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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

A most enjoyable day was had by all last Tuesday when our school played host to well-known children's author R.A. Spratt with students, staff and parents from Bongongo, Brungle and Nangus. Our day began with a very entertaining presentation by Rachael Spratt. She spoke about her early years at school, telling the students she was not really very good at writing, spelling or grammar and punctuation. Her first job as a journalist saw her writing jokes which allowed her to use her very vivid imagination, a talent she has used to great effect in her children's books – Nanny Piggins – a rather unusual pig character comes to life throughout the books as she challenges the other characters in the book with her unusual ideas and opinions. Following the presentation, students asked Rachael a range of questions which she answered through the voice on her Nanny Piggins puppet and then Rachael signed individual books for those students who had purchased her books.



After an early lunch, the students moved on to their next activities – with Kinder, Year 1 & 2 students beginning their athletics carnival, and students in Years 3 & 4 moving to enjoy a range of tabloid activities. Our thanks to the students in Year 6 and Year 5 as they very ably assisted in running the various events. It was great to see everyone co-operating together and showing great leadership skills. Thankyou to our parent helpers who ran the canteen for the day, helping to make the day a great success.



Street Stall

Thankyou to everyone who contributed to the success of the street stall last week. Firstly – thankyou to all the families who contributed to the wonderful hamper and to those who sold or bought tickets. Thankyou to our other raffle donors –

McAlister Saunderson Stubbs, Eva Larsen & Sue & Jeff Matthews. Thankyou very much to those who contributed cooking during the three days.

A special thankyou to our wonderful volunteers who gave up a little of their time to sit on the stall for us – **Tiki Paton, Shan Bowditch, Alicia Crossley, Mrs Funnell, Mrs Petty, Alex Butcher, Gayle McGrath, Deb & Val Clarkson, Casey Norden and Mitch Myers.** Thankyou also to Mitch for helping to transport and return the tables and chairs for us and to Mrs Edwards for assisting the P & C with the raffle books, float and general organisation.

Winners of the raffles were:

Swag – **Maya Morris**

Hamper – **Bec Cotterill**

Towels – **Jill Taylor**

Glasses – **Ned Wells**

100 Clubs – **Zac Stelter & Steve**

Steve

Thankyou everyone.

Tickets are still available in one of the 100 Clubs if you would like to send in \$2.00 to purchase a ticket.

Remembrance Day

Thankyou to **Alauralee Bowditch & Claire Lievens** who represented the school with me at the Remembrance Day ceremony and unveiling of the Korean War Memorial on Wednesday. You were both excellent ambassadors



Red Ball Tennis

A huge congratulations to our four Red Ball Tennis representatives – **Claire Lievens, Alauralee Bowditch, Harri Ralph and Destiny Cooper** who competed in the Regional finals in Wagga last Tuesday. Our talented team of four finished 3rd in the competition, competing against 18 other schools during the day. This was a wonderful achievement and our students should feel very proud of their wonderful achievement. Thankyou to our parents who took the students to Wagga and who encouraged them throughout the day, helping them to achieve their best.



Harri, Claire, Destiny, Alauralee



Parent Survey



This week and next I will try to chat personally to parents as part of the school's annual evaluation processes. It may be a good way to get a very broad cross section of our parents, so have a think if you have something you would really like to tell me about. I will be asking about strengths of the school and ways we may be able to make improvements as well as providing you with the opportunity to have any other comments.

Screen Swap

This week we begin our Screen Swap Challenge. Mrs Wheeler is keen to see how much physical activity can be accumulated in place of time spent using electronic devices and watching T.V.. Remember more points can be gained if mum, dad or grandparents also give up their screen time and join in your physical activity. According to a survey recently published, figures state that more than 60% of people aged 16 and over are overweight or obese in the Murrumbidgee Health Area. Books to record your tally are being sent home

with students today and must be returned this Friday morning. Thankyou

Cootamundra Book Launch – Creative Kids Catchment

Enviro Stories

Our four students who participated in the Creative Kids Catchment writing project – **Kynan Crossley, Lizzie Byron, Thomas Casnave and Claire Lievens** have been invited to Cootamundra on **Monday 7th December** for the official launch of their book from 11.30 – 1.00pm. This will be held at Cootamundra Public School. I would love to see our four students together with interested family members attending this auspicious and prestigious occasion. Please complete the attached permission note and **return to school by Friday 20th** so transport can be organised. Please indicate if you are able to assist with transport to Cootamundra.

Hot Off the Press

Congratulations to **Miah Hosking, Braith Winner and Rylee** who have their work featured in Hot Off the Press this week. Attached are samples of their work.

Assembly



Don't forget to come along to our school assembly on Wednesday at 2.00pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Uralba Visit



All notes should have been returned for our visit to Uralba this Friday at 11.00am. **If you don't return your note, you don't go.** This would be a great shame.

Compulsory School Attendance



Information for parents has been received at school in relation to Compulsory School attendance. This is attached to your newsletter and should be read by everyone.

Wednesday Canteen

Last week our raisin toast specials were a great success.

This week we will be offering a lunch special of 5 chicken chippies/or nuggets with a bottle of water and piece of fruit for \$4.00. Please write this lunch deal on your bag if you wish to order. Thankyou to Alex Butcher for organising this. Raisin toast will still be available

Parent BBQ



A special BBQ for all parents and friends of the school will be held on **Friday evening 4th December from 6.00 – 7.30pm**. This is especially for our new kindergarten parents to come along and meet our current parents and particularly for our parents of students in Years 6. This will be a free BBQ however we would like an indication of numbers attending and the number of sausages or rissoles for catering purposes. The Kindergarten classroom will be open for our new parents to visit. We are all looking forward to the evening.

Transition to School



Our next transition to school will be held on **Thursday 26th November** and will be for a whole day. This will be a

wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the range of activities offered in a full day of big school. Students may choose to come on the bus if they wish and may also go home on the bus at 3.15pm. Please talk to your bus driver.

School Website & Skoolbag Surveys

In order for us to assess the effectiveness and use of these media opportunities, could you please complete the attached surveys and return to school by the end of next week. We value your feedback and it will only take a minute or two of your time. Thankyou.

Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

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

School Banking



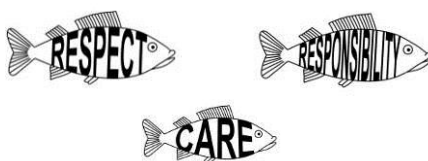
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Radio News



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 "Lunch Area" in the playground and "Leaving the Room" for our Classroom.

Playground –Lunch Area

Respect: Stay seated.

Responsibility: Eat your lunch.

Care: Pack up. Rubbish in bins.

Classroom – Leaving the Room

Respect: Hand up. Ask permission, Use your manners.

Responsibility- Walk. Right place, right time.

Care: Report problems. Move quietly.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 6: **Chloe Crossley and Chase Anderson.** Well done.

PBL Awards

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

GREEN: Thomas Casnave, Chris Afuang.

BLUE: Chase Anderson, Zak Anderson, Adam Morris.

ORANGE: Jack Clarke, Makena Hourn, Riley Foster.

Special congratulations to **Greg Clarke** who has reached **BRONZE** level. Well done Greg.

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have reached 40 and 60 nights Home Reading.

40 Nights

Sam Crooks

60 Nights

Lilah Norden, Amy Myers

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 6

Recess award-

Miah Hosking

Lunch award – **Lilah Norden**



Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Riley Manns – For showing perseverance during his learning discovery time.



2/3- Teleah Smith – For trying hard to learn the recorder.



K/1 – Miah Hosking – For her wonderful writing on a literacy recount and using her knowledge of sounds.



Catch of the Week

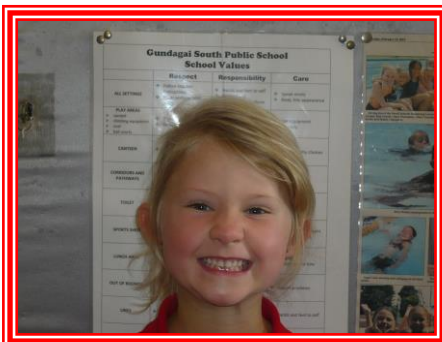
4/5/6 - Brydon Harvey – For showing a responsible and helpful attitude during the Infants' Athletics Carnival.



2/3 - Shanti Kothe-Champion - For arriving promptly to lines each day.



K/1 – Makena Hourn – For being a responsible learner during maths lessons.



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CANTEEN

**Wednesday 18th
November – Kynan
Crossley & Gabby
Butcher**

**Snacks at
recess plus
Special Lunch
Meal Deal
5 Chicken
Chippees/or
Nuggets, bottle
of water and
piece of fruit
\$4.00**

**Friday 20th November
- Shan Bowditch &
Cheryl Lanyon**

**Monday 23rd
November - Viviana
Tyson**

**PARTY PIES WILL NOW
BE AVAILABLE AGAIN
FROM FRIDAY**

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