



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Dear Parents,

Wow! Week nine already and I know how quickly these final two weeks will pass.

Thankyou to those parents who have asked to attend Parent/Teacher interviews with their child's teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to develop your shared partnership of learning with us and to gain on insight into the work your child is completing at school. It is a chance to celebrate the successes and enjoy hearing of your child's strengths, but also time to discuss any areas of concern and to develop some strategies and ideas for how to help your child's learning.

### *The Anzac Story*

Last Friday, the students in Years 4/5/6 enjoyed a fabulous presentation of The Anzac Story at the Montreal Theatre. It was a very informative interactive presentation of the arrival of the ANZACS at the Gallipoli Peninsula and told of the struggles of different men and women during this time – up to the evacuation in December 1915. Congratulations to **Harri Ralph** who played the part of a soldier during the campaign when

students from different schools were included. Afterwards the students enjoyed some time using the playground equipment at the park.



### *Girls Soccer*

Congratulations to **Alauralee Bowditch** and **Claire Lievens** who have been selected in the Highlands Girls' Soccer team

following trials last Wednesday. A training session will be held this **Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 – 3.00pm** at Stan Crowe Oval. The girls will then travel to Albury to participate in the regional trials on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Please return your notes ASAP. Well done girls.



*Student Representative Council*



Last week elections were held in each class for representatives for the Student Representative Council. Thankyou to those students who nominated for selection. The first meeting will be held during lunch time tomorrow. Students will make the final decision about their commitment to this fantastic leadership role. Congratulations to those students. An announcement

will be made at our assembly at the end of term ready for next term.

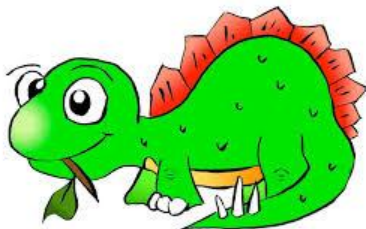
### State Election Day – P & C Raffle



The P & C will be conducting a raffle during the Election which will be held this coming **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Helpers are needed to give an hour or two of their day to help out by writing out tickets – if you are able to spare an hour or two, please complete the attached form and return by Wednesday. With the increased interest and commitment to the P & C we should see the time slots filled quickly. Thankyou.

Also, many thanks to **Casey Norden** who has donated items for the raffle. Raffle tickets are also attached to your newsletter – please return sold tickets and money by Friday. Thank you.

### Dinosaur Presentation



Don't forget to send in your \$2.00 for our wonderful Dinosaur Show this Thursday. The show will be an interactive one and promises to be lots of fun. Unfortunately I will be in Wagga for the afternoon, participating in School Planning discussions.

### Easter Theme Day



Don't forget to start making your Easter Hat for our parade to be held on Thursday week – the last day of term. Everyone is invited to the **Hat Parade which will be held at 1.00pm** followed by a picnic lunch (BYO). **Assembly will begin at 2.00pm** – Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the presentation.

### Grandparents Afternoon Tea



All Grandparents (or special senior friends) are invited to our Grandparents afternoon tea to be held this **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 2.30pm**. Everyone would love you to come along – or invite someone special to join us. Please let us know of your intention to help the staff with catering. Each class will present a short musical presentation for your enjoyment.

### Mr Garnham

It is with great regret that I have had a phone call from Mr G to say that, following his two weeks at the Fishing and

Camping Shop in Tumut recently, he feels it is time to call an end to his days as a Student Learning Support Officer at Gundagai South. He explained that although he appreciated the continuing offer of work here at Gundagai South this year (as in the past), he feels that due to a previous back injury and current problems with his knees, that he is finding it difficult to move around as easily as he once did; citing our stairs as a problem for him. We thank him for his commitment and support of our students during the past number of years and wish him well as he will now be able to spend more time at the fishing shop, working at a much less hectic pace than that which is required at school. Thankyou Mr G.



### Healthy Harold Visit



Don't forget Harold will be visiting during Monday and Tuesday of Week 10.



## Riverina Netball Cup



I have nominated a girls Year 5 & 6 team to participate in this Netball competition which is held in conjunction with the Highlands Netball trials. Girls will need to find transport to Tumut ( and a manager for the day – as I am in Wagga for 3 days of training). We also need to supply an umpire, so if anyone has any ideas , please let me know.

Girls who wish to trial at the end of the day's competition need to stay on for trials although they will be looked at during the day. If you wish to trial you need to let me know ASAP with your playing position. As yet I do not have a draw, so cannot tell you the starting time ( assume 9.00am though – with school sports uniform). If anyone wishes to order a lunch pack \$5.00 for Hot dog and Fruit box, please let me know by tomorrow so I can send in orders. Thanks. Busy week. Boys Rugby League trials will also be held on this day.

## Training & Development – How 2 Learn

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Hillier and I will be participating in T & D for How2Learn. Mrs Jackson will take the K/1 class whilst Mr Wood will teach 4/5/6.

## Sounds of the Mountains Visit



Thank you so much to Dave and the crew at Sounds of the Mountains for allowing us to visit there last Friday. The students were well behaved and enjoyed seeing and learning how the radio station works. They even got to say a little message and have it recorded, so listen out for the students from Gundagai South.

## High School Writing Project

During Week 7, the senior students enjoyed participating in some writing activities with Mr Regan and Miss Lu. The students are going to be working on developing paragraph writing during the next few weeks which will assist them in their development of written text.

## Harmony Day

During last week, students across the school participated in discussions about Harmony Day and what that means for all of us. This culminated in the creation of a beautiful Harmony Tree with the hands of friendship which are the leaves. Each class chose four words to symbolise for them, the meaning of Harmony day.



## Drumming Circle

Special thanks to **Trevor Champion** for conducting the “Drumming Circles” for our students.

We really appreciate you making yourself available to enrich the educational experiences of our pupils.





## Thanks



Thankyou to Brad and Casey Norden for their donation of surplus food from the kiosk at the pool due to the early closure. These items will be available for purchase at canteen this Friday.

## 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.**

## Radio News



Week 10: Lizzie & Gina

## School Banking



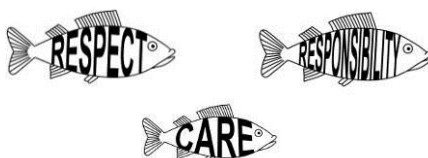
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

## Nutrition Snippet



This week's Cancer Council Nutrition Snippet "The simplest way to make lunch healthy" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

## PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "Corridors & Pathways" in the playground and "Speaking to Others" for our Classroom.

## Playground –Corridors & Pathways

**Respect:** Inside voices.

**Responsibility:** Walk.

**Care:** Keep left.

## Classroom – Speaking to Others

**Respect:** Speak politely, Greet people.

**Responsibility:** Make eye contact.

**Care:** Speak clearly to be understood..

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

## PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 8–**Tiara Foster, Braith Winner & Michael Monaghan.** Well done everyone.

## Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 8

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



## Green Level

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Green level this week:



Jessica Crooks & Brandy McGrath. Well done girls.

### **Student of the Week**

**4/5/6 – Lizzie Byron –**  
Enthusiastically completing all set tasks.



**2/3- Nic Monaghan –** Working hard on his reading.



**K/1 – Jack Clarke –** Working hard in all areas of literacy.



### **Catch of the Week**

**4/5/6 – Jessica Crooks –** For always being a positive role model and setting a good example for her peers.



**2/3 – Teleah Smith -** For being helpful and friendly towards others.



**K/1 – Aiden Morris –** For good listening skills and participation in group discussions.



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### **CANTEEN**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March –**  
**Cheryl Lanyon &**  
**Shan Bowditch**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**– Sharni Carpenter**

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
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=riviera](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=riviera)

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### **Netball Registration Day**

Tuesday 24th March 3.30 to 5.30 at Hopes Place.

All primary students are asked to submit their individual registration and they will be placed into a team.

Forms can be picked up from Hopes Place or downloaded from our website

[www.gundagainetball.wordpress.com](http://www.gundagainetball.wordpress.com)

More information contact Tracey on 0412806400