



# Gundagai South Public School

Principal: Mrs Pip McAlister  
**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARE**

## NEWSLETTER

Phone: (02)69441117  
Fax: (02)69441158  
Email: [gundagais-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gundagais-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Web: [www.gundagais-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gundagais-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Gundagai South Public School  
Luke Street  
Gundagai NSW 2722

Term 1 Week 1

28<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Parents,



A very warm welcome back to all our families and friends and a special welcome to our new kindergarten students and their families. This year we welcome **Dusty Blundell** and his mum and dad Peter and Lianne; **Michael Carpenter-Clarke** and mum Sharnie; **Tristan Gould** and his dad Mathew and mum Virginia; **Reo Norden** and mum Casey and dad Brad; **Tahlira Rose** and her mum and dad Lindsey and Chris; **Khyla Warren** and mum Jacinta and dad Tim and **Maddison Winner** and mum Jenna and dad Shane. I am sure all these students and their parents will feel very warmly welcomed today as the students begin their learning journey at our wonderful school. For those parents who already have students attending our school, I'm sure you will ensure that our new parents will feel welcomed and peace of mind in having chosen Gundagai South

School for their children. I know Mrs Hillier and Kelly are very much looking forward to seeing the children again.



### Staff

We are pleased to welcome back all our staff members from last year. **Mrs Hiller** will be teaching K/1/2; **Mrs Wheeler** Years 3 & 4 and I will teach Years 5 & 6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and **Ms Sini** will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Ms Sini will provide learning support, along with **Mrs Jackson**, **Ms Dickinson** (Fridays) and **Mrs Green** (Instruction Leader – Thursdays). Our SLSO's will support the teachers and students with **Mrs Matthews** supporting 5/6; **Mrs Greaney** 3/4 and **Kelly** K/1/2.

**Ms Hartshorn** will also support each of the classes during different times in the week.

**Mrs Curtis** will return on Fridays and **Mrs Edwards** will continue to offer her efficient and helpful services on Monday to Thursday.

My thanks to **Ryan Elphick** who has kept the grounds looking neat during the holidays and a special thankyou to **Brian Smith** who has provided daily support with the chooks and the watering as well as helping me move a huge amount of furniture around the school and to the tip!

Thankyou Brian – a great job and much appreciated. Everyone will notice the purchase of some new furniture in the school which helps to brighten up the rooms. Painting is now on the agenda as are some more changes. The large room at the front of the school – previously the infants' room has been cleared out and is awaiting some refurbishing and a coat of paint. I intend to move our library into this room at a later date. The K/1/2 room is now located at the top of the stairs. Everyone is welcome to come in and have a look and a chat to their child's teacher. We welcome your input and support.

## Swimming Lessons



This Friday we will begin our school's swimming program which will continue over the coming weeks. The students will need to ensure they bring their swimmers, towel, rash vest and sunscreen (if you wish to use your own) to school on each of our swimming days.

**Please do not wear swimmers to school.** All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Students in Kinder and Year 1 will have a buddy to help them with their belongings and with changing at school prior to leaving for the pool.

The cost for entry to the pool is \$4.00 per session if you do not hold a session ticket and the cost of the bus will be \$1.00 per day (total \$5.00 per day).

Money can be paid daily or as a full amount. There will be 10 lessons.

In week two, the lessons will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 12 – 2.00pm.

Please complete the attached permission note which will cover all days of our swimming lessons for the duration.

**Permission notes must be returned and money for each lesson must be sent to school to enable your child to attend.**

The students will be well supervised by our staff and visiting staff who will provide opportunities to develop water confidence, safety skills and water awareness and rescue techniques, stroke development and skills depending on their ability levels.

Also expect your children will be very tired for the first few

weeks of school – the weather may be hot, swimming is tiring and school work and routines are a change from the last five weeks of relaxing holiday mode. The Small Schools' Swimming carnival for students who are 8 years or older or those turning 8 this year will participate in this carnival on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. This carnival is an opportunity for all students to participate in the day's events, irrespective of being able to swim 50 metres. There will be events throughout the day for 25 metre and some novelty events.

## Nut Free



**A reminder to all parents that we have a student at school who is highly allergic to nuts and nut products. It is therefore requested that all parents are mindful of the fact and support us in refraining from sending in nut products, including muesli bars, nutella, etc.**

## Excess Furniture



As we have purchased new, colourful furniture, we now have number of student tables and chairs which are surplus to our students' needs. I would be delighted if you would like to come and help yourselves to the furniture which is located behind the infants' room. I am just waiting to check if a local hall would like to use any of this, so everyone is welcome to come and choose what they would like to have on Friday. It is all free of charge. What's left will unfortunately go into landfill.

## Healthy Recess and Lunch and Fruit Break



A reminder to everyone that we encourage you to pack healthy foods for your children for recess and lunch times. Parents are also asked to send their child to school with at least one piece of fresh fruit each day so they are able to eat this during our designated fruit break during the morning session. Each class will have their fruit break at a time that suits throughout the morning.

## Media and Child Protection Permission Notes

Attached are permission notes for Media and Child Protection Education. These permission notes **must be** signed for your child to be able to **have his/her photo placed in newsletters, the local paper etc.** and for participation in lessons as part of the school's PDHPE program.

## Parent BBQ and Meet the Staff



**All** parents are invited to participate in our Open classroom – meet the staff evening BBQ to be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. The evening will commence at 5.30pm with open classrooms, followed by a BBQ tea from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage you to come along and have a chat with our staff. Please advise how many sausages you wish to order. Last orders for sausages will be taken on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Radio News



Once again this year, our students in the senior classes will be sharing our school news on the radio station Sounds of the Mountains 94.3. This can be heard each school Monday morning at approximately 9.45am

Week 2: Lizzie & Kynan  
Week 3: Meg & Rylee  
Week 4: Opal and Daniel

Week 5: Gabby & Gina  
Week 6: Adam & Chloe  
Week 7: Jess & Riley  
Week 8: Angel & Isaac  
Week 9: Hayley & Destiney  
Week 10: EASTER MONDAY  
Week 11: Rylee & Kynan

## Canteen

Canteen **will not** start operating until the completion of swimming lessons.

**The first canteen day for Term 1 will be Monday 7th March.**

## School Banking



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

## Calendar

The calendar for February is attached for your information. Please keep this on your fridge and add any relevant information as it comes.



Pip😊