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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

Everyone has quickly settled back into school routines and the students are enjoying catching up with their friends again. In class students have been respectful and co-operative, working with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. At recess and lunch time, it has been fantastic to see such co-operative play with the older students showing great team work in their cricket games. The lunch time kit of sports equipment is proving to be very popular and it is most exciting to see the great mix of students both boys and girls who are enjoying the game together. Well done everyone.

Apology



A huge apology to Mrs Wheeler - but particularly to **Meg** and **Gina** whom I omitted from the Welcome on last week's newsletter! Meg and Gina have

joined our Year 6 students and everyone is having fun trying to pick which is which! See if you can remember once you have seen their photos! Again a warm welcome to all our new students and our new staff. This week we also welcome back **Mrs Petty** who will be assisting in the 2/3 classroom on Tuesday and **Mrs Funnell** who is our 'reading granny' for the students in K/1 for Monday and Tuesday mornings. Thankyou both for your interest and commitment supporting the students at Gundagai South.



Makena Hourn - Kinder



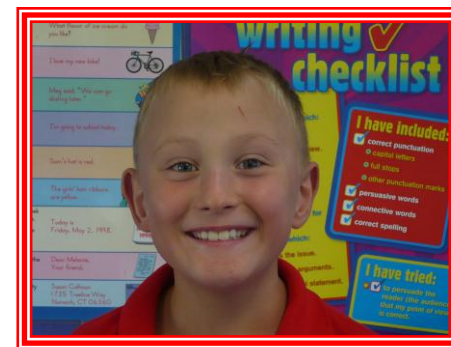
Indi Tyson - Kinder



Riley Foster - Kinder



Chantel Blowers – Year 3



Riley Manns – Year 4



Meg Wheeler – Year 6



Mrs Wheeler – 2/3 Teacher



Gina Wheeler – Year 6



Mrs Hillier K/1 Teacher



Kelly Crooks – Student Learning Support Officer – K/1

Swimming Lessons



Our first lesson began well on Friday with some of the students in the senior class showing great style. Students in the lower years have been familiarising themselves again with the water. It is great to see that some of the students have been making the most of the summer and have been in the water, whilst others have been attending swimming lessons, and their skill development is certainly showing through. Students were grouped on Friday according to their own admission of skills and confidence and next week our groupings will change slightly to reflect the teachers' knowledge and judgement of these skills. Our thanks to Sandra Daley and Mr and Mrs Petty who are assisting us with our teaching of the students. Remember to send swimmers and money for **Monday, Tuesday and Friday** this week.

Parent BBQ and Meet the Staff



Thankyou to those families who have already returned their notes for our BBQ on Wednesday evening. We would appreciate your prompt reply, so the correct number of sausages can be ordered on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you all at school.

Skoolbag



Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Carer community. We are asking parents/carers to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Gundagai South Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. This App will include the newsletter and various other pieces of information including reminders for swimming lessons, parent BBQ etc.

Medication and Absentee Notes



Just a reminder to all parents that if your child needs to take **medication** at all, then you should send it in to the office in a **clearly labelled plastic bag (snap lock) with your child's name and instructions for when it needs and how much to be administered.** We should also know if it needs to be refrigerated.

If your child is sick and needs to have a day away from school, then upon return to school, an **absentee note** is to be sent with your child explaining the reason for the absence.

It is important to note that, for every one day away from school, it takes your child three days to try and catch up on missed work and some students can never hope to catch up on work missed.

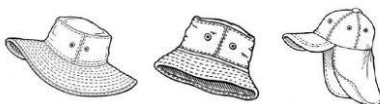
It is not appropriate to have days away from school without a valid reason and haircuts during school hours are not a valid reason for example.

Please ensure you complete and return absentee notes when required. A copy of these is attached to your newsletter, they just need to be filled in and signed. Thankyou

Portfolios

Congratulations to those students who have so promptly returned their school portfolios from last year. There were a large number of you who were so well organised – well done. Could everyone please check where their portfolio has been put and **please return it to school as soon as you are able** so that we don't have to chase them up. Thankyou.

Hats



Everyone is remembering to bring their hats to school – well done. Students need to be reminded to wear them at all times when they are outside – especially at recess and lunch time, otherwise those students without a hat have to sit under the hays shed. Our school has a “No hat, no play” policy as do all educational settings.

School Requirements



A reminder for parents and carers that students need to be well equipped to begin each school day. Please make sure they have suitable lead and coloured pencils as well as

other recourses identified by your child's teacher. For the 4/5/6 class, in addition to a supply of sharp lead pencils, coloured pencils, it is essential that each student has their own labelled glue stick (large) as they need these to paste in worksheets each day. They will also need a scrap book for their weekly spelling and maths homework sheets. At Office Works in Wagga they were available for 88c each, however I know they were also a great price here in Gundagai at the Newsagency, or they can be purchased from IGA or Woolies. This week the students will need to have thier books and they were reminded about it several times last week.

P & C Meeting



The first P & C meeting for 2015 will be held on **Wednesday 11th February, commencing at 2.00pm.** At this meeting we will be discussing the time for our P & C meetings as the question of night meetings has been raised. If you are unable to attend the meeting next Wednesday, but you feel you would like to and would like to make a comment/suggestion about the most suitable meeting time, then please complete the attached note and return to school by Friday so that your ideas can be shared at the meeting.

School Counsellor

Ms Francis, our school counsellor will be visiting the school this Wednesday to continue with assessments begun last year. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or you need to see Ms Francis, please contact Anne in the office to check if you can make a time.

Canteen

Canteen **will not** start operating until the completion of swimming lessons.

The first canteen day for Term 1 will be Monday 2nd March.

Calendar

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



Radio News



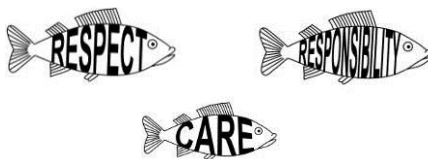
Week 3: Harri Ralph & Jessica Crooks

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 "**Toilet Area**" in the playground and "**On the Floor**" for our Classroom.

Playground – Toilet Area

Respect: Go then leave.

Responsibility: Go at recess and lunch; Flush and wash hands

Care: Report any problems.

Classroom – On the Floor

Respect: Sit quietly; Eyes on speaker; 5 L's

Responsibility: Put hand up. Hands and feet to self. 5L's.

Care: Sensible answers

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 1 - **Hayden Crossley & Jack Clarke**

Healthy Recess and Lunch

It was great to see so many healthy lunches and recess choices last week. Remember no to "overload" your child's lunchbox – at recess – fruit, celery, carrots or cheese, biscuits etc. and just one treat is sufficient whilst for lunch, a healthy sandwich with another piece of fruit; strawberries etc. as well as water is enough. It is really important for everyone to have a bottle of water each day.

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 1



Recess award - **Makena Hourn**

Lunch award - **Chantel Blowers**

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Claire Lievens – 100% in Comprehension test.



2/3 – Billy Anderson – For improved behaviour and effort in the classroom.



K/1 – Indi Tyson – For being a great listener and her beautiful manners.



2/3 – Braith Winner - For making positive choices and following PBL values.

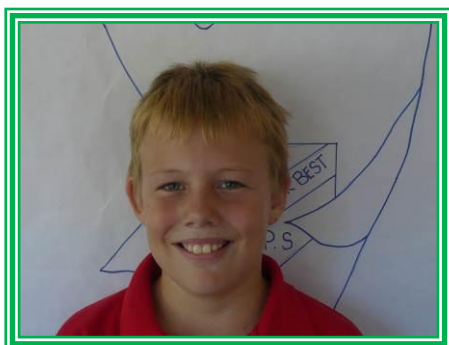


K/1 – Hayden Crossley – For trying hard and showing respect during class.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 – Harri Ralph - Demonstrating responsibility and initiative and being a positive role model.



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Book Club

Book Club brochures are attached. If you wish to place an order, these need to be returned to school with the correct money by **Monday 9th February**
Thankyou

GUNDAGAI CONCERT BAND

The Gundagai Concert Band is currently calling for new members. An information and registration day will be held for parents and students (from Year 4 up) on Monday 9th February at 4pm at Gundagai High School in the MPC. Come and have fun and learn an instrument! Enquiries to Karen Byron 0402-730-577 or Brenda Argae 0427-441-688.