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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3

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Dear Parents,

Thankyou to those parents who took the opportunity to come along to Hannah's Speech Workshop for parents and students. Those who were able to attend found her skills and strategies very useful and I'm sure the parents were appreciating the time and effort Hannah made for everyone. Thankyou also to those P & C members who attended last week's meeting. It has been wonderful to see so many new faces attending our meetings and the new time slot is also proving to be a success with a fantastic increase in attendance. Your participation and input is valued and appreciated. It is hoped to hold a working bee to build a new wooden border below the current sand pit area so we can add the "Bag of Beans" play equipment to the area. I will let you know when we have a date for the working bee, so hopefully we will be able to get some helpers for the day.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Tests for all students in Years 3 and 5 will be held next week. The Department of Education and Communities use information gained from NAPLAN to determine the levels of funding support for each school.

Year Six Visit to the Environmental Education Centre

Next Thursday four Year 6 students will have the opportunity to attend the EEC to participate in some fantastic fun activities in a smaller group situation. Students need to be able to travel to Wagga with a parent/parents and the day runs from 9.30am-2.30pm and costs \$2.00. This is a great opportunity and students in Year 6 should jump at the chance. It would be great to see those who do not normally participate in many activities having a go. Please let me know if you would like to attend by filling in the Expression of Interest form attached to the newsletter.

Early Years Engagement Program.

As part of the Early Years Engagement Program, the K/1 class will be hosting a visit from the children from Gundagai Pre-School and Gumnut on Thursday 14th May from 10.00am -11.45am. The children will interact with our students by participating in a range of fantastic literacy activities during the morning.



Cross Country

Today, all students will be travelling to Bongongo for the Small Schools Cross Country event. Good luck to all students. Those students who are 8 years old (or turning 8) and older this year, who gain placings will be invited to participate in the District Cross Country on Monday 18th May, in Gundagai. Notes will be sent home next week to those students who qualify.

ANZAC Learning-

It has been wonderful to see some beautiful co-operative and shared learning taking place in the sand pit area during the past two weeks. With half the school involved, the students have been demonstrating their learning and understanding of the battles of the Gallipoli with the construction of amazing trenches and battlegrounds. We have seen ANZAC Cove, Shrapnel Gully and Hill 60, amongst others which have emerged during the past two weeks. Well done everyone.

Computer – Digital Technologies Exam

This exam will be conducted on Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th May. Good luck to those students who are participating.

Mother's Day Stall & Raffle



All is in readiness for our Mother's Day Gift Stall which is being held this Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm. Thankyou to the P & C members who have volunteered to help for the afternoon. There are some lovely gifts to buy and the price range is from .50c to \$5.00, so remember to send with your child on Wednesday. Gifts will be wrapped for you and children will receive a card. Raffle books for the Mother's Day raffle are attached to your newsletter. Please return tickets by Friday 8th May when the raffle will be drawn. The raffle prize looks fantastic and would be a wonderful prize to win. Well worth the \$2.00 ticket.

Visit to Wagga

On Friday 22nd May, all students will be travelling to Wagga to participate in some fantastic opportunities for learning. Students K-3 will be visiting Wagga Library to participate in some literacy activities in the morning, whilst years 4-6 will visit the Art Gallery as part of their learning in the Ngulagambilanha project. The students will also have the opportunity to do block painting during their time there. After the Art Gallery, Years 4-6 will go to Airborne Gymnastics for a workout at the gym, while K-3 students will participate in art activities at the Art Gallery. As this is a full day of activities, all students will need to be at

school by 8.45am when the bus will depart for Wagga. All students will need to be at school early. We will return in time for the afternoon bus runs. Students will wear their school uniform and will need to bring their own lunch. There will be no canteen on this day. The cost for the day's activities will be \$5.00 per child. The school will pay the remainder of the costs for students. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school with your money.

Creative Catchment Kids

This great opportunity begins this Friday. There is no cost involved and will be conducted at school.

Mortimer Shield

Girls in year 5 and 6 will be participating in the Mortimer Shield Gala Day Touch Football on Thursday 21st May in Tumut. Kynan will also join with boys from the small schools to form a Rugby League Team. Students will need to find transport to Tumut and will need to be there at 8.30am in order to have a training run with other team members. The girls will be joined by Bongongo girls to give us a reserve or two. Please complete the attached note to return ASAP.

Canteen Roster

**Wednesday 6th May –
Rebecca Morris & Jenna
Morris**

**Friday 8th May – Trevor
Champion & Tara Morris**

**Monday 11th May –
Sharnie Carpenter &
Viviana Agati**

School Banking



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

Nutrition Snippet

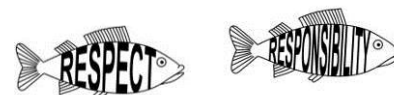


This week's Cancer Council Nutrition Snippet "**The simplest way to work out how much fruit and veg you need.**" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

Quality Engagement Activities

This week sees the start of our QEA program with all students across K-6 working in four groups to participate in a variety of new learning experiences. This program will operate on Tuesday afternoons for the next four weeks.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



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

Playground –Play Areas

Respect: Share and take turns.
Be friendly

Responsibility: Play by the
rules. Be sun safe.

Care: Use equipment properly.

Classroom – Entering and 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



**Gabrielle Butcher, Hayley
Booby, Aiden Morris, Jack
Clarke and Zak Anderson.**
Well done everyone

Healthy Recess and Lunch



Congratulations to our
healthy recess and lunch
awards winners for Week 2
Recess award- **David Foster**
Lunch award – **Meg Wheeler**

PBL Achievement

Congratulations to the
following students who have
achieved the following levels in
our PBL welfare system.

RED: Isaac Ford

GREEN: Daniel Anderson

PINK: Brandy McGrath,
Charlie Hourn and Billy
Anderson

BLUE: Greg Clarke.

Home Reading

Congratulations to the
following students who have
reach 20 and 40 nights Home
Reading.

20 Nights
Jade Harvey

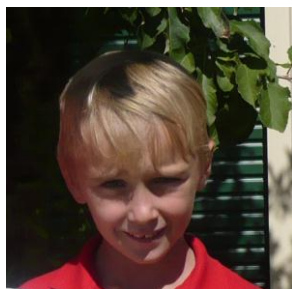
40 Nights
Claire Lievens



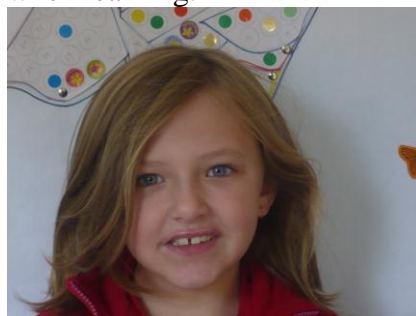
These students will be able to
choose a book from the wide
selection of quality literature for
our Home Reading program.
Congratulations everyone.

Student of the Week

4/5/6–Isaac Ford: For sharing
his wonderful knowledge of the
Australian Light Horse
Regiment with the class.



2/3- Amy Myers: For
improving her concentration
when learning.



K/1 –Riley Foster For
consistent effort in learning his
sounds.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 -Rylee Byrne: For
demonstrating a mature and
responsible attitude towards all
learning and work habits.



2/3 – David Foster: For always
coming to lines promptly after
each break.



K/1 Hayden Crossley: For
always displaying good
citizenship in class.–



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