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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Today the students in Years 4, 5 & 6 will all be extremely excited as we head off on our week's excursion to Sydney. It promises to be a wonderful week of learning and social interaction and I'm certain it will be an extremely valuable learning opportunity as nothing beats hands on experiences. I'm sure there will be lots of photos for next week's newsletter.

Book Fair

What a fantastic array of outstanding book characters we met last Thursday. We were all so impressed with the fabulous effort that both parents and students contributed to make this activity such fun. Our parade of characters was certainly very colourful and showed a range of different 'favourites'. Thankyou to all those people who contributed to day by sending in a favourite book – the students enjoyed the opportunity to share with their classmates.

The book fair was again popular with a great range of books which were reasonably priced. Sales were over \$900 which has allowed the school to purchase \$300 worth of new books for the

library. Thankyou also the parents who kindly purchased a book to donate to the library. Your support is very much appreciated.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who participated in our school spelling bee. It was wonderful to see every child participating, no matter what their ability and everyone clapping no matter the results. A special congratulations to our class winners on the day:
Kinder: **Makena Hourn**
Year 1: Joint winners- **Chase Anderson & Samantha Crooks**
Year 2: **Josie Warren**
Years 3: **Charlie Hourn**
Year 4: **Jess Crooks**
Year 5: **Adam Morris**
Year 6: **Claire Lievens**

Following this there was a 'spell off' between the top students in Years 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 and as a result, our Years 3/4 representatives at the Regional finals in Wagga will be **Jessica Crooks** and **Angel Clark** and in Years 5 & 6 –



Claire Lievens and Gabrielle Butcher. Congratulations everyone.



Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

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

Father's Day Stall



Thankyou to the mums who were able to come along and help sell items for the Father's Day stall last week. The students loved choosing a special gift and it was lovely

that they could be wrapped and ready for next weekend.

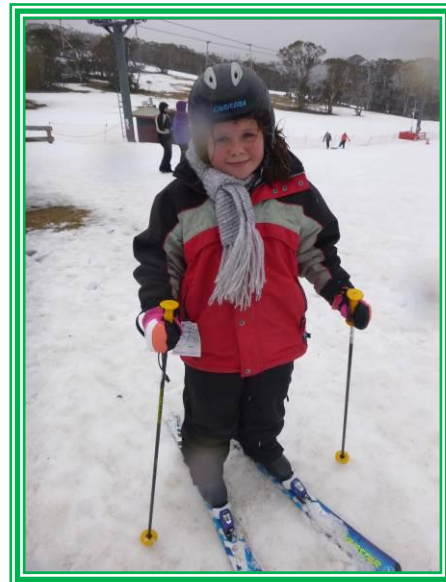
There are still a small number of gifts left if anyone missed out on buying last week. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Don't forget to return your tickets and money for the Father's Day raffle. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 4th September.**



SKIING

What a wonderful day of skiing it turned out to be last Monday. I know everyone enjoyed themselves and it was wonderful to see everyone quickly mastering the necessary skills. The experience of skiing during the snow fall was terrific and the students certainly made the most of their opportunities.



NAPLAN

By now everyone will have had the opportunity to sit down and go through the results of their child's NAPLAN tests. Congratulations to all our students, particularly the students in Year 5 whose results reflected the level of effort and achievements of strong parent/school partnerships. Please come and see me if you would like any clarification or help in the interpretation of the results.

Regional PSSA Athletics



We wish the students attending the PSSA Athletics Carnival in Albury the best of luck. **Jess Crooks** and **Alauralee Bowditch** will compete in individual events and the PP5 relay team of **Claire Lievens**, **Alauralee Bowditch**, **Chris Afuang** and **Zak Anderson** will compete in the Nigel Bagley Relay for Small Schools. The students will then fly to Sydney to join their peers. Thankyou to the parents who are driving the students to Albury.

Health & Nutrition



Last Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Wheeler and I met with Alex Walker from the Department of Health Live Life Well team to discuss a more healthy approach towards our canteen, breakfast and wellbeing programs.

Attached to the newsletter is a fridge magnet to remind you about healthy lunchbox ingredients.

Alex will also be attending our next P & C meeting to discuss how healthy eating makes such a huge difference to our students' learning. Thankyou to those parents who have returned

their survey forms offering great ideas.

Band Instruments

The students in years 4/5/6 were extremely excited last week as they all had the opportunity to participate in lessons on a brand new musical instrument. I have recently purchased some instruments which will be suitable for a small band and currently everyone is having lessons with Marie from the Wagga School of Music. There will be no lessons this week, but next week there will be lessons on Monday and Wednesday. Marie was very impressed with the skills, aptitude and enthusiasm shown by the students. Thanks also to Ms Dickinson for her enthusiasm and support for this brand new exciting program at Gundagai South.



Fun Run

Don't forget to get your sponsorship for the School Fun Run and Games Afternoon on **9th September**.

School Chairs - Free

In anyone would like any free school chairs – please contact Franklin Public School 69471533.

P & C Car Boot Sale



REMINDER

The P & C will be holding a 'Car Boot' sale on **Saturday 5th September from 11am – 2pm** on the school oval. Your trash could be someone else's treasure. Start cleaning out your cupboards and the shed and come along and make some money for yourself. See attached flyer for more information.



Arabin Cup T Ball Competition



All students from Gundagai South School will be travelling to Binalong on **Friday 11th September** to again participate in the Arabin Cup Tee Ball Competition.

We will be travelling by bus at a cost of \$2.00 per student. A canteen will be operating on the day and students will need to wear their sports uniform. We have entered 3 teams and teams are K – 6. Please sign the attached permission note and return to school together with your money. It is a great day of team work, co-operation, sportsmanship and sharing.

Training

All teachers are required to continually update their teaching skills and are always learning new skills, knowledge and understanding. One of the ways that teachers are encouraged to do this in order to maintain the skills necessary for accreditation is that we can visit other schools and view different teaching in practice. Last week Mrs Wheeler was able to visit Murrumburrah Public School and on **Monday 7th September**, Mrs Hillier, Kelly and I will be visit Cootamundra Public.

Continually learning, adapting to change and growing our skills in teaching are important for us all in such a rapidly changing world.

Lanterns on the Lagoon

Lanterns on the Lagoon is a festival held in Tumut celebrating reflection, sustainable art and sculpture. The sculptures being created from recycled and natural materials. **This year, our students will be making a sculpture using fabric and recycling materials. We are asking mums and dads to have a look for old t-shirts that are no longer needed.** Our students will be making a sculpture to be displayed at the festival.

The sculptures are displayed in Pioneer Park by the Tumut River. During the evening the sculptures are enhanced by solar lighting.



School Banking



Don't forget to send in your Westpac School Banking.

Banking will be collected every Wednesday.

Radio News



Week 9: Kynan & Lizzie
Week 10: Dylan & Adam

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be “**Lunch Area**” in the playground and “**At Computers**” for our Classroom.

Playground –Lunch Area

Respect: Stay seated.

Responsibility: Eat your lunch.

Care: Pack up. Rubbish in bins.

Classroom – At Computers

Respect: Work carefully.
Respect school property.

Responsibility: Do your work.
Follow teacher instructions.
Follow cyber safety rules.

Care: Treat equipment gently.
Look after equipment.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

Home Reading



Congratulations to the following students who have reached 20 nights Home Reading.

Hayden Crossley, Indi Tyson, Riley Foster, Makena Hourn, Chase Anderson, Jack Clarke, Kynan Paton and Jade Harvey.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 7: **Sam Crooks, Michael Monaghan & Gina Wheeler.** Well done.

PBL Awards

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

GREEN: Angel Clark

PINK: Jordan Paton, Chase Anderson, Makena Hourn, Hayden Crossley.

BLUE: Sam Crooks, Indi Tyson, Miah Hosking, Riley Foster, Jack Clarke

ORANGE: Jessica Crooks

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 7



Recess award-

Nic Monaghan

Lunch award – **Kynan Paton**

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Riley Manns – Making great contribution to class discussions.



2/3- Amy Myers – Demonstrating improvement in her learning.



K/1 – Makena Hourn – Great effort in the Spelling Bee.



Catch of the Week

4/5/6 - Chloe Crossley – Following PBL rules and interacting positively with her peers.



2/3 - Charlie Hourn – Encouraging and supporting others in the classroom.



K/1 – Aiden Morris – For his polite helpfulness in the classroom.



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Tuesday 1st September –

Gumnut and Preschool Visit
10 – 12noon

Saturday 5th – Car Boot Sale
at Gundagai South School -
11am – 2pm

Sunday 6th September –
Father's Day

Monday 7th September –
Staff Training –

Cootamundra Public School

Wednesday 9th September –
Fun Run

P & C Meeting @ 7pm

Friday 11th September –
Arabin Cup T-Ball Binalong
Yrs K - 6

Wednesday 1st September –
Gala Soccer Day Yrs 3 - 6

CANTEEN

**Wednesday 2nd
September -
Rebecca Morris &
Jenna Morris**

**Friday 4th September
– Erin Batt and
Sharon Batt**

**Monday 7th
September – Erica
Manns**