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NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 8

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Dear Parents,

A great week was had by all last week – rather busy, but very rewarding with our students all performing beautifully at Uralba for the residents. It was a great social occasion and our students are to be congratulated on not only their beautiful singing, but their behaviour and their willingness and enthusiasm to interact and chat to the elderly residents. So much of what individuals do is about themselves in today's world, so it was particularly encouraging to see our students giving something back to the community. It was also a wonderful learning opportunity for our students to experience a visit to the elderly members of the community and to appreciate a little, the wonderful life and freedom that they themselves enjoy. Well done everyone and congratulations to all the students and especially Mrs Wheeler's 2/3 class with their recorders.



Assembly

Congratulations to our students on a wonderful assembly performance. Everyone made a great contribution and it was very encouraging to have such a great number of parents attending. Congratulations to all our awards winners and special mention to those who received special certificates for achievement, participation and school representation. Winners of the Principal's awards were:

K/1- **Chase Anderson**
2/3 – **Braith Winner**
4/5/6 – **Alauralee Bowditch**

Citizenship

Thomas Casnave



*Thomas, Braith, Chase,
Alauralee*



4/5/6 Virtual Excursion

As part of our HSIE unit of work on British Colonisation, the students will be participating in a free virtual excursion to Sydney Living Museums. We will be participating in a ClickFest presentation called "Law of the Land". I'm sure the students will all enjoy this entertaining, interactive excursion from the classroom.

Visit to Jugiong

This Wednesday afternoon some of our staff members will be travelling to Jugiong Public School as part of our professional practice interaction with colleagues. We will be working together with their staff and viewing their How2Learn classroom lessons. I am sure that we will all enjoy

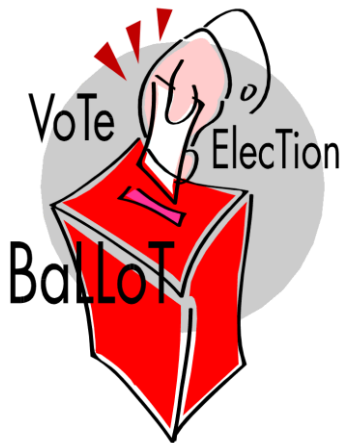
the opportunity and engaging lessons.

Transition Program



This Thursday will see the final day of our kindergarten transition program with new kinder students attending school for the whole day. They may choose to come on the bus if they wish and may also travel home on the bus. Remember to bring a shady hat, bottle of water, recess and lunch. I'm sure Mrs Hillier will have more exciting activities planned for the day.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches



All students in Year 5 are encouraged to present their leadership speech next **Friday 4th December at 2.00pm**. Parents and friends are invited to come along to the afternoon – approximately 2.00pm – 2.30pm to show their support for the students. Following the speeches, voting by staff and students will take place. We wish all our students the very best of luck.

Year 6 Transition to High School

The transition to High School Orientation Day for Year 6 students will be held on **Thursday 3rd December**. This day is an opportunity for you all to meet some of your teachers and take part in a variety of classroom activities. Students are encouraged to catch the bus to high school and take recess and water. Lunch will be provided. You should wear your school sports uniform and take your pencil case. There will be an opportunity for parents to purchase school uniforms on Tuesday from 5.00pm (Lowes Uniform Shop will be in attendance to get your uniforms ordered, tried on etc. with 15% off for orders received before 15th Dec)

A parent information session will run on Tuesday evening also from 6.00pm in the MPC. An information page is attached for your interest. Please sign and return the attached permission note, indicating if your child will be catching the bus or travelling by private car, or walking.

Carols by Candlelight



On **Saturday 19th December** Carols by Candlelight will be

held in Carberry Park. Gundagai South Public School would like to participate in the evening so we need to know numbers and the availability of students for this event. Please return the attached note by this Friday showing your interest. Thankyou

Screen Swap Challenge



Thankyou to those students and parents who participated in the screen swap challenge last week and who have already returned their booklets. It has been encouraging to see students swapping their screen time for more active and engaging pursuits. Participation in physical activity of any type is a wonderful stimulant of endorphins in the brain which aid students in their ability to learn.

Being sedentary contributes to sections of your brain failing to grow and being able to take in new learning and information. It's simple choice!

From the Easel

Congratulations to **Jack Clarke, Michael Monaghan and Opal Kothe-Champion** who have their work featured in "From the Easel" this week. Attached are samples of their work.

Primary Principal's Council



This Friday I will be attending the local Primary Principal's council meeting in Wagga. Miss Greaney will be taking my class as Miss Reynolds is also away.

P & C Meeting



Don't forget our next P & C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd December at 7.00pm**. Come along for an informal evening of discussion.

Cootamundra Book Launch – Creative Kids Catchment



Students involved in the Creative Kids Catchment Program Book Launch should all have returned their notes ready for **Monday 7th December**.

Parent BBQ

Don't forget to return your note for sausages/rissoles for the BBQ for everyone on **Friday 4th December**. We look forward to welcoming everyone

– especially our new parents to the school for an informal evening gathering.



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 9: Rylee & Adam
Week 10: Meg & Riley
Week 11: Isaac & Alauralee

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be “**Walkers**” in the playground and “**At seats**” for our Classroom.

Playground –Walkers

Respect: Wait patiently.

Responsibility: Right place right time.

Care: Be safe.

Classroom – At Seats

Respect: Work carefully. Respect school property. Remember others in room.

Responsibility: Tuck chairs in. Sit correctly. Complete own work with care. Work Quietly.

Care: Sit on chair correctly. Do our best.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 7: **Jack Clarke, Brandy McGrath, Chloe Crossley, Josie Warren, Billy Anderson**. Congratulations and well done everyone.

PBL Awards

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

PINK: Tiara Foster

BLUE: Destiny Cooper

ORANGE: Billy Anderson,
David Foster

Special congratulations to **Lilah Norden and Josie Warren** who have reached **BRONZE** level. Well done girls.

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following student who has reached 60 nights Home Reading.

60 Nights

Teleah Smith

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 7

Recess award-
**Shante Kothe-
Champion**

Lunch award – **Tiara Foster**



Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Lizzie Byron –
Presenting a well-researched, entertaining and creative Learning Journey project.



2/3- Charlie Hourn –
Continuing to improve his letter formation in all writing tasks.



K/1 – Sam Crooks – For being a positive role model in class, always displaying good manners and is respectful to others.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 - Jess Crooks –
Showing initiative and positive decision making skills when interacting with others.



2/3 - Greg Clarke – For using different strategies to work his way out of the learning pit.



K/1 – Jack Clarke – For being a responsible learner during literacy tasks.



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CANTEEN

Wednesday 25th
November – Adam
Morris & Lizzie Byron

Snacks at
recess plus

Special Lunch
Meal Deal
Toasted
Ham, Cheese &
Tomato
Sandwich/or 5
Chicken
Chipees, bottle
of water and
piece of fruit
\$4.00

Friday 27th November
- Trevor Champion &
Tara Morris

Monday 30th
November – Alex
Butcher

**PARTY PIES ARE NOW
AVAILABLE AGAIN
ONLY ON FRIDAY'S
AND MONDAY'S**