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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our wonderful students who attended the Small Schools' Swimming carnival last Tuesday. Everyone was so impressed with the enthusiasm, effort and commitment of our students, and together with beautiful behaviour throughout the day, it was a pleasure to run the carnival.

Thankyou to our parents and friends who assisted with tasks throughout the day, including the time keeping. The staff did a marvellous job getting everyone to their events on time and special congratulations to our students who participated in the carnival for the first time and to those who swam 50 m for the first time, especially those who swam all the strokes - many for the first time. Well done everyone - a truly magnificent day and not even the huge storm at the end of the day could dampen the enthusiasm of all concerned. As our carnival is all about participation and encouragement, it was wonderful to see everyone cheering and supporting those team mates, peers and students from the other small schools throughout the day. Championship medallions will be presented at our end of term

assembly. Congratulations to the following students who achieved the school championship awards.

Junior Girls - **Destiny Cooper**

Junior Boys - **Michael**

Monaghan

11 Years Girls - Gabrielle

Butcher

11 Years Boys - **Adam Morris**

Senior Girls - **Claire Lievens**

Senior Boys - **Zak Anderson**



Students who have qualified to attend the Highlands Swimming Carnival to be held tomorrow, 24th February at Tumut Pool received their permission notes last Wednesday. Everyone should have returned their permission notes by now. **Students must be at the pool by 8.40am** as events will commence on time and you don't want to miss your event. If anyone is having difficulty with transport, please let me know. Good luck to each of our competitors.

School Swimming



The final day of our school lessons will be today (Monday). It has been wonderful to see the great improvement all students have made through the 10 lessons and everyone is to be congratulated for their efforts. Our thanks to all the staff who have so enthusiastically delivered their lessons with loads of encouragement and support. Well done everyone.

Show Display

Congratulations everyone for the fabulous effort with our show display which featured the work the students have been completing during the first couple of weeks of this term. Our theme - International Year of Light looked very effective and colourful and featured the work of all students at the school. Well done everyone, and thankyou to the staff for putting up the display.



Training and Development



On Tuesday Mrs Matthews will be attending a training course in Yass and Mrs Hillier will be travelling to Wagga for L3 training for part of the day. Mrs Jackson will teach the students from Years 4/5/6 who are not attending the swimming carnival, and then the students will split into 2 groups with the 2/3 class and the K/1 class. Mrs Jackson will teach the K/1 class in the afternoons as normal.

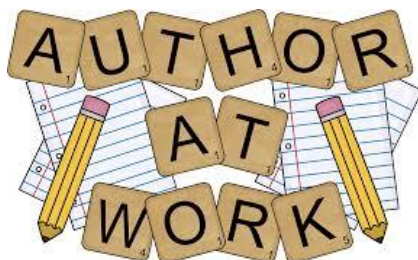
PSSA tennis Success

Last Wednesday, **Alauralee Bowditch** travelled to Wagga to participate in the District PSSA Tennis trials. Alauralee won each of her four singles matches and has been selected to attend trials at the next level which will be held in **Griffith on Friday 6th March**. This is a wonderful effort and I'm sure her skills reflect the great coaching Alauralee has received from Birdie together with her

own natural ability and enthusiasm. Congratulations Alauralee – it is a number of years since Gundagai South has seen this level of success at District level. Well done.



Small Schools' Writers Day



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, students in Years 4/5/6 have been invited to participate in the Small Schools' Writers' Day at Jugiong Public School on **Friday 6th March**. The students have been busy writing their own stories for the day and these will be sent off to Jugiong this Wednesday for judging. All students in Years 4/5/6 will be attending this fabulous opportunity with the school paying the authors costs and lunch and morning tea. Bus costs have been kept to a minimum at \$3.00 per student. Please ensure that you complete

and return your permission note and return with the money.

Students will need to be at school by 8.40am as the bus will leave from school at 8.45am, returning in time for the afternoon bus run. Students will wear "Aussie bush clothes" and **must** bring a hat and bottle of water. There will be lots of different workshops throughout the day, so students will have the opportunity to work with author – Arthur Charles (Author of Poucher); Kate Anderson (Illustrator of Poucher); Tarryn Lean – Author; Joan Simpson – Artist; Cathie Bragge – Poet and Mrs Keatinge – Teacher and Musician.

Highlands District Soccer Trials – Boys



Trials for selection in the Highlands District team will be held in Tumbarumba at the Showground on **Friday 13th March** from 10.00am – 12noon. If you are interested in attending and are able to travel to the trials, please let me know by completing the Expression of Interest and return it by next Monday please. There is no cost, but students must have their own long socks, shin pads and soccer boots.

School Counsellor Visit

This Wednesday, Pru our School Counsellor will be visiting the school to work with the students.

Radio News



Week 6: Adam & Thomas
Week 7: Chloe & Christopher
Week 8: Harri & Meg
Week 9: Gabby & Jordan
Week 10: Lizzie & Gina

School Banking



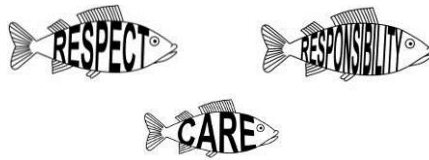
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Nutrition Snippet



This week's Cancer Council Nutrition snippet "**The simplest way to make a healthy breakfast**" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "**Play Areas**" in the playground and "**Entering & Exiting the Room**" for our Classroom.

Playground – Play Areas

Respect: Share & take turns. Be Friendly.

Responsibility: Play by the rules. Be sun safe.

Care: Use equipment properly.

Classroom – Entering & Exiting the Room

Respect: Walk sensibly and quietly.

Responsibility: Line up quietly. Keep in line.

Care: Bags on backs. Hands and feet to self.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL - Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 4 – **Rylee Byrne and Lilah Norden**

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 4



Recess award - **Josie Warren**

Lunch award - **Brandy McGrath**

Red Level

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Red level this week. – **Jordan Paton, Claire Lievens, Gabby Butcher, Rylee Byrne, Gina Wheeler, Riley Manns, Amy Myers, Billy Anderson, Greg Clarke, Charlie Tresize, Nic Monaghan, Chantel Blowers, Kynan Paton, Charlie Hourn, Josie Warren, Lilah Norden, Jade Harvey, Shanti Champion, Brandy McGrath and Makena Hourn.** Well done everyone.

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Gabrielle Butcher – Challenging herself with additional Spelling words and completing set tasks.



2/3- Charlie Tresize – For trying hard to learn her spelling words.

K/1 –Miah Hosking – For great effort in spelling.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 – Jordan Paton - Helping younger children in the playground during lunch time.



2/3 – Charlie Hourn – For always lending a helping hand to others.



K/1 – Jack Clarke – Showing respect during floor time and being a great listener.



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CANTEEN

The Canteen Roster and Menu for Term 1 are attached.

Monday 2nd March – Sharni Carpenter & Janet Clarke

Friday 6th March – Janet Clarke