



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 5

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Dear Parents,

Today we welcome our School Education Director of the Cootamundra Schools – Toni Macdonald to our school. Toni will be spending time with me in a supervising role –she will have a busy day as she visits Brungle, Gundagai South, Gundagai High and Nangus schools all in the one day. Toni has informed me that she has accepted a new position at Bathurst and will be leaving the Cootamundra schools at the end of the year. We all wish her well as she takes up her new position and thank her for her support and guidance during the implementation of the new School Plan, Milestones and many other new mandatory policies and reforms currently being introduced.

### *Live Life Well*

Mrs Wheeler attended this workshop in Yass last week and is very excited with lots of new ideas and plans to help our school become more healthy and compliant with new guidelines for canteens. Already the students are loving the changes being introduced by the canteen mums and dads and the

fruit cups are proving to be really popular. Thankyou to all the parents who regularly give up their time to support the school canteen and the students. Your commitment and enthusiasm is much appreciated. Mrs Wheeler will share some to the information and suggestions from her training day at this week's P & C meeting.

### *Red Ball Tennis*

What a fabulous day our twelve tennis players enjoyed at Tumut on Wednesday. The Red Ball tennis competition – half court teams of four, is an ideal way to involve more students in being healthy and active whilst enjoying the game of tennis and improving their skills. Playing in a confined area means that students have to focus fully on ball control and tactics in a much smaller area.

At the end of the day, Gundagai South team 1 (**Claire Lievens, Alauralee Bowditch, Harri Ralph and Destiny Cooper**) played off against our team 2 (**Jordan Paton, Brydon Harvey, Isaac Ford and Daniel Anderson**) for a place in the finals. Team 1 were successful and then had to face Khancoban in the finals. They defeated this

strong combination 57 – 43 to take out the inaugural Red Ball Tennis competition. Team 3 (**Kynan Crossley, Jess Crooks, Gina Wheeler and Charlie Hourn**) played exceptionally well and come sixth on the day. Thankyou to Charlie who stepped in to cover a vacancy – you played with great skill and determination. Well done everyone. Thankyou to all the parents and grandparents who helped with transport on the day.

Our winning team have qualified to play in the next round at Wagga on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at the Jim Elphick Tennis Centre. The day will commence at 9.30am and the cost of the day will be \$3.00 per student. A limited canteen will operate on the day – **ONLY** selling drinks. Please bring your own food. Parents will need to transport their children to Wagga on the day. For the winner and runner up of these PSSA finals, these two teams will then be invited to contest the Tennis Australia Red Ball national finals to be held at **Melbourne Park Tennis Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Good luck Gundagai South students.



## Year 6 Gala Day

Ms Lu was very impressed with everyone's behaviour at the Year 6 Gala Day last Thursday. I'm sure you all enjoyed the fun day and got to meet some of the other students who will be going to Gundagai High School with you next year. Some of our students will continue their transition program this Wednesday and each Wednesday over the next month or so. The official transition to High School Open Day is **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** when everyone will spend the day there.



## Flower Show Performance

Congratulations everyone on your wonderful performance at the Flower Show. I heard you all sang beautifully and were a credit to the school. Well done everyone.



## Count Us In To Music



It was great that our students participated with other schools across Australia on Thursday for the simultaneous singing of this year's song – "Gold". Although our Year 6 students were at Gundagai High School for the day, the other students performed very well. Thankyou everyone.

## Transition – Kindergarten Orientation Program

The next session for our Kindergarten Orientation will be this **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** with our new students attending from 9.15am – 1.15pm. The students are encouraged to come on the bus

if appropriate and they will need to bring their recess, a piece of fruit, a bottle of water and their hat. We are all looking forward to seeing them all again.



## PBL Reward & S Factor

This Friday, the children will all enjoy their next PBL Reward – a Tabloid afternoon. We are also holding S Factor at 12noon. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

## Operation Art



Don't forget the opportunity to participate in the Art workshops on this week. **Amy Myers** and **Teleah Smith** on Wednesday, **Angel Clark** and **Tiara Foster** on Thursday and **Chris Afuang** and **Opal Champion** on Friday. As we have paid for one more student, another may have the opportunity to attend, however I will let you know. Please see your note from last week for the starting time. **You do not need to wear your school uniform.**

## Fun in the Park

Thankyou to Mrs Jackson and Ms Sini who organised our activities for the Fun in the Park last Friday afternoon. I'm sure

those who participated enjoyed your art activity.  
Thankyou.

### *P & C Street Stall*



Don't forget to send in items for the P & C hamper.

**K/1 – Laundry item**  
**Year 2 – Kitchen item**  
**Year 3 – Food Item**  
**Year 4 – Garden**  
**Years 5 – Stationery**  
**Year 6 – Bathroom**

Thankyou to those parents who have sent in items for the Street Stall to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Raffle tickets are attached to your newsletter. **These need to be returned to school with money when sold by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

We are still in need of volunteers to man the stall on Thursday. Please let the school know as soon as possible if you are able to spare an hour or two to help out.

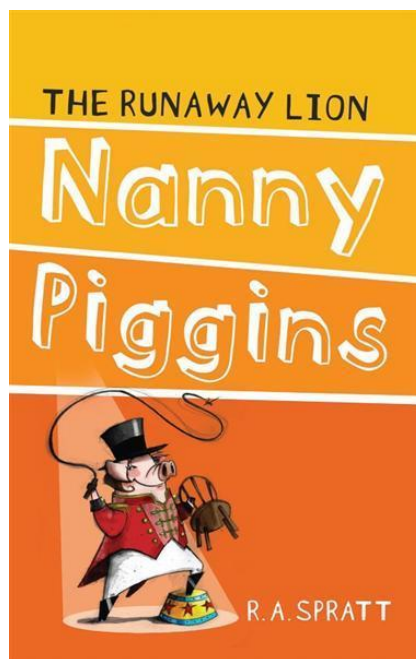
Remember we will need plenty of cooking - pickles, jam, arts, crafts and plants on the days.  
Thankyou

### *Training & Development*



This week Miss Greaney will be teaching the K/1 class on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday whilst Mrs Hillier completes her L3 / How2Learn training. Miss Reynolds will teach my class while I attend Focus on Reading, then How2Learn. It is indeed a busy time of the year.

### *Author Visit and Infants' Athletics*



On Tuesday week, **November 10<sup>th</sup>** our school will host a visit by well-known children's author R.A. Spratt. This event is being sponsored by Gateway Bookshop and we thank them for the opportunity to host such an entertaining speaker. Books that you may know and may like to order are from the Nanny

Piggins series and others include Friday Barnes. A selection is available for viewing in the school foyer. An order form is attached. Nangus, Bongongo and Brungle students will also be joining us for the presentation and will be staying for for more activities throughout the day. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the presentation which runs from 10.00 – 11.30am.

Following this presentation, we will have lunch and the canteen will open for a "hot dog" lunch. Following this, students in Years 5 & 6 from all the school will then assist in the running of a mini infant's athletic carnival and tabloid afternoon. Years 6 will be responsible for running the athletics for students in K/1/2 and any of those students who do not attend the Small Schools Carnival. Year 5 will be organising tabloid activities for all students in Year 3 & 4. Please wear sports uniform. Parents and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy the day with us.

If you would like to order a hot dog meal deal – Hot Dog, fruit box and fruit slice – cost \$5.00 , please complete the attached note and return by Friday to ensure you are able to enjoy lunch with everyone.

### *School Photos*

These will be taken on **Wednesday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> November.** Please ensure your child is wearing **full summer uniform (dress – girls) will be worn with white socks and black shoes, whilst red T shirt (short sleeves), grey shorts and grey/white socks and black shoes will be the boys' dress code!**



**Girls – please do not do fancy things with you hair– it is often very unattractive to see you arriving at school with unusual hair styles on photo day and it just isn't you or who you are.** Envelopes are attached for you to complete and return ASAP. Please ensure the **correct money** is placed in the envelope as the school does not keep enough change to be regularly cashing \$50 notes.

Thankyou



### Mrs McMillan

Today we welcome back Mrs McMillan to school for a visit. It will be lovely for everyone to catch up with Trish again.

### Remembrance Day Ceremony



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, (after photos) our school leaders will be attending the Remembrance Day ceremony at Anzac Grove. **They will need to wear their summer school uniform** and will travel by car. We will leave school at approximately 10.30am and return at the conclusion of the ceremony. Please complete and

return the attached permission note by Friday.

### P & C Meeting



Our next P & C meeting is being held one week earlier than usual – this Wednesday evening 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. This is so that arrangements for the Street Stall can be finalised. Come along with your ideas for 2016 for our school.

### 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**

### Calendar



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

### School Banking



Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

### Radio News



Week 6:	Angel & Daniel
Week 7:	Lizzie & Kynan
Week 8:	Chloe & Gabby
Week 9:	Rylee & Adam
Week 10:	Meg & Riley
Week 11:	Isaac & Alauralee

## PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be “**Canteen**” in the playground and “**Looking after belongings**” for our Classroom.

### Playground –Canteen

**Respect:** Use your manners.

**Responsibility:** Line up. Wait your turn. 10 minutes buying time during play time.

**Care:** Make healthy choices.

### 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.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 4: **Daniel Anderson, Hayden Crossley, Chase Anderson and Chloe Crossley.** Well done.

## PBL Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the following level in our PBL welfare system.

**ORANGE: Braith Winner & Amy Myers.**

### Home Reading

Congratulations to the following student who has reached 40 nights Home Reading.

#### 40 Nights

**Greg Clarke**

### Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 4  
Recess award-  
**Aiden Morris**  
Lunch award – **Josie Warren**



### Student of the Week

**4/5/6 – Brydon Harvey –**  
Making a great effort with his spelling.



**2/3- Nic Monaghan –** Trying his best with singing at the Flower Show.



**K/1 – Hayden Crossly –** For his consistent effort during writing activities.



### Catch of the Week

**4/5/6 - Hayley Booby –**  
Demonstrating positive work habits and showing care in the presentation of work.



**2/3 - Brandy McGrath** – Exhibiting friendly behaviour and always using her manners.



**K/1 – Aiden Morris** – Being a responsible learner in the classroom.



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## CANTEEN

**CANTEEN WILL  
NO LONGER  
OPERATE ON  
WEDNESDAYS –  
THE NEXT  
CANTEEN DAY  
WILL BE:**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November -  
Tara Morris & Trevor  
Champion**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
– Cheryl Lanyon & Shan  
Bowditch**

Please see attached list  
of food items now  
available for purchase  
at the canteen

**PARTY PIES ARE  
NO LONGER  
AVAILABLE**

**THERE IS ONLY A  
LIMITED SUPPLY  
OF CHICKEN  
CHIPPIES,  
NUGGETS, AND  
PIZZA POCKETS -  
ONCE GONE THEY  
WILL NO LONGER  
BE AVAILABLE AS  
WELL**

Swimming Club  
Registration/Assessment  
night  
Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of  
November 4:00 to 6:00pm

All new swimmers to be  
assessed before registering  
Re-registering swimmers  
assessed Monday 9<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November

Cost for the swimming season  
will be \$84.00. \$25 to Gundagai  
swimming club & \$59 to  
swimming NSW which needs to  
be done online.

**Club Nights Thursday - 1<sup>st</sup>  
club night 12<sup>th</sup> of November  
2015**

**Training nights - starting  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

Monday – Stroke Correction

5:00-5:30 beginners

5:30-6:30 seniors

Tuesday – Endurance swimming

5:30 – 6:00 beginners

5:30-6:30 seniors

This year we have on board to  
help our coach Kay Makeham.  
Max Hargreaves who has 25  
years coaching experience &  
Tash Flanagan who has her own  
swimming experiences &  
knowledge.

Both coaches specializing in  
stroke correction.

We are hoping for a fun year for  
the kids & help make our  
swimmers stronger by improving  
their ability. For any details  
please call or message  
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