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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. It looks like another super busy term ahead for us all. This week will be super busy with the staff all updating their CPR training yesterday and then working on sharing the new school plan, developing the milestones for the new plan as well as looking at new reporting formats. All this needs to be uploaded to the website by the end of the week – (the plan had to be done yesterday) and by the end of next week the Annual School Report is meant to be finished and uploaded! All principals are to have all this finished – they also suggest that everyone should maintain a positive and healthy work/life balance, but increasingly this is impossible, especially when teaching too!

The students will all be on the go too, with our dance lessons with the Footsteps Company commencing this Wednesday. Don't forget the lessons are \$2.00 each week per student. Everyone enjoys these lessons and it's fantastic to see the progression of the dance and the acquisition of skills.



“Clubs” afternoon – otherwise known as Quality Engagement Activities will commence in Week 2 each Tuesday afternoon for six weeks. This will involve the students working together in across school groupings whilst enjoying a range of different skills and activities to those normally held. I'm sure it will be lots of fun for everyone.

Boys and Girls Touch Football Trials



Thankyou to those children who have returned notes for touch footie trials. **Trials will be held this Thursday 23rd, from 12.00 – 2.30pm at the Bull Paddock in Tumut. Parents will be required to transport their children to Tumut.** Students must be aware that if selected, the Riverina trials will be held for boys at Albury on May 28th and girls 19th June at a venue to be advised. Good luck to **Alauralee Bowditch, Claire Lievens, Rylee Byrne, Lizzie**

Byron, Zak Anderson and Kynan Crossley.

Speech Pathologist Visit



Next Tuesday, Hannah Woodford, our Speech Pathologist will be visiting school to work with parents and students who want to know more about how they can assist students with articulation and speech delivery. She will focus on sounds and strategies. Parents are welcome to come along at 3.30pm (children welcome) and hear what Hannah has to say. Enjoy a cup of tea with us too.

ANZAC March

Remember our Diggers



25th April

This year ANZAC Day falls on Saturday this coming weekend and we would love to have

ALL our students marching as school representatives with us. Some of our students who have a direct link to great grandparents or relations who served in WW1 will be chosen this week to play a special part in the ANZAC march.

Students will be required to wear their full winter school uniform and jumper (it is only meant to be 13 degrees) with black shoes, school hat is optional and meet outside Lott's Family Hotel at 10.15 with the march to leave for the cenotaph at 10.30am.

School captains and leaders **must** attend as they are required to lay wreaths at the cenotaph. Student Council members will also be asked to attend the march.

As this is the 100th year of the landing at Gallipoli and of such great significance for us as a nation, it is expected that all our school community will meet together to show our appreciation and support. Please try to be there to show your support not only for our school, but for those brave men and women who fought for our freedom.

P & C Meeting



The first P & C meeting for this term will be held next **Wednesday evening 29th April commencing at 7.00pm.**

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Small Schools' Cross Country



The cross country will be held at Bongongo **on Monday 4th May** with all students competing. A bus will be leaving from school at 9.15am for **ALL** students. Students must travel to Bongongo on the bus (cost \$3.00 per student), however they may return home with parents.

A canteen will operate on the day selling:

Sausage sandwich (onion & coleslaw) \$3.00

Hot dog with grated cheese \$3.00

Cup of soup (with bun /cheese) \$3.00

There will also be cakes, slices, snacks and various drinks available on the day.

For catering purpose please indicate on the attached form if you would like to order lunch so numbers can be sent to Bongongo. Pay on the day do not send money with this form. Students will have recess upon arrival, followed by walking the course then the events. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. **Please sign and return the attached permission note with your money by this Friday.** Thanks

P & C Mother's Day Stall



The P & C will be running a Mother's Day stall for students to purchase gifts on **Wednesday 6th May**. Gifts will range in price from 50c - \$5.00. A free card and gift wrapping will be available on the day. Start saving now!

Attendance Concerns



It was extremely disappointing to note the large number of absences on the final day of Term 1, particularly in the 4/5/6 class. Please note that all unexplained absences are forwarded to the new Home School Liaison officer for consideration. It is a legal requirement for parents to send their children to school.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Attached is information for parents of students in Years 3 & 5 regarding the NAPLAN testing to take place in Week 4. All students in Years 3 & 5 will sit the tests over 3 days with Language and Writing on **Tuesday 12th May**, Reading **Wednesday 13th May** and Numeracy on **Thursday 14th May**.

Easter Hat Parade

Thankyou to everyone who came to our Easter Hat parade, picnic lunch and assembly on the last day of Term 1. It was wonderful to see so many people at school supporting the students.

The Principal's Awards went to:

K/1 - **Indi Tyson**

2/3 - **Teleah Smith**

4/5/6 - **Daniel Anderson**

Citizenship - **Jessica Crooks**



Stewart House Donation Drive 2014



An envelope is attached for the Stewart House Donation Drive 2015.

For your chance to win a \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice just place \$2 in the envelope and complete entry details on the back and return to school by **Friday 8th May**.

Chooks



Thanks to much to Tim, Emma, Kynan, Chloe & Hayden Crossley for taking the chooks home and looking after them for us during the holidays.

Thankyou



Thankyou to Gundagai Shire Council for repairing the washout of the gutter along Luke Street in front of the school.

We appreciate that the area has now been made safe for our school community.

Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

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



Radio News



- Week 2: Daniel & Hayley
- Week 3: Alauralee & Tiara
- Week 4: Isaac & Rylee
- Week 5: Kynan & Claire
- Week 6: Brydon & Adam
- Week 7: Riley & Harri
- Week 8: Queen's Birthday
- Week 9: Angel & Gabby
- Week 10: Jess & Chris

School Banking



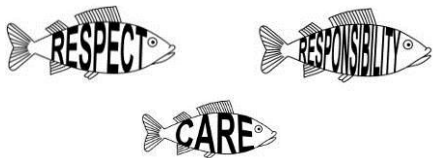
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Nutrition Snippet



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

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "Lines" in the playground and "Listening" for our Classroom.

Playground -Lines

Respect: Standing quietly.

Responsibility: Move to Lines quickly & quietly.

Care: Hands and feet to self.

Classroom – Listening

Respect: Sit quietly. Eyes on speaker.

Responsibility: Put hand up to ask questions. Stay on topic.

Care: Sensible answers.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

Green Level

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Green level:

Braith Winner, Kayla Byrne, Jade Harvey, David Foster, Michael Monaghan, Nic Monaghan.

Pip☺

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 27th April**
Thankyou

CANTEEN

The Canteen Roster and Menu for Term 2 are attached.

Please note Canteen will now operate on Wednesday (starting next week) as well as Monday and Friday

Friday 24th April -Tiki Paton

Monday 27th April – Sharnie Carpenter

Wednesday 29th April – Rebecca Morris & Jenna Morris

GUNDAGAI PANTHERS SOCCER TRAINING

Soccer training starts **Wednesday 22nd April 4.00-5.00pm** at Owen Vincent Oval.

Soccer socks will be available to purchase for **\$15 at training.**

Many thanks
Michelle Scott