



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 11

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Dear Parents,

Well here we are again – the end of another school year and a fantastic one it has been. Congratulations to all our students who have achieved great success and progress in their learning, on the sporting field, in their participation in extra-curricular activities and in the positive social relationships and interactions with their fellow peers which they continue to build. We have all had a very positive and rewarding year and you should all be extremely proud.

Thankyou also to our teachers – both teaching and non-teaching for your support and encouragement throughout the year and your ability and willingness to work together as part of a fantastic team.

Thankyou to our parents, grandparents, carers and friends for the fantastic job you do to ensure the students are at school each day. It is important to work together to achieve success for your students, so a strong, trusting and respectful relationship is vital with the school. Thankyou to everyone who has helped in any way throughout the year – in the classroom, canteen, transporting students to events, donating items, attending events and

generally supporting us to be the best school in Gundagai. Thankyou again.

### *Practice*

Today we will have been to the high school to practise for tomorrow evening's presentation and we will be hopefully returning to school via the Gundagai Hospital where we have been invited to sing our Christmas Carols to the residents of the Long Term Wing. Our visit to Uralba last week was again much appreciated and the choice of traditional carols was very well received. Our thanks to **Karen Kelly** for playing for us so beautifully.



### *PBL Pool Day*

Thankyou to everyone for a great pool day on Friday. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was a fitting reward for a wonderful year together.



### Carols By Candlelight



Don't forget those people who have committed to attend and perform at the Community Carols by Candlelight on Saturday evening **19<sup>th</sup> December**. Please wear your uniform and **be there by 7.00pm**. You will need to find either myself or Ms Dickinson. Thankyou to those parents and

students who will support us there. We would still like more people to be involved. (Adam too please).

### Surveys

Thankyou to those parents who have already returned their surveys. Your comments and suggestions are much appreciated and together with staff comments and student input, we can work together to put into place suggestions to help upgrade our school. We still need more people to take the time to fill theirs in and return it. Remember it is your chance to have your say and a great way to communicate your ideas. Thanks.

### Presentation Evening



**Don't forget students – please be there by 6.15pm in your summer school uniform.** We want to see black shoes (remember Maries words) school dresses, boys – clean shirts and shorts please and white or grey socks. Remember you are representing the school to the community. You must bring your sports uniform – red shirt, green shorts and joggers for our gym display – in a plastic bag with your name on it please.

The plastic bags will be placed out the back where the students will get changed at the end of the formal presentation. Don't forget to bring some money for the raffle.

❖ Please give your children an early dinner

prior to presentation evening as there is no supper and they will, like you, get hungry. So please eat beforehand, drink some water – you may bring a bottle of water with you, and go to the toilet beforehand.

The P & C will be selling raffle tickets at the door – please bring some change.

### P & C Christmas Stall



The P & C will be holding their final stall on Tuesday afternoon when they will have Christmas gifts for everyone to purchase. Nothing over \$5.00 – so bring your money. Stall opens at 1.30pm.

### Whole School Party



On Wednesday after recess everyone will be getting together for a whole school party. Could people please contribute the following items to help ensure the success of the day.

**Kinder** – Concentrated Cottee's cordial- Lemon or Orange  
**Year 1** – Lolly packets  
**Year 2** – Biscuits, dip, carrot sticks, celery etc.  
**Year 3** – Chips, twisties etc.  
**Year 4** – Fruit plates, fruit sticks etc.  
**Year 5** – Sandwiches



**Year 6** – Hot food – party pies, sausage rolls, cocktail frankfurts, chicken wings etc. Thankyou. Please make sure your plates are labelled with your name so we can return them.

### *Readers & Library Books – Final Reminders*



Please ensure that you have returned your library books and any readers you may still have at home please. You may also have readers still at home from previous years. Have a good look please.

### *School Banking*



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

### *PBL- Uniform Winners*



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 10: **Gina Wheeler, Adam Morris, Hayden Crossley, Riley Foster.**

Congratulations and well done everyone.

### *PBL Awards*

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

**PINK:** Riley Manns, Angel Clark

**BLUE:** Jordan Paton

**BRONZE:** Jess Crooks

### *Home Reading*

Congratulations to the following students who have reached new Home Reading Levels.

#### 60 Nights

**Christopher Afuang, Zak Anderson, Sam Crooks, Indi Tyson, Makena Hourn and Riley Foster**

#### 80 Nights

**Jess Crooks, Gabby Butcher, Gina Wheeler**

### *Healthy Recess and Lunch*

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 10



Recess award-  
**Lilah Norden**  
Lunch award –  
**Jordan Paton**

### *Student of the Week*

**4/5/6 – Kynan Crossley** – Confidently reading a section of the book Fox Hunter – to the audience at the Cootamundra Book Launch.



**2/3- Greg Clarke** – For being open to learning in different ways.



**K/1 – Chase Anderson** – For his consistent effort to produce neat handwriting.



## Catch of the Week

**4/5/6 - Gina Wheeler –**  
Assisting staff members with tasks after school.



**2/3 – Billy Anderson –**  
Following our school rules with a positive attitude.



**K/1 – Sam Crooks –** For working with a positive attitude and always following our PBL rules.



## Special Thanks



A big thankyou to **Melissa Thatcher** who has been our Term 4 gym teacher – Melissa has wonderful rapport with the students and we thank her for her commitment and enthusiasm.

Also a huge thankyou to **Karen Kelly** for her wonderful support of our school music program and the choir.

Thanks to **Marie Dewhurst** and her helpers from Wagga School of Music for coming to support and guide our newly formed school band. Thanks to **Ms Dickinson** for her continuing support and love of music which she shares with us all as she encourages everyone to have fun with music.

Also a huge thankyou to **Shan Bowditch** for her wonderful support to the canteen. Shan can always be relied upon to help out when no one else can spare an hour or so. Shan, I'm sure will continue to come to school to assist **Cheryl Lanyon** – as we cannot do without them. So although Alauralee is moving to High School, Shan's friendly face will still be seen at the canteen.  
Thanks everyone.

## Return to School

Everyone, including our new kindergarten students will [return to school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January.](#) Staff will be returning on [Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.](#)

Our first swimming lesson for 2016 will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 12.00 – 2.00pm. I will put a reminder in the first newsletter back next year.

## Christmas Wishes



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe and enjoyable festive season. I hope you enjoy your time together with your students. Remember to take time out to enjoy yourselves together, do lots of reading, writing and talking together, but most of all have fun.

Best wishes to our Year 6 students, **Alauralee Bowditch, Claire Lievens, Christopher Afuang, Zak Anderson, Thomas Casnave, Brydon Harvey, Dylan Manns, Jordan Paton and Harri Ralph** who are off to High school and to those families who are also moving on – **Shan and Billy, Eva, Lawrence & Lisa, Wendy, Megan and John, Erica and Graeme.** Thankyou for your support over many years  
Thankyou everyone Happy Christmas!

Pip 😊