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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7

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Dear Parents,

PBL

Congratulations to all our students who are to be complimented on their excellent behaviour during the whole of the term. We have had very few instances of students spending time in the Reflection Room and the behaviour of everyone is a pleasure to watch. Following quickly on from our first whole school PBL reward (our ice-cream treat), the students have again earned a whole school reward. This will be held this Tuesday afternoon when we will all enjoy a LEGO/construction afternoon. Students will be able to use the construction LEGO and other sets at school, so **NO** sets are to be brought from home, as we cannot guarantee the safe return of all small parts. Congratulations everyone –keep up the great work. Check out the fish in the hallway where we are now beginning to cover our third fish piece. Well done.

Jugiong Writers' Day

All students in Years 4/5/6 who attended the Small Schools' Writing Day at Jugiong had a

great day. There was plenty for everyone to keep involved throughout the day with workshops and opportunities for developing writing and artistic skills with Big Guy (Arthur Charles) Kate Anderson, Tarryn Lean, Joan Simpson and Cathie Bragge. Congratulations to **Riley Manns, Jess Crooks and Adam Morris** who each received special congratulations and recognition for their stories about Poucher and Big Guy. Well Done. Thankyou to Ms Sini and Mrs Matthews who accompanied the students and to Mrs Keatinge who organised the whole day.

Regional Sports

Good wishes are extended to our students who are attending the Regional Swimming carnival in Albury today. Our PP5 relay team – **Claire Lievens, Alauralee Bowditch, Dylan Manns and Gabby Butcher** will participate in the Peter Dobson relay event, whilst **Rylee Byrne** will compete in the Junior Girls' Breaststroke and **Gabby Butcher** will compete in the 11 years Girls' Butterfly. Congratulations to these swimmers and congratulations to Gundagai South for having 5

representatives attending this carnival.

Thankyou also to Alex and Jessica Butcher who assisted me with transport to the pool for training with the team members last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Congratulations to **Alauralee Bowditch** who travelled to Griffith last Friday to continue with her tennis trials.



Tennis at Gundagai South

Students at Gundagai South (8 only) have the opportunity to participate in private tennis coaching on Wednesday afternoons (cost \$8.00 per

session) at school with Birdie. If we have 8 interested students, we will proceed with this opportunity and I will let you know when lessons will begin. I already have 2 students who are interested, so that only leaves places for 6 more students. First in best dressed. Please complete the Expression of Interest and return ASAP.

Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

Please be vigilant with child/children by checking their hair EVERYDAY and treating if necessary



We had several cases of head lice reported last week. Some children get very itchy and some feel nothing. If everyone is treating their children at the same time and they all follow the treatment protocol then we will have a much better chance of breaking the head lice cycle in the school.

AGM P & C Meeting



Don't forget our Annual General Meeting for the P & C will be held **this Wednesday evening, commencing at 7.00pm**. The number of people attending the evening meeting will determine if we have an evening or afternoon meeting. Come along and have your say, volunteer for a position – not an onerous task and contribute

your ideas towards our school planning process. Meeting room at the top of the stairs. Tea/Coffee available.

Speech Pathologist



Once again this year, Hannah Woodford, Speech Pathologist based with KEIS in Tumut will be working with identified students at our school. Last year, students who were identified as requiring some additional speech and language support, were assessed and since then, we have been able to follow up and support these students within the school. To enable this program to continue, we require a signed permission note. If your child received some additional help last year, please sign and return the attached permission note ASAP as Hannah will be at school this Tuesday 10th. If you would like your child to receive some additional speech and language support at school, please ask Anne for a permission note to sign.

Hannah is able to work individually 1 – 1 with students and she is able to offer parent/family support in an informal setting/group discussion on a range of topics. Please let me know if you are interested. It is so important for parents to realise the importance of play skills in narrative language development which supports academic language i.e. parent and child/children need to talk to each other and about their experiences in order for students to make academic gains in all learning.

PSSA Boys' Soccer Trials



It is good to see that lots of parents are keen for their children to participate in the Boys' Soccer trials in Tumbarumba this Friday. **This also means that it is up to individual parents to provide or organise transport to Tumbarumba Showground themselves.** I am unavailable to travel to Tumbarumba to help out this Friday.

Girls' Choir Riverina Central Choir

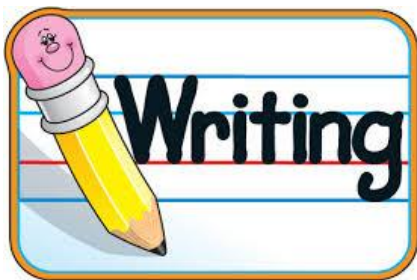


Following the wonderful participation and success of our students in the Riverina Central Choir last year, we again have 4 girls who wish to audition for the choir this year. Again, this involves parents being able to transport their students to the relevant venue for the auditions. The girls are required to audition in Wagga **this Wednesday afternoon from 1.15pm – 3.10pm at South Wagga Public School hall**. (Enter from the pathway and car park area at the Railway Station). Good luck to our students who are participating in these trials and auditions. It is wonderful to see your enthusiasm.

Occupational Therapist

Brooke Maslin, OT is visiting the school every 3rd Thursday and is offering OT support to individual and small groups of students who require additional support. Our school is exceptionally lucky to have access to such wonderful support for our students.

Writing Project



This Wednesday at 10.15am, Mr Regan from the High School will be visiting the school to work with the students in the senior primary class. Together with Ms Phi, these teachers will be working collaboratively together with myself and Mrs Jackson to support the students in development of their writing skills.

The ANZAC Story – 100 Year Anniversary



The students in Years 4,5 & 6 have been invited to join with other local schools to participate in this fantastic opportunity to look closely at the events which see our nation

celebrating 100 years of the very special ANZAC Story. Talbingo Public School is bringing this live show to the Montreal Theatre where we will join with other local students on **Friday 20th March**. We will travel by bus to Tumut (cost \$5.00 per student) with the school covering the cost of the performance, leaving school at 9.30am. We will return in time for normal buses and hope to visit some other places of attraction in Tumut on the day. More details to follow.

One of our students has been nominated to play the role of a stretcher bearer during the show, so this will be a very exciting and realistic opportunity. We will be entering the theatre by crawling through a man made trench and tunnel whilst around us battle lights and sounds will be heard. Please complete and return the attached permission note with payment for this wonderful learning opportunity.

Thanks



Special thanks to Brian Smith who has been busy putting together new play equipment as well as completing some small jobs around the school. Brian has repainted the wooden lunch tables in some great colours and they look fantastic. Well done Brian.

PBL

Don't the new mats look fantastic! They really help to reinforce our school values of

Respect, Responsibility and Care as well as making a wonderful statement of welcome at our front door.

Annie DVD's



I have had copied our "Annie" Musical presentation from last year and it is now available on DVD at a cost to \$20.00. If you would like to order a copy, please let Anne know. Thankyou.

University of NSW Exams



The University of NSW is offering students an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessment s for Schools (ICAS)

Parents of students from Years 2 – 6 are encouraged to allow them to participate in these exams for Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths. Please see the attached note for closing dates and cost to enter these exams.

Radio News



Week 8: Harri & Meg
Week 9: Gabby & Jordan

School Banking



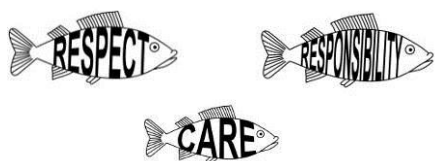
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Nutrition Snippet



This week's Cancer Council Sun Smart Snippet "The simplest way to keep your kids safe in the sun" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "Lunch Area" in the playground and "Leaving the Room" for our Classroom.

Playground –Lunch Area

Respect: Stay seated

Responsibility: Eat your lunch.

Care: Pack up. Rubbish in bins.

Classroom - Leaving the Room

Respect: Hand up. Ask permission. Use your manners

Responsibility: Walk. Right place, right time..

Care: Report problems. Move quietly.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 6—**Angel Clarke, Kayla Byrne, Adam Morris, Gabby Butcher, and Kynan Crossley.** Well done everyone.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 6

Recess award – **Miah Hosking**
Lunch award – **Charlie Tresize**



Home Reading



Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 20 nights home reading

Greg Clarke and Brandy McGrath. Well done.

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Tiara Foster – Showing great improvement in her recall of maths number facts.



2/3- Kayla Byrne - 100% in her spelling test.



K/1 – Samantha Crooks – For her great effort in all areas of literacy.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 – Brydon Harvey –
Always looking after his belongings and keeping track of his possessions.



2/3 – Michael Monaghan –
Displaying his best behaviour in both classroom and the playground



K/1 – Miah Hosking – Being a caring student looking after the kindergarten students in our room.



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CANTEEN

**Monday 16th
March – Sharni
Carpenter**

**Friday 20th March
– Tiki Paton**

Tumut Easter

Bazaar

**Good Friday April 3
Easter Saturday April 4
at BOYS CLUB HALL**

(next to Ambulance
Station)

**9am to 4pm BOTH
DAYS**

FREE ENTRY

GREAT BARGAINS

Craft, Books, Antiques,

Collectables,

Plants, Fruit, Toys,

Jewellery,

Baby wear, Clothing,

Socks, Handbags,

Jams, Cakes and Lots,

Lots More

B.B.Q Tea & Coffee

Bookings; ph 02-

42322337 or

0419427801

Game On! – April School Holiday Sports Program

Sport and Recreation will again be conducting its popular Game On! program during the school holidays at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre.

The five day **Game On!** program will include the introduction to a range of sports and recreation activities including Lawn Bowls, Acrobatics Fencing, Basketball, Martial Arts, Indoor Rock Climbing, Flying Fox, Slider Hockey and many more which will be delivered by qualified coaches and instructors.

Program details:

Monday 13th to Friday 17th
April 2015

Boys & girls – age 7 to 12
years.

Cost \$65 per day OR \$300
for all 5 days.

To enroll in the program call
13 13 02 or to enroll online
go to:

[www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=rive
rina](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=rive%20rivers)

Please see the attached flyer
for more information.

GUNDAGAI PANTHERS

(JUNIOR SOCCER) is now taking registrations online. Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and click on Player Registration.

Returning players need to click on "Find your FFA number".

New players need to click on "Create an FFA account"

The FFA number is both the Login AND password.

For the 2015 season the Gundagai Panthers Football Club will subsidise all player registrations, providing a \$25 discount. The Registration cost will only be \$30 per player, this can be paid online. For assistance with registration email Registrar, Michelle Scott at mScott@bournet.com.au or phone 6945 3172.

We will be holding a Registration evening

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

AT 4.00PM at the Gundagai District Services Club for those who are unable to register online and need to pay in person.

Registration needs to be finalised by the 28th March.

Many thanks

Michelle Scott

Gundagai Panthers Registrar

NETBALL

Please find attached a flyer on behalf of the Tumut Representative Netball committee regarding a Fun Run / Walk, which will be held on 29th March 2015. There are 9 Gundagai girls that are part of the Rep Netball teams which include 12yrs – 15yrs age groups and there are also a large number of Under 11's girls, we would like to invite families to participate in one of their many fundraising events.

Sharon Elworthy
Fundraising committee
Tumut Representative
Netball