



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 1

6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to the final term for 2015! I hope you and your children had an enjoyable time together over the past couple of weeks. The weather has been beautiful during the break, however some rain is now much needed for our land which is quickly drying out with this very warm spell.

Everyone is looking forward to a great term's learning ahead with our students again having the opportunity to participate in many wonderful learning experiences and extra curricula activities.

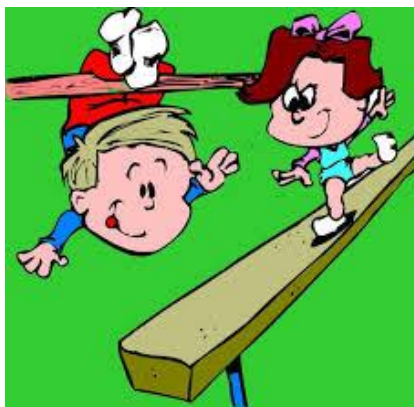
### Milo T20 Cricket Blast Years 3 - 6



This Friday the students from Years 3 – 6 will be participating in a fun gala cricket day with all the other local schools in Gundagai. The students will be travelling to Stan Crowe Oval by bus (at no cost) **leaving school at 9.00am** and will play in teams of 8 – 10 in a round

robin event through the day. **All permission notes should have been returned to school at the end of last term. If you have not yet done so, please return by Thursday.** It makes Anne's job so much easier when she doesn't have to continually send out notes to remind parents to sign and return. Our day was lots of fun last year, so we expect everyone to participate and have an enjoyable day.

### Gym Lessons

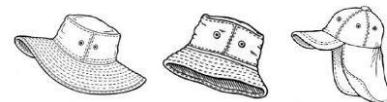


Gymnastics is a component of the PE, PD, Health Key Learning Area (Department of Education Curriculum), and the students at Gundagai South will once again have the opportunity to work with a professional qualified gymnastics teacher. Mrs Thatcher will be teaching gymnastics to all students each Monday for seven weeks beginning on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**October.** Please remember that students need to wear appropriate clothing to actively participate in these gym lessons on Mondays, so sports uniform would be suitable.

Our thanks to Melissa for her support and commitment to Gundagai South. There will be no cost to the students for these lessons, as the school will pay for the lessons.

### Hats & Water



With the weather warming up considerably this week, we must remind everyone that school hats are once again a compulsory part of our school uniform. The school has a policy of "No hat, no play", so please ensure that together - you and your child take responsibility for ensuring that your child has their school hat each day. Please also make sure that each day a bottle of water is included in your child's bag so that they are able to rehydrate and energise their brain with water throughout the day.



## Chaplaincy Funding

New applications for our school to once again receive support for our students through the Federal Government's Chaplaincy in Schools Program are now open. Our school will be applying for funding for the next triennium as this program offers wonderful wellbeing support for our students. Currently Jenny Glazebrook works at the school as our Chaplaincy worker and she is providing wonderful support for our school – for our students, Staff and parents who have been able to access her support and advice. The Chaplaincy program is an important and integral aspect of our School Plan as Wellbeing for Learning supports our whole school learning community as it sits within our strategic direction for Wellbeing. If anyone does not wish for their child/children to be supported as part of our Wellbeing program, please complete the attached form. **NOTE!** This is not a religious program nor does the program have any religious connotations.

## Portfolios



There are still a number of parents who have not yet returned their child's/children's portfolios to school from Term 2. In order for new work to be placed into the folders, it would be appreciated if these could

please be returned as soon as possible. Thanks.

## P & C Meeting



The next P & C meeting will be held next Wednesday evening, **14<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 7.00pm**. Please come along and join us for a relaxed discussion about our school. Last month our meeting was particularly productive and it was wonderful to see so many keen and interested parents and friends able to attend.

## Broken Bay



Not long now until our senior students will be heading off to Broken Bay – **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Everyone is extremely excited by the prospect of a week away with a number of other different school students (both locally and across the state) and the opportunity to participate in an excellent range of activities at the Sport and Recreation Camp.

## Absences



Towards the end of term in particular, but also throughout the term, students are unfortunately having many unexplained absences from school. It is a legal requirement that all students attend school each day that it is open unless there is a valid reason for the student's absence. If your child/children are absent from school, it is your responsibility as their legal guardian to complete an absence note and return it to school within one week of that absence. Our Home School Liaison officer visits the school regularly to check each class roll and a record is kept by District Office of such absences.

Importantly, did you know that if your child misses **1 day a fortnight** it equals 20 days per year or 4 weeks. Over the lifetime of schooling, that equates to a year and a half of missed learning. If your child misses **1 day per week**, that is 40 days or 8 weeks of learning each year. Over 13 years that is equal to two and a half years of school that's lost which is also the equivalent of finishing at Year 10 levels.

Obviously if more days are missed, the results of such absences are even direr. It is also said that one day's absence requires three days catching up of missed concepts and new learning.

Something to think about.

## After School Tennis Lessons



Birdie will be once again offering tennis lessons after school for those students who wish to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Lessons will be on Monday afternoons commencing at 3.30pm for 6 weeks. The cost will be \$45.00 for the 6 weeks. Please let me now if you would like to participate.

## Meetings

Unfortunately, there are several principals' meetings which have been scheduled for early this term. I will be away today in Wagga with the other Gundagai Principals discussing our School Management Plans with our Education Director. On Friday this week there is a combined Cootamundra district principals' meeting and the following week, I will be away on Thursday and Friday attending the Small Schools' Principals' conference. Miss Reynolds will be taking my place on each of these two Fridays.

## "Brain Blitz Club"



Each **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1.30 – 1.45pm** the staff will be running a Brain Blitz Club where we will be offering support for students who are having difficulty completing their homework. If your child is experiencing difficulties, then they will be encouraged to come along to receive some support. There will also be support for students who have difficulty remembering to complete their nightly home reading. Students in Years 4/5/6 should be reading for 20 minutes minimum time each day.

## Learning Journeys



This term, the staff will be implementing some new ideas with student learning to help the students become more independent, resilient problem solvers who are able to transfer their knowledge across different learning disciplines. Students will be taking greater

responsibility for their learning and will be encouraged to make individual choices about what and how they learn. More details over the coming weeks. An exciting new innovation in line with our school planning, How2Learn and the changing face of education.

## Lanterns of the Lagoon



What a wonderful display Mrs Hillier, Ms Sini and the students created for our participation in Lanterns on the Lagoon during the first Saturday of the holidays in Tumut. It certainly was spectacular with the creative and colourful bugs clinging onto the excellent tee-shirt weaving frame presenting and eye catching piece. It certainly received many positive comments from an appreciative crowd of onlookers featuring in the Tumut and Adelong Times, thanks to everyone who was involved in the making and setting up of the display especially Mrs Hillier and Ms Sini. The display now sits proudly in the foyer at school.

## Congratulations

A special mention to those students who represented the school at the Spelling Bee finals in Wagga – **Claire Lievens, Gabby Butcher, Jess Crooks and Angel Clark**. Well done girls on your wonderful participation and enthusiasm in a very difficult and highly



competitive competition.  
Thankyou to the Butchers and Gayle McGrath who assisted with transport.



Special mention also to our two soccer teams who participated in the Gala Soccer day in Tumut during Week 10. Although our teams didn't win many games, everyone enjoyed the day and had lots of fun . Star of the day for the Year 5/6 team was **Christopher Afuang** and for the Years 3/4 team **Jess Crooks**.



## Assembly

Congratulations to all our students who received awards of our end of term assembly. Special mention to winners of Special awards.

### Principal's Awards

K/1 – **Aiden Morris**

2/3 – **Teleah Smith**

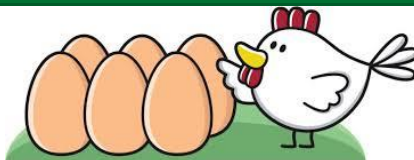
4/5/6 – **Christopher Afuang**

## Citizenship Award **Dylan Manns**

Congratulations to all our students for their excellent participation and great sportsmanship in all their endeavours.



## Eggs



Don't forget we have eggs for sale. \$4.00 per dozen.

## Radio News



Week 2: Claire Lievens & Will Robinson

## 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 "**Lines**" in the playground and "**Listening**" for our Classroom.

### Playground –Lines

**Respect:** Wait patiently.

**Responsibility:** Right place, right time.

**Care:** Hands and feet to self.

### Classroom – Listening

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

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

**Care:** Sensible answers.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

Pip☺

## CANTEEN

The Canteen Roster and Menu for Term 4 are attached.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Cheryl Lanyon & Shan Bowditch**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Alex Butcher – Viviana  
Tyson**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
October – Bec Morris  
& Jenna Morris**

**OOSH Newsletter**

Attached is the After  
School Care Program  
for Term 4  
commencing Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> October.