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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

It was very exciting to welcome everyone back last Thursday and to see how enthusiastic and mature our kindergarten students all were as they participated in their first two days of "big school". Everyone enjoyed our first swimming lessons on Friday and despite the threat of rain and storms, the day turned out to be an excellent one for swimming. Thankyou to everyone for returning your permission note so promptly – 100%. Well done!



Our swimming lessons continue this week – today, tomorrow and Friday – weather permitting! What about those storms over the weekend! For students who are 8 years and older or turning 8 this year will be attending the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on **Tuesday 9th February**. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Friday please. We will be leaving school at 9.15am by bus and will return at 3.00pm. Cost will be **\$3.00 for students' pool entry and \$2.00**

for spectators and \$1.00 for the bus for students. Those with season tickets will just require the bus money.

Please ensure you attend wearing appropriate swimming gear -a t-shirt for when you are not swimming will be needed. A menu for the day is attached for to choose from if you would like to order lunch. **Orders must be received by this Thursday please.**

Portfolios

Thankyou to those parents who have already returned their child's portfolios. A reminder to everyone to please send these back as soon as possible please.

Parent BBQ and Meet the Staff



A BBQ evening for everyone will be held on **Friday 12th February from 5.30 – 7.00pm**. Everyone is very welcome to come along and meet other parents and enjoy a relaxed and

informal get together. Please let us know how many sausages you would like to order please by next Tuesday. Thanks.

House Keeping – Picking Students up from School

Parents are reminded (and new parents advised) that all students who are being picked up by parents; grandparents or friends should collect their children from the red and green checkerboard area, the shelter outside the staffroom. This is to ensure the safety of all students and those who are walking home will be escorted across the road from this point. Thankyou everyone

Staff

Our best wishes to Jenny our School Chaplain who is currently on leave and will be returning as soon as she is able this term and also to Mrs Greaney who is on leave and will return as soon as she is able.

I forgot to mention Ms Curtis will also be working in the library – either Monday or Tuesday – yet to be determined. We will let you know as soon as

we have decided, so that the students can begin borrowing books. Please try to have your child's library bag organised by next week as it is important to protect our books, especially when the children have wet swimming gear.

Homework



Once again we are offering you the choice with the purchase of a homework book. Homework is given by individual teachers, and everyone is encouraged to complete this on a regular basis. This helps students to develop positive structured routines and a shared commitment to learning together with our home school partnership.

In addition, some parents and students may choose to purchase a commercially produced homework text book. If you and your child choose to purchase a book, then we would ask that you help to encourage your child to commit to complete and return their completed homework each week.

Please complete the attached note indicating if you would like us to purchase a book for your child. Books must be paid for before they will be sent home – anticipated cost is approximately \$16.00

Choir



Ms Dickinson, together with Karen Kelly will again be offering the opportunity to

participate in our school choir. This will be held during the second half of lunch on Fridays.

We will also be running our school band again with all students in Years 5 & 6 continuing with their instruments. Once we have determined the instruments we have remaining, students in the 3/4 class will be given the opportunity to participate, however I will be talking about this with the students firstly. Students a Gundagai South who are learning an instrument are also encouraged to attend Town Band lessons a Gundagai High School each Monday afternoon from 4.00- 5.00pm. There are no tuition costs, just a \$30.00 per term instrument hiring fee.

Excess Furniture



Thankyou to everyone who has been to collect some of our excess furniture. It has been pleasing to see that everyone has been able to take just one or two tables so there has been enough for all those who have indicated an interest. There are still about 5 tables and some small chairs left if you haven't yet collected something and would still like to.

P & C Meeting



Our first P & C meeting and our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 10th February commencing at 7.00pm.**

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along and hear about what is happening at school. Meetings are usually not more than an hour and a half or so and they are very informal. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat.

NRL Assembly

James Smart, the schools ambassador for the NRL will be visiting the school to speak to the students about Rugby League on **Thursday 11th February.** This will just be a short introduction to the NRL schools' program for 2016.

Year 6 – Students Visit to Sydney

All students in Year 6 are invited to participate in the National Young Leaders conference in Sydney on **Monday 29th February.** Students will leave school on **Sunday morning 28th February,** travelling to Sydney by bus with Year 6 students from Bongongo and Nangus. Tickets have been booked and paid for to also attend the live performance of "The Sound of Music" on Sunday afternoon, whilst the conference will be held on Monday. Minimal

costs will apply more details over the next few weeks.

Skoolbag



Our school has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Carer community. We are asking parents/carers to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Gundagai South Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. This App will include the newsletter and various other pieces of information including reminders for swimming lessons, parent BBQ etc.

Medication and Absentee Notes



Just a reminder to all parents that if your child needs to take **medication** at all, then you should send it in to the office in a clearly labelled plastic bag (snap lock) with your child's name and instructions for when it needs and how much to be administered. We should also know if it needs to be refrigerated. If your child is sick and needs to have a day away from school, then upon return to school, an **absentee note** is to be sent

with your child explaining the reason for the absence. It is important to note that, for every one day away from school, it takes your child three days to try and catch up on missed work and some students can never hope to catch up on work missed.

It is not appropriate to have days away from school without a valid reason and haircuts during school hours are not a valid reason for example. Please ensure you complete and return absentee notes when required. A copy is attached to your newsletter, they just need to be filled in and signed. Thankyou

Hats



Everyone is remembering to bring their hats to school – well done. Students need to be reminded to wear them at all times when they are outside – especially at recess and lunch time, otherwise those students without a hat have to sit under the hayshed. Our school has a "No hat, no play" policy as do all educational settings.

Canteen

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

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

Radio News



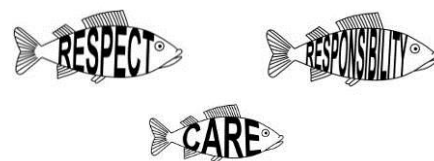
Week 4: Opal and Daniel
Week 5: Gabby & Gina
Week 6: Adam & Chloe
Week 7: Jess & Riley
Week 8: Angel & Isaac
Week 9: Hayley & Destiney
Week 10: **EASTER MONDAY**
Week 11: Rylee & Kynan

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 "Play Areas" in the playground and "Entering and Exiting the Classroom" 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 Classroom**

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.

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Book Club

Book Club
brochures are
attached. If you
wish to place an
order, these need to
be returned to
school with the
correct money by
Monday 8th
February
Thankyou