



# Gundagai South Public School

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**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1

14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3! I hope you were able to have an enjoyable break together. No doubt everyone has been trying to keep warm and dry during the past few days - the rain has been wonderful, but I'm sure everyone is looking forward to some more sunshine again. Our final week of Term 2 was frantically busy – with the students all enjoying a wonderful Cultural Day at Gadara to begin the week. The students chopped, diced and peeled veges for our warm stew for lunch and everyone helped to make damper which was delicious. Ms Bulger told the story of Tidalilck the Frog as well as the story of the Platypus and Shane and Teleah made bark bracelets, did some boomerang throwing and painted faces with traditional ochre. Miss Bulger guided and encouraged the students with their screen printing and everyone was delighted to take home their beautifully printed T-shirts on the last day of term. Our thanks to Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Kingwill who organised the day and to all those involved in making it a fun day of learning for all students (thanks also to Eddie Smith for your help).



**Sounds of the Mountains**

**Gabby Butcher and Angel Clark** were very privileged to

have the opportunity to present the weekly school news in a “live” setting. Both girls did a fantastic job and as it was Gabby's birthday, it was indeed a special occasion with Gab also choosing her favourite song for day.



## *Yrs 5/6 Visit to Gundagai High School- Motivational Media Presentation*

This was an excellent presentation for the students. In a wonderful audio visual display, different individuals spoke passionately about their goals and dreams and the ability to succeed in whatever you choose to do in life, despite having a disability or suffering from setbacks. I hope the students were able to relate this to their own lives and aspirations for success. One of the main ideas, spoken about by all involved was the notion of resilience and how each individual in life, must build their own resilience and ability to solve their own problem and find solutions. When faced with an obstacle in their life – which is often in the end is only a very small ‘speed bump’.

## *Assembly*

Congratulations to all our students who received awards of our end of term assembly. Special mention to winners of Special awards.

### Principals Awards

K/1 – **Samantha Crooks**

2/3 – **Charlie Hourn**

4/5/6 – **Kynan Crossley**

### Citizenship Award

**Tiara Foster**



Well done students.

Thankyou to all the parents and friends who attended our assembly.

## *Small Schools' Soccer Knockout*

Thankyou to the wonderful support the students received when we travelled to Cootamundra for the Small Schools' Soccer Knockout day. The students had a great day and played exceptionally well. Our first match against Nangus was very evenly balanced with the scores see-sawing throughout the game. With only minutes to go, Nangus received a penalty shot and a little inexperience from our students gave Nangus a free shot at goal which enabled Nangus to win 3 – 2. Well done everyone.

In the second game, our students passed the ball well to each other and backed up and supported all over the ground. We were lucky enough to win 11 – 1, in the final game, after a big lunch and with tiring legs, the students lost 6 – 0. It was great to see such support amongst our students and our obvious enjoyment of the game. Special mention goes to **Jess Crooks, Isaac Ford** and **Kynan Paton** for their no-stop efforts, great sportsmanship and enthusiastic approach. Thankyou to the parents, grandparents and friends who

were there to support the students.



## *National Collection of Disability Data*

This will be ‘harvested’ from our enrolment records during next week. No individual students or families are identified, and the information is used to guide and determine the level of support provided to schools in the future.





## *Tennis Lessons*



Tennis lessons with Birdie commence this term, beginning in Week 2 (21<sup>st</sup> July). They will be held each Tuesday and will cost \$3.00 each lesson per child. Payment may be paid weekly or as a lump sum. There will be 6 lessons.

## *Small Schools' Athletics*



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** is the date of the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. This is for students who are 8 (or turning 8) years and older this year. It will be held at Stan Crowe Oval and students will travel by bus leaving school at 9.15am. (Bus cost paid by school) Students will need to wear their sports uniform with suitable shoes for sporting activities with a tracksuit and coat to keep warm.

**PARENTS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE CANTEEN ON THE**

## **DAY and donations of cakes and slices would be most appreciated.**

The menu is attached.

**Please sign and return the attached permission note and return by this Friday.** The bus will return in time for the afternoon run. School as normal for students 7 years and younger.

## *K – 3 Excursion to Canberra*

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**, students in K – 3 will have the opportunity to attend the live stage performance of *Stripey* – the story of an emu chick in Canberra at the Theatre. The bus for the day will **leave from school at 9.30am**. As the performance is scheduled for 1.00pm, the students will not be returning until after the school day has finished, therefore they **will need to be picked up from school at approximately 4.30pm**. The cost of the days outing will be \$10.00 each, with the school paying the balance. (Ticket cost is \$15.50 each and bus cost is approximately \$30.00 each). Please complete the attached permission note and return with your many by next Monday. Thanks

## *Week 3 – Education Week*

EDUCATION  
WEEK

During Education Week we will be working together with the others public schools to celebrate and promote Public

Education in Gundagai. More about is next week.

We also will be enjoying another of our Early Years Engagement Program days at the beginning of the week, Open Day on Wednesday and the **Highlands' Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July** for those students who have qualified to attend.

## *Chaplaincy Program*



Following the conclusion of the Department of Education's Wellbeing Program last year, I am pleased to say that this term we welcome Jenny Glazebrook to the school in the role of our new wellbeing worker. Jenny's role will be similar to that of last years, as she will be supporting the staff and students across the whole school. We are hoping to get our breakfast program and Wellbeing Wednesdays up and running again. Welcome Jenny. I'm sure you will enjoy working at Gundagai South and I'm sure the students will be excited to have you working with them.

## *Condolences*

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Myers family on the sudden death of Debbie, a much loved wife, mum and nan. Our thoughts are with you all.

## Excursion Years 3 – 6 Sydney

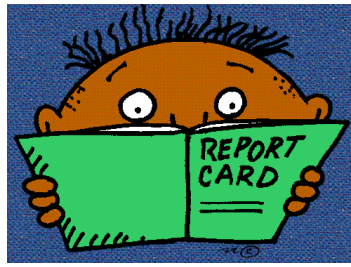


May I strongly suggest that further monetary payment is made towards the cost of the excursion this week or next. It is now only six weeks away so please don't leave payment until the last minute. Remember the dates are **31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September**. I need to know **definite numbers by 27<sup>th</sup> July** as places on the bus are filled by those who have paid.

## Internship

This term we will welcome Ms Kelly Reynolds to our school as she begins her final internship in her teacher training. Ms Reynolds will be working with Mrs Wheeler's class and she visited the class at the end of last term to introduce herself and meet the staff and students. I'm sure she will enjoy her time at Gundagai South. Mrs Reynolds commences next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, until the end of term.

## Portfolios and Reports



I hope you have taken the opportunity to discuss your child's report with them and to enjoy their portfolio work for Semester One. Please return the portfolio to school with all work in the portfolio except the school report which is your property and should be kept somewhere safe for future reference. If you have any questions for your child's teacher, please come and have a chat. For those students who were not at school on the last day of term, portfolios and reports can be collected from your child's teacher.

## Radio News



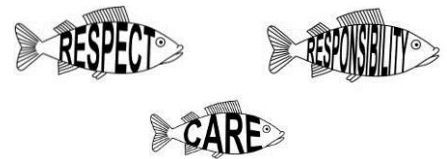
Week 2: Michael & Braith  
Week 3: Jess & Chris  
Week 4: Destiny & Gina  
Week 5: Harri & Tiara  
Week 6: Jordan & Claire  
Week 7: Lizzie & Kynan  
Week 8: Lilah & Josie  
Week 9: Thomas & Rylee  
Week 10: Dylan & Adam

## School Banking



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

## 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:** Wait patiently

**Responsibility:** Right place, right time.

**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.

Pip☺

## CANTEEN

The Canteen Roster  
and Menu for Term 3  
are attached.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July –  
Rebecca Morris &  
Jenna Morris**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Cheryl Lanyon & Shan  
Bowditch**

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**NO CANTEEN –  
SMALL SCHOOLS’  
ATHLETICS  
CARNIVAL**

## OOSH Newsletter

Attached is the After  
School Care Program  
for Term 3  
commencing Tuesday  
14<sup>th</sup> July.