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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 5

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our students who tried their best during the very intensive NAPLAN process last week. It was fantastic to see everyone participating which showed their persistence and commitment. Thankyou parents for your support. The results are usually not returned until close to the end of Term 3, when the school and parents receive detailed reports. Remember that this test is just one form of assessment which teachers can use to assist them in planning teaching experiences for your child and their class.



Early Years Engagement Program

Thankyou and congratulations to Mrs Hillier and Mrs Wheeler who initiated this transition awareness program for our school with the first morning last Thursday – a great success despite the freezing cold weather. The children from Preschool and Gumnut arrived at big school and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with our students and completing lots of fun literacy and numeracy activities. We are all looking forward to their next visit on **Wednesday 10th June**.



Highlands Cross Country

Today 19 of our primary students will be competing in the Highlands Cross Country event here in Gundagai. We wish all our students the best of luck. Students who qualify for the regional Carnival on **11th June** will receive a note next week if they are successful and in the first four placings. The Regional Carnival will also be held in Gundagai.



Quality Engagement Activities (Clubs)

Activities will continue this Tuesday afternoon with students enjoying their participation in the activities each week.



Digital Technologies

Students who have applied to sit for this exam will do so this week. I'm sure they will all do their best.

Assembly



Don't forget our first assembly for this term will be held **on Wednesday, commencing at 2.00pm**. This will be a whole school assembly, as we no longer need to split our assemblies into infants and primary times. Come along at 2.00pm and enjoy the afternoon.

Mortimer Shield – Thursday 21st May



Students playing in the Mortimer Shield teams will **need to be in Tumut by 8.45am** with the first game to begin at **9.40am**. As we are joining with students from the other small schools we need to have a few practise runs. Students will be given a touch shirt on the day. A canteen will operate on the day. Thankyou to those parents who are transporting the students.

Wagga Excursion – Friday 22nd May



Don't forget **everyone needs to be at school ready to leave at 8.45am on Friday** this week. School winter uniform needs to be worn (Years 4 – 6 Sports uniform with shorts for gymnastics). Please bring a jacket in case it's cold and your recess, lunch and a bottle of water. Please ensure you have returned your permission note and \$5.00. Our first activities will be visiting the library for K – 3 and for the 4 – 6 students, the art gallery and workshops will begin our day. With all the wonderful art being done with our Ngulagambilhanha projects, I am really looking forward to seeing the results of these workshops.

Canberra University Intern



This week we welcome Lani Wells to our school. Lani is completing her final year of teacher training through the University of Canberra and has chosen to complete her training

at our school. Lani will be working with Mrs McAlister and the 4/5/6 class and I'm sure she will thoroughly enjoy her time with us.
Welcome Miss Wells.

Mrs Matthews



This week, Mrs Matthews returns to school after her lovely holiday overseas. I'm sure she and Mr Matthews enjoyed a well-earned break away relaxing on the beautiful sunny beaches of Bali.

Student Leaders – Leadership Conference in Wagga

Our school leaders are invited to participate in a Riverina Leadership Conference in Wagga on **Tuesday 26th May**. The conference will be held at CSU and I will be taking the students to Wagga on the day. Students will wear school uniform and will need **to be at school by 8.00am**. They will need to take their own recess and lunch and will return between 3.30 – 4.00pm. I will drop the students home. The cost of attending the workshop has been paid by the school. Please complete the attached permission note.

Dance Lessons

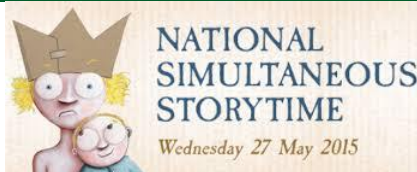
Our lessons continue this week – please send in your money if you are paying weekly.



Work Experience Student

Next Monday we welcome Riley Wheeler who will be attending our school for the week as part of his work experience opportunity. I'm sure Riley will enjoy his time with us.

National Simultaneous Reading Day



Once again this year, our school will be participating in National Simultaneous Reading Day where school students in all settings right around Australia

come together to read a set text on **Wednesday 27th May**. This year the chosen text is "The Brothers Quibble". We will pause to read this text **at 11.20am** following the completion of dance lessons. Parents are welcome to come and see our dance lessons in practise – K – 3 from 10.15am – 10.45am and Years 4 – 6 from 10.45am – 11.15am and then to stay on for the shared reading of the text if they would like.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



We will be acknowledging this wonderful fund raising event for Cancer Research on **Thursday 28th May from 11.00am – 11.45 am**. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along and enjoy morning tea with us whilst making a donation towards Cancer Council research work. **Everyone is encouraged to wear something yellow on the day**. The staff and Student Representative Council members will be provided a delicious morning tea. Looking forward to see you all.

Riverina Schools Choral Camp

Expressions of interest for students to attend the Riverina Schools Choral camp are currently being sought for students in Years 5 - 6. The camp will be held at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday July 19th 4.00pm – Friday July 24th concluding with a concert at 2.30pm. Cost will be \$400. Please let Anne

know if you would be interested in attending this camp by Friday 22nd May.

PBL Reward Day – Out of Uniform

Congratulations to all the students who have been working so hard to earn their next PBL school reward. This will be held **on Friday 29th May** when students are allowed to **come out of uniform**. Everyone is encouraged to wear mufti clothes and for this privilege they are asked to either provide a 'glue stick' for their classroom or a \$2.00 donation towards our World Vision fundraising project. Congratulations everyone.

Radio News



Week 6: Isaac & Rylee
Week 7: Kynan & Claire
Week 8: Queens Birthday
Week 9: Riley & Harri
Week 10: Angel & Gabby

School Banking



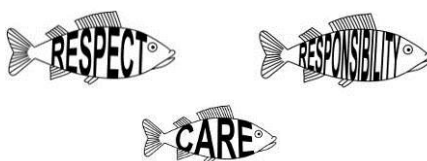
Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking. Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Nutrition Snippet



This week's Cancer Council Nutrition Snippet "**The simplest way prevent skin cancer**" is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be "**Assembly**" in the playground and "**Leaving the Room**" for our Classroom. These two areas complement each other well, as respect, responsibility and care in these two areas are important in helping to lead a balanced life.

Playground –Assembly

Respect: Follow instructions.

Responsibility: Sit quietly and listen.

Care: Show manners.

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 4: **Riley Foster, Greg Clarke, Adam Morris and Charlie Hourn**. Well done everyone.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 4



Recess award –**Angel Clark**

Lunch award – **Thomas Casnave**

PBL Achievement

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

RED: Thomas Casnave, Kynan Crossley, Opal Kothe-Champion

GREEN: Brydon Harvey, Destiny Cooper

Home Reading



Congratulations to the following students who have reached 40 and 60 nights Home Reading.

40 Nights

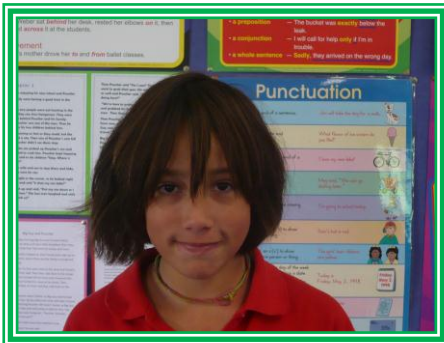
Destiny Cooper, Chloe Crossley, Alauralee Bowditch, Brydon Harvey.

60 Nights

Gabrielle Butcher.

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Opal Kothe-Champion
– Making a concerted effort to do her best during NAPLAN

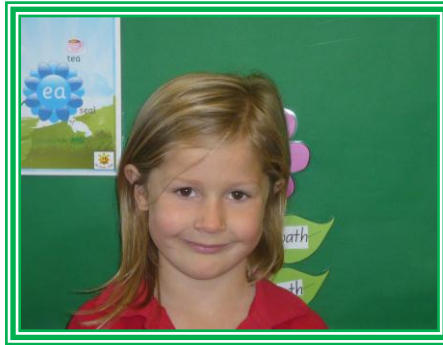


testing.

2/3- Nic Monaghan – Working hard to use sounding our strategies when reading.



K/1 – Miah Hosking – Displaying great listening skills and concentration during writing lessons.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 - Alauralee Bowditch – Being responsible for her own belongings and keeping her desk and bookwork neat.



2/3 – Kynan Paton – Always demonstrating our PBL values.



K/1 – Aiden Morris – Showing respect and following instructions when sitting on the floor.



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CANTEEN

**Wednesday 20th May –
Rebecca Morris &
Jenna Morris**

**SPECIAL LUNCH FOR
WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti Bolognese,
Fruit Box, Bag of
Lollies
\$6.00**



**Friday 22nd May – NO
CANTEEN**

**Monday 25th May –
Erica Manns**

