty of snow this year.

### Environmental Education Centre

Thanks to Shan for providing transport to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre for Year 5 students **Alauralee and Claire**. They certainly enjoyed the opportunity and were excited to spend the day catching bugs and water species and then completing research tasks with the microscopes. They returned to school very enthusiastically and were pleased to have taken part in the day's activities.

### Maths Exam



This Tuesday, students will sit for the last University exam for 2014. This will be the Maths exam. Students doing these exams have gained valuable experience and skills for the

future as well as learning to manage their time more effectively through their participation.

## Tennis Lessons

Another fun tennis lesson last Tuesday saw students developing their skills with back hand. Some good rallies were produced by the older students as they are learning how to place the ball during a rally. Well done everyone.



## Assembly and Book Fair



We will be holding our Book Fair and Assembly during Book Week (beginning 18<sup>th</sup> August) with our first assembly for this term **moving to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** due to a busy week and Mrs McMillan's availability on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to organise our Book Fair. **Book Fair will be open from 1.00pm** on Friday with **assembly to follow after lunch at 2.00pm.** This is a primary assembly and will be held in the 4/5/6 classroom.

## Job Applications

Applications for the permanent teacher position have closed and panel members are currently reading through the applications received. The Short listing process will commence this week.

## Senior School Spelling Bee



Last Friday afternoon students in Years 3 – 6 participated in our school spelling bee. Everyone was very excited and did their best with lots of tricky, unknown words being used. Final rounds will be held through the week with champions and representatives being announced next week. Well done everyone.

## Canteen

Thankyou to **Cheryl Lanyon, Anthea Cooper** and **Kristie Cooper-Rainbow** who have kindly volunteered to fill in the canteen days where help was requested. Thankyou to these people.



## Principals' Conference

This week I will be attending the Regional Principals' Conference in Moama. The following Monday, Ms Dickinson and I will be attending a local 'Every Student, Every School' meeting in Tumbarumba and on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, I have to attend an Instructional Leaders Meeting in Wagga with Mrs Green, and on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, there is a local Principals' meeting for the Cootamundra schools. The following week is of course, our Excursion to Dubbo.

## Knitting

Could all primary students in Years 3 – 6 that borrowed **school knitting needles** please return them to school for later use. Some of those sets of needles were donated by the ladies from Cootamundra so that our school could have a set of knitting needles to use to teach knitting again later on. **They were not for students to keep!**



## Excursion

Anyone who has not yet finalised their Dubbo excursion payments should please do so over the next two weeks. All monies **must be paid in full prior to going on the excursion.** I you are experiencing any difficulties, please make an appointment and come and discuss it with me. Remember that I am always available after school if you have to make an appointment.



## P & C Minutes



Please find attached, copy of last week's P & C meeting. Thankyou to those parents who attended – we had a good roll up. Thankyou and welcome to Jodie.

## Speech Therapist

Hannah Woodford, our Speech Therapist will be visiting the school tomorrow, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August to work in the classrooms with class teachers to build capacity and upskill the

teachers by offering support and suggestions.

## Oral Health Program



Laura and Monica have been busy canvassing support for our Oral Health Program during the past couple of weeks. We are grateful for their enthusiastic approach and their ability to gain some generous support and donations from Woolworths Gundagai, the Gundagai Pharmacy and Phoenix Industries in Wagga. We would like to publicly acknowledge your generous support of our school students as we endeavour to improve the oral hygiene of all students at Gundagai South Public. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

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

## Radio News



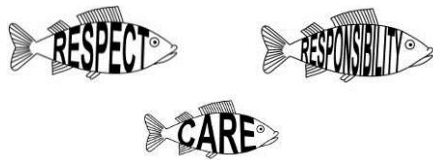
Week 6: Ben & Jarrah  
Week 7: Excursion  
Week 8: Gabrielle & Vada  
Week 9: Louis & Harri  
Week 10: Alauralee & Elysha

## 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 “**Out of Bounds**” in the playground and “**Speaking to others**” for our Classroom.

### Playground –Out of Bounds

**Respect:** Follow teacher instructions.

**Responsibility:** Right place right time. Stay in playground

**Care:** Report problems

### Classroom – Speaking to others

**Respect:** Speak politely. Greet people.

**Responsibility:** Make eye contact.

**Care:** Speak clearly to be understood.

## PBL Red Level

Congratulations to **Angel Clark** who has achieved her Red level certificate.

## PBL Green Level

Congratulations to **Noely French, Jessica Crooks, Gabrielle Butcher, Jamie Bonat and Destiny Cooper** who have all achieved their Green level certificate. Well done.

## PBL Pink Level

Congratulations to **Zak Anderson and Jordan Paton** who has achieved their Pink level certificate. Well done boys.

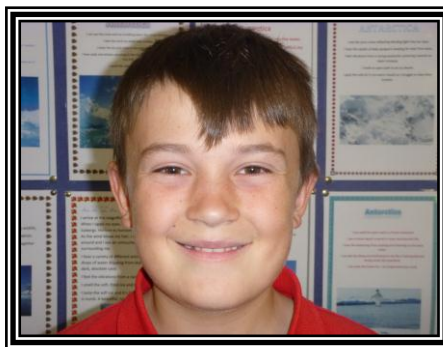
## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for week 4: **Louis Lievens, Brydon Harvey, Thomas Casnave and Harri Ralph.**

## Student of the Week

**4/5/6 – Louis Lievens –** Completing classroom tasks with enthusiasm.



**3/4/5 – Jessica Crooks –** Working diligently at all times and demonstrating excellent listening skills.



**Year 2/3 – Charlie Hourn –** For a great effort with homework and home reading.



**K/1 – Miah Hosking –** For trying her best during maths rotations.



## Catch of the Week

**4/5/6- Claire Lievens –** Taking responsibility for personal care of all belongings.



**3/4/5 – Adam Morris –**  
Making a great effort to  
improve his ability to take care  
of his belongings in the  
classroom.



**Year 2/3- Kynan Paton –** For  
always looking after his  
belongings.



**K/1 – Amy Myers -** For  
always looking after her  
belongings in class.



### *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

Congratulations to our healthy  
recess and lunch awards  
winners for Week 4

**Recess award -** Kayla Byrne

**Lunch award –** Gabrielle  
Butcher

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### Canteen

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August –  
Cheryl Lanyon &  
Shan Bowditch

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
- Janet Clarke

### Gundagai Netball

Gundagai Netball Street  
Stall this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.  
Cooking and helpers  
needed. Contact Sam  
Johnson 0422 154 298