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NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 9

5th December 2016

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our Year 5 students who presented their leadership speeches last Thursday. All students spoke confidently and sincerely about their intention to accept a leadership role should they be elected to a position. Well done everyone and thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support the students.

Dance Opportunity



Today and tomorrow, **Rylee Byrne, Opal Kothe-Champion, Daniel Anderson** and **Destiny Cooper** will be travelling to Tumut (via the Tumut bus – leaving from the Star Hotel at 7.50am – don't be late!) to the High School to participate in a series of dance workshops with dance teacher Katrina Joss. I'm sure these students will thoroughly enjoy this opportunity. Don't forget, water, recess and lunch and your \$5.00 for the bus each day

and to wear loose comfortable clothing. Please ensure you have organised with someone to pick you up from the Star Hotel when you return each afternoon. Have fun.

Year 6 Transition to High School Day – Tuesday 6th December



Remaining Years 6 students will be attending the next Gundagai High School transition day. A note with all the required details is attached to your newsletter. Please make sure you read the details –you don't want to miss something important.

Parent Evening – Gundagai High School

Don't forget this information session tonight commencing at **6.00pm** if you wish to purchase uniforms, remember Lowes will be in attendance **from 5.00 – 7.00pm**

LMBR Launch



The launch of the Learning Management Business Reform is being held in Wagga this Tuesday and Mrs Edwards and I are required to attend. This is a brand new, very expensive new finance system being rolled out across the whole of NSW and will, when fully implemented mean significant changes for the way we complete all finance transactions. There have been 229 schools who have been trialling this system and ironing out the problems (there have been a great number) over the past 3 – 4 years. It will be interesting to see how things will change. We will keep you informed of changes as we learn what it will involve for our school. There will be a significant number of training days for Mrs Edwards and myself during Terms 1 & 2 next year, before we 'go live' in Term 2. Something extra to look forward to!

P & C Meeting



Please come along to our final P & C meeting of 2016 – commencing at 7.00pm. It would be good to have a few more faces showing their support. Remember that important decisions are often discussed and made at our meetings. Come along and be part of the discussion.

Thanks



Thankyou to **Anthea Cooper** and **Cheryl John** for providing the school with beaut raffles for our presentation evening. Much appreciated Anthea and Cheryl.

Plastic Bags



Please bring along some named plastic bags for your children to take their books and belongings home in over the next two weeks.

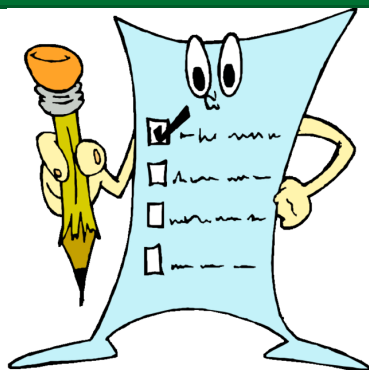
Budget Planning Meeting

BUDGET



This Thursday morning I will be attending a budget planning meeting in Cootamundra. With LMBR changes coming, it is important to hear how our budgets will also be changing.

Surveys



Thankyou to those people who have already returned their surveys and provided important feedback to the school. If you have not yet done so, please take just 5 minutes to jot down a few comments and return it this week. It would be much appreciated and helps to inform our planning and lets us know what you are thinking. Thanks.

Uralba & PBL Reward Day, Bluearth



Don't forget to return your permission note for Uralba and

the pool day. Students will need to wear their school uniform – new sports shirts are OK – otherwise summer uniform. **Remember there is no canteen that day, so students need to pack and bring recess and lunch with them.** Students may bring money (maximum\$5.00) to purchase an ice cream after lunch. Don't forget to send in your \$2.00 pool entry and bring your swimmers. This will also be our final Bluearth session.



Presentation Evening



Our presentation evening will be held at the MPC at Gundagai High School next **Wednesday evening the 14th commencing at 6.30pm.** Students are required to wear their summer uniform and black shoes (girls dresses). Students should arrive at 6.15pm. There will be a raffle and lucky door prize, so please bring your money to buy a ticket and support the school. (Parents will be required to help sell the tickets please).

Hot off the Press

Congratulations to **Dakota Parker, Lilah Norden** and **Lizzie Byron** who have their **work** featured in Hot off the Press this Week. Well done girls.

Christmas Party



On Thursday next week, we will hold a whole school Christmas party for everyone. Students are asked to contribute something for the party. Suggestions as follows:

Kinder – hot food (cocktail frankfurts, chicken wings, party pies, sausage rolls etc.

Yrs 1 & 2 - Cake, slices, biscuits

Yr 3 – Sandwiches

Yrs 4 & 5 – Fruit platters

Yr 6 – Cheese and biscuits, chips

Letters to Santa



Attached is information for those wishing to write letters to Santa. His special letter box will be situated at the Gundagai Newsagency so that children can drop their letters there. Letters need to be posted by **Tuesday 13th December**. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Head Lice

HEAD LICE ALERT

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



School Banking



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

Radio News



Don't forget to tune into Sounds of the Mountains FM 94.3 on Monday mornings at 9.45am to hear Gundagai South School News.

Week 10: Opal & Destiny

PBL- Uniform Winners

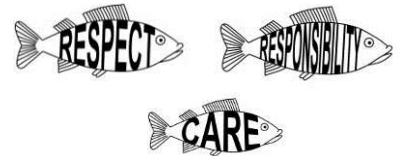


Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 8—**Tahlira Rose, Kohan Batt, David Foster, Imygen Locke, Kynan Paton.**

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 8
Recess award – **Gina Wheeler**
Lunch award - **Amy Myers**

PBL Weekly Focus Area



This week our focus areas for PBL will be “**Bus Lines/Walkers**” in the playground and “**Removing around the room.**” for our Classroom.

Playground - Bus Lines/Walkers

Respect: Wait patiently.

Responsibility: Right place, right time.

Care: Hands and feet to self.

Classroom – Moving around the room

Respect: Move quietly.

Responsibility: Walk in the classroom

Care: Move without touching others.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

Home Reading



Congratulations to the following students who have reached 80 nights Home Reading.

80 Nights

Gina Wheeler, Angel Clark, Gabby Butcher.

PBL Awards

Congratulations to the following student who has reached Pink in our PBL welfare system.

PINK: Gina Wheeler

Student of the Week

5/6 – Gina Wheeler – For excellent commitment to learning; showing initiative and being helpful.



3/4 – Josie Warren – 100% spelling.



K/1/2– Dakota Parker – For her amazing improvement in her writing as well as her illustrations.



Catch of the Week

5/6 – Jess Crooks – Maintaining her focus to complete her learning and follow PBL rules.



3/4 – Charlie Hourn – Always lending a hand where needed.



K/1/2 – Dusty Blundell – For his improved effort in listening during class discussions.



How 2 Learn

5/6 – Gabrielle Butcher – For being focused and absorbed in her learning and achieving successful learning outcomes.



3/4 – **Jade Harvey** – Coming up with strategies to improve her reading.



K/1/2 – **Michael Carpenter** – For his effort in focusing and listening during group discussions.



Pip 😊

CANTEEN

Canteen stocks will be limited coming to the end of term. Your child may not receive what is ordered and may have to choose something that is still in stock. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Wednesday 7th
December Years
5 & 6**

Recess –Adam & Destiny

**Friday 9th December –
NO CANTEEN URALBA
VISIT & POOL**

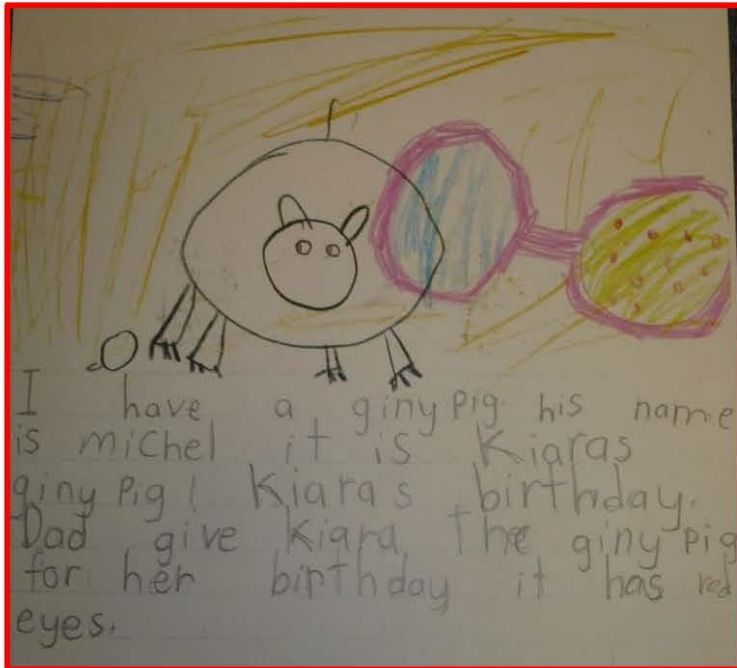
**Monday 12th December –
Tayla Winner & Jenna
Winner**

Dear Canteen
Committee Members,

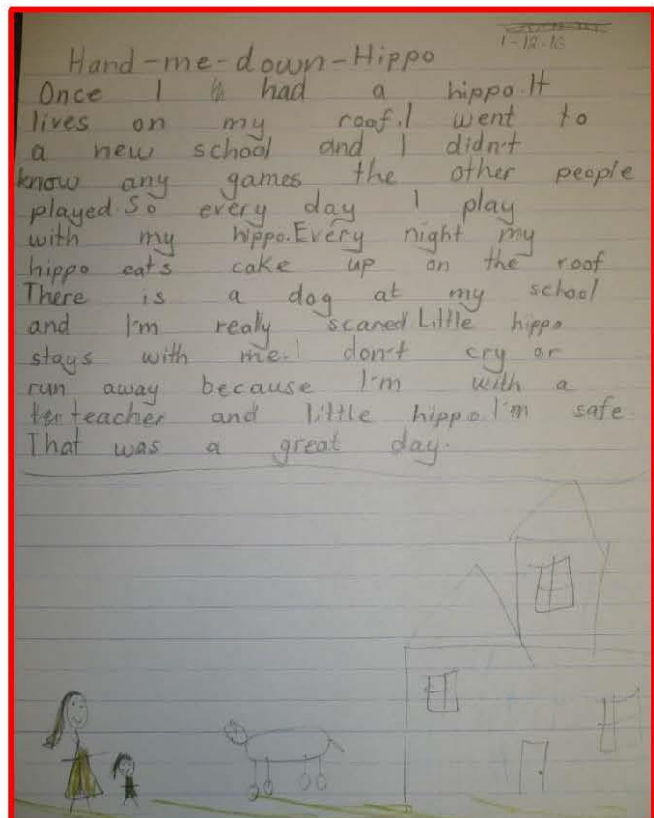


Please help! The end of the school year is fast approaching and we need to clean the school canteen. The date for the end of year clean is Thursday 15/12/16 at 9.30am. Please contact the school ASAP on 69441117 to let us know you will be there. Thankyou.

HOT OFF THE PRESS



K/1/2 Class – Dakota Parker



3/4 Class – Lilah Norden

HOT OFF THE PRESS

My Hero – Lizzie Byron

To me, a hero is someone who goes against the stereotypes, is not convinced that everyone of a certain nationality is a certain way. My hero is someone who is strong in mind, but soft at heart.

Pa is my hero, he is my great grandfather.

I have heard many stories of Pa from Dad, Nanna and my extended family. They tell me he was a brave man, and that he stood up for what he believed in.

Pa left to fight for Australia in WWII, He left when my Nanna was still in a stroller. When he was fighting he became a Japanese prisoner of war. I do not remember whether he escaped or waited until the war had ended.



When he returned from war back to his home in Chiltern, Victoria, his own daughter didn't recognise him and she thought he was a salesman.

As a lot of Asians were seeking refuge in Australia, because of the growth of factories and poor living conditions, they needed homes. Pa let them into his home, even the Japanese – the ones who had enslaved him!

My Great Uncle, Barrie Cassidy, who is featured on the ABC on Sunday mornings, wrote a biography of Pa, entitled: "Peace in Love and War." It is everything he has been through; the thick and thin.

Therefore, Pa will always be my hero. From letting people into his home and having a biography written on him, Pa is the most heroic person I know.

5/6 Class – Lizzie Byron



Gundagai

CHRISTMAS

Carnival & Carols

Saturday December 17

FROM 5PM IN CARBERRY PARK

- ✪ Kids Activities & Santa Photos from 5pm
- ✪ Free Lions Club Merry Go Round from 6pm
- ✪ Win a Ham - Tickets only \$2
- ✪ Stalls, BBQ & more
- ✪ FREE Ice-cream & lollies for the kids
- ✪ Carols commencing at 7:30pm



LIVE MUSIC



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This year the Gundagai Lions Club are again conducting their 'LETTER TO SANTA PROJECT' and guarantee that your child's Christmas Letter to Santa will be delivered to Santa and that they will receive a personal non-committal reply.

Parents are advised that this year Santa has
placed his

SPECIAL SANTA LETTER BOX

**at the Gundagai Newsagency so that your children can
drop their letters there**

By Dec 13th

Please ensure that your child's name and address appear either on the envelope or on the letter and it would be appreciated, if possible, that a donation of \$ 2 per child is enclosed with the letter.

All monies collected from this Lions Project will be used to assist those less fortunate.

Santa's Little Lion Elf.

