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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our swimmers who travelled to Tumut on Tuesday for the Highlands Carnival. A fantastic day was had by all participants, with the students all improving their personal best times by many seconds. This was a great result for our school and a special congratulations to **Gabrielle Butcher** – 1st in the 11 Years Girls Butterfly, **Rylee Byrne** – 2nd Junior Girls Breast Stroke and 3rd in the Junior Girls Individual Medley, **Lilah Norden** 2nd in the 8 Years Girls 50 m Freestyle the PP5 relay team – **Claire, Alauralee, Gabby and Dylan** who were 2nd in the Peter Dobson relay event for small schools. Based on meeting the qualifying times for the Regional Carnival to be held in **Albury on Monday 9th March**, Gabrielle, Rylee (breaststroke and the relay team have qualified to participate). A note is attached to your newsletter for permission. This needs to be completed and returned at once, so entries can be confirmed. Congratulations to our school representatives – our best result at the Highlands Carnival since the formation of the new PSSA group. Overall our school was placed 6th in the Aggregate point score behind Tumut Public, Franklin, and

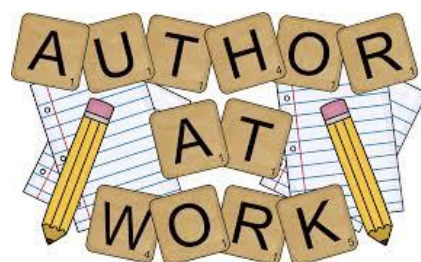
Nangus. A fantastic achievement. Well done everyone. My thanks also to the parents and grandparents and friends who supported the children and especially to Trevor Champion who ensured that everyone got to their event on time, whilst I was busy time keeping.

End of School Swimming Lessons



Thankyou to everyone who assisted with swimming lessons during the past five weeks. Thankyou to all the staff, **Mick & Glenna Petty** and **Sandy Daley** who assisted us with lessons. It is great to see that our commitment to improving everyone's ability to be more water confident, and safety conscious is proving successful and with our great results at the Highlands Carnival, our regular lessons during Term one have helped to make a big difference. Well done everyone.

Jugiong Writers' Day



Our students in Years 4/5/6 will be attending the Writers' day at Jugiong Public School this Friday. Ms Sini and Mrs Matthews will accompany the students for the day, as unfortunately, a Network Principals Meeting has been scheduled by our new boss! **Students will need to be at school by 8.30am** in order to be on the bus at 8.45am. Everyone should wear "bush clothes" and take bottled water and their hat. Recess and lunch will be provided by the school – students just **need to pay their \$3.00 bus fare please**. I'm sure everyone will have a fantastic time working with so many talented professionals. The stories the students' have written have been sent to Jugiong for judging, so I'm sure it will be an exciting time to hear the authors' comments.

Regional Tennis



This Friday, we also wish **Alauralee** the best of luck as she travels to Griffith to participate in the next round of the Regional tennis trials. Go Alauralee!

Volunteers



This week we welcome back Mrs Funnell in the K/1 room. Mrs Funnell volunteers her time each Monday and Tuesday morning to come and listen to the students read. I know she enjoys her visits to the school and the time spent with the students. Mrs Petty also returned to school last week and she is helping students in the Year 2/3 class. Welcome back.

Drumming Circle



This week Trevor Champion has kindly offered to run a 'drumming circle' with the senior students. Students in Years 4/5/6 will work with Trevor and Ms Dickinson after lunch today to learn some of the finer points of playing a variety of drums. Next week, students

in K/1/2/3 will have an opportunity to learn about the drums. Thanks Trevor.

PBL Reward Day



Last Friday we surprised the students with their first PBL Reward Day treat. Everyone was treated to an ice-cream which as a wonderful way to end lunch time on such a hot day. Congratulations to all the students who have been working wonderfully well and setting great examples with our PBL rules. Well done everyone. We are now working towards our next reward.

Girls' Soccer



Trials for girls in Years 4/5/6 (who have played local competition soccer on Saturdays) are invited to trial for the Highlands Team. Please return your expression of interest by Wednesday as names need to be submitted to Mrs Annetts by Thursday when a trial date will be organised.

Senior School Excursion

This year our major excursion will see us travelling to Sydney for a week in August. Students in Years 3/4/5 & 6 are eligible to attend and already the venues and attractions we are visiting are full on fun, adventure and learning. Our focus area of the curriculum is Early Australian Settlement, so start thinking about your payments now so it is not left until the last minute. Any small amounts of money can be paid at any time and this all helps to contribute to the manageability of payments for the excursion. No ideas yet about final costing though.

Hot Off the Press



Congratulations to **Alauralee Bowditch, Greg Clarke and Samantha Crooks** who all have some writing showcased in the newsletter this week.

P & C Meeting



Don't forget our Annual P & C Meeting coming up on **Wednesday week 11th March**. This is the AGM and the time is **7.00pm**. Please come along and have your say in discussing new directions, exciting

possibilities and learning for our students.

Speech Pathologist Visit



Hannah, our Speech Pathologist will be visiting the school next **Tuesday 10th March** to work with students identified previously. This is a great opportunity to have a professionally qualified service provider attending our school, to work with the students.

Clean Up Australia - Students



As this national event was held last Friday for schools, and we were busy trying to get other work completed, students in K/1/2/3 will be spending a short amount of time cleaning up the school grounds this coming Friday.

Rugby League Program

Currently our students are participating in a Rugby League program where representatives from the Country Rugby League visit the school once a week for 3 weeks and spend time with the students coaching them with Rugby League skills, students in K/1/2/3 shared some literacy activities before enjoying some physical activities, whilst 4/5/6 developed their skills and will

be required to develop some new Rugby League games.

Calendar

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



Radio News



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

School Banking



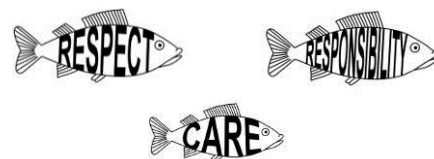
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Nutrition Snippet



This week's Cancer Council Nutrition snippet "**The simplest way to stay healthy in summer**" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "**Canteen**" in the playground and "**Looking After Belongings**" for our Classroom.

Playground –Canteen

Respect: Use your manners.

Responsibility: Line up. Wait your turn. 10 minutes buying time during play time.

Care: Make healthy choices.

Classroom Looking After Belongings

Respect: Take care with others belongings

Responsibility: Label belongings. Take care of own belongings. Return equipment.

Care: Put things neatly where they belong. Zip up bags.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 5 – **Teleah Smith, David Foster, Indi Tyson, Daniel Anderson and Miah Hosking**. Great job correctly wearing school uniform with pride.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 5



Recess award – **Gabrielle Butcher**

Lunch award – **Charlie Hourn**

Red Level

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Red level this week. – **Braith Winner, David Foster, Teleah Smith, Kayla Byrne, Michael Monaghan, Meg Wheeler and Zak Anderson**. Well done everyone.

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Adam Morris – Enthusiastic participation in class discussions and sharing of knowledge.



2/3- David Foster – Tying hard to improve his handwriting.



K/1 – Riley Foster – For tying hard in Reading.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 – Kynan Crossley – Showing responsibility in the playground.



2/3 – Lilah Norden – Being a good listener and following instructions.



K/1 – Indi Tyson – Always showing Respect to others.



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CANTEEN

Monday 9th March – Sharni Carpenter

Friday 13th March – Cheryl Lanyon & Shan Bowditch

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 March**