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Term 1 Week 3

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Dear Parents,

Our swimming lessons are progressing well with students enjoying the opportunity to develop their skills, improve their fitness and gain confidence in the water. This week our only lesson will be today (Monday).

Students are looking forward to the carnival tomorrow – parents are welcome to come along and cheer your children along. You may also be asked to help with time keeping or other tasks to help ensure the smooth running of the carnival.

Please note that parents are required to return their child's permission note and please remember that payment for this event is in addition to our swimming lessons and is on as a separate event.



Students who qualify to attend the Highlands Carnival and represent our school will be advised of their success in next

week's newsletter. The **Highlands Carnival will be held in Tumut** (due to the availability of specialised timing equipment) on **Tuesday 23rd February**. Good luck to all our swimmers at tomorrow's Small Schools' Carnival.

Events will **start at approximately 10.00am** and there will be a recess break at 11.00am when members of the Sydney Swans AFL team will be visiting the pool to say hello. The bus for the carnival will **leave school at 9.15am**. Please make sure your child is at school on time, ready to catch the bus. In the afternoon the bus will return to school at 3.00pm.

Breakfast Club

Although Jenny, our Wellbeing Support worker is not yet back at school, we will be operating our Breakfast Club again this year, on each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.55am. Thanks to the staff for taking on this additional role. We will be continuing our Wellbeing Wednesday activities with fresh fruit platters being available in the afternoons for the students. We are sincerely grateful for the support of our wonderful community and

particularly IGA, Woolworths and the Bendigo Bank.

P & C Meeting



Don't forget our P & C meeting to be held this Wednesday evening commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room, and tea and coffee will be available. Come along and show your support.

NRL Student Assembly

James Smart, the NRL ambassador for our region, together with Lindsey Rose and Mark Elphick will be visiting the school on Thursday morning from 11.45am – 12.45pm to chat with the students about NRL and how they can become involved in the program.

Tennis Selections



Good luck to **Destiny Cooper** who will travel to Wagga on Friday to try out for the Regional tennis team. I'm sure Destiny will do her best and enjoy the opportunity.

Parent BBQ



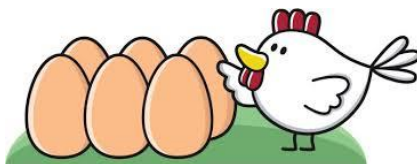
Don't forget to send in your order for the BBQ for this Friday. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet other parents and the staff whilst enjoying an informal chat from 5.30 – 7.00pm.

Homework Books



A final reminder about homework books. If you still wish to place an order, please make sure that you have returned your note and payment by the end of this week.

Free Range Eggs for Sale



The school has free range eggs for sale each week. If you would like to order some, the cost is \$4.00 per dozen. Please see **Kynan Crossley** or myself if you would like some. I hope you have been enjoying your tomatoes for all those families who have received them so far. Our one bush of this variety has been extremely prolific and they taste great!. Thanks Kynan for looking after them.

Gundagai Show

Each year, our school contributes a display for the Gundagai Show, helping to enhance the appeal of the pavilion and provide a colourful background with information, research, writing and art and craft work about a particular theme. This year we are celebrating the International Year of Pulses which is an interesting focus area. The students are busily growing a variety of different pulses, searching for recipes, finding interesting facts and doing some seed art work.

We would also like to encourage students to contribute personal art work or craft activities completed at school and the school will enter this for you. Please bring your work into school between now and the end of the week. Students are also encouraged to enter their own entries in different sections on the day. (Show days

are **Friday 19th** and **Saturday 20th February**).

State Library Visit

On **Monday 22nd February**, students in Years 3 – 6 will be participating in a visit from the State Library of NSW at Gundagai Public School from 12 – 1.30pm. This visit ties in closely with our Human Society and Environment curriculum area and there is no charge for the visit. Students will continue on to the pool afterwards to continue our swimming lessons, so the cost of \$1.00 for the bus will still apply. The K – 2 students will come to swimming as planned. Students in Year 3 – 6 need to complete the attached permission note please, return to school by this Friday.

NRL- Rugby League Come and Try Day

NRL Game Development staff are giving students the opportunity to participate in a non-competitive environment and try new Rugby League skills through the Gundagai - Adelong JRL Come Try Day on Wednesday 24th February. The event is designed to give students who may not have had prior experience in the game the opportunity to develop their confidence and skills whilst students who play in their local competitions will also have the opportunity to continue in their development with the main focus being on fun and participation. The day will commence from 10am at Stan Crowe Oval, with lunch provided before the day will finish at 1pm.

Year 6 Leadership Excursion to Sydney

All Year 6 students are expected to attend this wonderful Leadership opportunity. As an added bonus we are able to attend "The Sound of Music" with the matinee performance commencing at 3.00pm. We will be **leaving from school at 8.00am on Sunday 28th February.** Students will need to wear respectable casual clothes for the trip to Sydney and performance **and bring their school uniform for the Leadership Conference on Monday.** Cost of the excursion will be the \$50.00 total which will cover the cost of: bus approximately \$110 per person; ticket to conference \$50 per person and cost of ticket to musical performance per person \$100. As you can see, the school will be contributing significantly to the cost to ensure the success of the experience for everyone. Students will be required to bring recess, lunch and snacks on the first day and to bring money for the purchase of their evening meal. I will provide lunch for the students on Monday. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school as soon as you are able. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity.

SRC



Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as our Student Representative Council Members for 2016. **Jessica Crooks, Isaac Ford, Destiny Cooper, Rylee Byrne, Josie Warren, Lilah Norden, Shanti Kothe-Champion, Samantha Crooks, Chase Anderson and Indi Tyson.**

These students will receive their SRC badges this week and their first meeting will be at lunch time this Thursday. Mrs Wheeler will be organising the SRC activities this year and she is very excited about their commitment to school activities this year.

Music/Band



This week we welcome back Marie Dewhirst from the Wagga School of Music. Marie will be assisting Ms Dickinson with the development of and tuition of our school band. Already students in Years 3 & 4 have selected their instrument preference.

Congratulations



Special congratulations to Mitch Myers and Rebecca Morris and Amy on the birth of their new baby boy Jacob. Both mum and bay are doing well according to Mitch and proud big sister Amy.

Mrs Greaney

WE WILL MISS YOU



Mrs Greaney had planned to return from leave his week, however she has made the decision not to return to her role as School Learning Support Office due to a change in career/work plans. Instead, she and Laura are opening a new business in Gundagai and Mrs Greaney will be managing the shop whilst Laura continues her teaching. We wish them both the very best of luck in this new venture and I'm sure they will love the change of direction and new challenges. We thank Mrs Greaney sincerely for her wonderful support and commitment towards all the students who have been able to benefit from her encouragement and determination to help them succeed in their learning and will all miss her greatly. Thankyou Mrs Greaney.

Radio News



Week 4: Opal and Daniel
Week 5: Gabby & Gina
Week 6: Adam & Chloe
Week 7: Jess & Riley

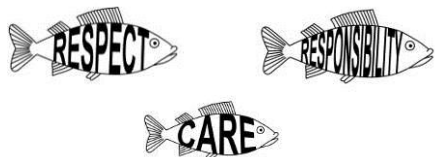
Week 8: Angel & Isaac
Week 9: Hayley & Destiney
Week 10: **EASTER MONDAY**
Week 11: Rylee & Kynan

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 **“Toilets”** in the playground and **“Looking after Belongings”** for our Classroom.

Playground –Toilets

Respect: Go then leave.

Responsibility: Go at recess or lunch. Flush. Wash hands.

Care: Report problems.

Classroom – Looking after belongings

Respect: Take care with others' belongings.

Responsibility: Label belongings. Take care of own belongings. Return equipment.

Care: Put things neatly where they belong. Zip up bags.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

PBL- Uniform Winners



Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 2 – **Destiny Cooper, Reo Norden**

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 2



Recess award - **Miah Hosking**
Lunch award - **Tristan Gould**

Student of the Week

5/6 – Adam Morris – Being focussed and on task during all learning.



3/4 – Shanti Koth-Champion
– For a mature approach to her learning.



K/1/2 – Tahlira Rose – For her enthusiasm during our reading and writing activities.



Catch of the Week

5/6 – Destiny Cooper – Being a helpful and responsible role model and a competent and reliable buddy.



3/4 – Braith Winner – For caring for our new kinder students.



K/1/2 – Jack Clarke – For his lovely manners at school and always demonstrating respect to others.



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**Gundagai Minor
League –
Girls League Tag**

Girls who are turning 10, 11 or 12 this year and are interested in playing League Tag should contact Nicole Bethune on 0447 888 368 as soon as possible
Thankyou

**Gundagai Panthers Annual
General Meeting**

It's almost time to strap on those soccer boots! The Gundagai Panthers Soccer Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 9 February at 7.00pm at the Gundagai Services Club. All committee positions are open, so all parents and supporters are encouraged to attend to ensure a successful 2016 Panthers Season. Please advise current Club President Jeremy Pearce if you will be attending the meeting - jeremy1pearce@yahoo.com.au or call 0417 699 418.

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