Dear Parents,

Just a few short days now until the Easter break and our school holidays. How quickly has the Term flown by!

Thankyou to those Grandparents and friends who were able to attend our Grandparents afternoon tea last Friday. It was lovely to have so many people there, and although the weather was cool and there was not a lot of room in the library, I think the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Well done to the students who sang for the grandparents and thankyou to the staff and those SRC members who contributed to the cooking for afternoon tea.

Dinosaur Science

From all accounts, the students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive Dinosaur Show last Thursday with many students sharing their thoughts and information learnt about the day with their teachers and parents.

Election Stall

Many thanks to Casey Norden, Sue Matthews and Tara Morris who donated items for the raffle for Saturdays Election Day stall. A very special thankyou to Tara Morris,
Cheryl Lanyon, Anthea Cooper, Alex Butcher and Casey Norden who sat on the stall throughout the day and helped me with setting up. Thanks to Mrs Edwards who prepared all the signs, organised the float, folded the tickets and wrapped the prizes prior to Saturday. Thankyou to everyone who bought tickets and supported the school in any way.

Winner of the raffles:
Basket on Linen – Karen Byron
Glasses – Carol Smith (Geoff)
Jar of jelly beans – Cheryl Lanyon
100 Club – Colin Vietch
100 Club – Not drawn (still about 20 tickets to sell)
A fantastic amount of approximately $900 was made on the day. A wonderful result, Thankyou everyone.

Healthy Harold Visit

Don’t forget students in each class will be visiting the Life Education Van today and tomorrow as part of their learning in the PD, Health PE Curriculum area.

Riverina Netball Cup

Unfortunately we did not have enough permission notes returned in time for me to organise the team, a manager and transport to the Riverina Netball Cup in Tumut on Tuesday. Thankyou to those parents and students who returned their notes in time – if I had been at school and able to manage the team then I would have tried to follow up unreturned notes, however as I am away, I cannot expect others to do it. Apologies to those who were keen. We also do not have any boys participating in the Rugby League Trials as no one has indicated an interest.

Highlands Girls’ Soccer

Good luck to Claire Lievens and Alauralee Bowditch who will travel to Albury on Wednesday to participate in the Regional Soccer trials. You will need to be in Albury at 9.00am.

Breakfast Club

It is hoped to begin our Breakfast Club again next term with breakfast being offered two mornings a week with a third day where we will be providing some cut up fruit for the students. There are always students who appear to come to school without breakfast and sometimes without fruit. It is amazing though to see what some students do have in their lunch boxes! Some students would have only “snack” or “treat foods” and there would be enough in some lunch boxes to last for a whole week of recess and lunch times, but not any nutritional value amongst the whole lot! Please think more carefully about what your child requires to eat to stay fit and healthy. Lollies and chocolates are not to be included please. We do try to promote and encourage healthy eating and next term will have a focus on Wednesdays being a healthy day only at school. More details next term.

Touch Football Trials

Trials for Girls and Boys in Years 5 & 6 only will be held in Week 1 of Term 2. Names of students wishing to trial will need to be in to school by this Thursday. Students need to understand the rules and play Touch Football in order to trial. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by this Thursday so names can be sent the coordinating teachers in Tumut. Thankyou.
Congratulations to Claire Lievens, Opal Kothe-Champion and Rylee Byrne who have successfully auditioned for selection in the Riverina Central Choir. Their first choir practise for Term 2 will be on Wednesday 29th April (Week 2).

Claire, Opal & Rylee

Easter Theme Day

We will be holding our Easter Theme Day during Thursday and this will be followed by our Easter Hat Parade at 1.00pm. Everyone is encouraged to make a hat for the day and afterwards parents are invited to bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with the children before our assembly begins at 2.00pm. Everyone is invited to attend this last day of term activities.

Speech Pathologist

Hannah Woodford our Speech Pathologist will be visiting school next term on Tuesday 28th April. She would like to meet with parents of students she is currently working with at 2.00pm on this day. Following this, at 3.30pm an open session will be offered to all parents and staff to attend (students are also encouraged to attend) where Hannah will offer suggestions to everyone about how to best assist students to develop skills in this area and to offer ideas for strategies that help improve the articulation of speech sounds. This is suitable for everyone to attend and we would love you to come along. Everyone is welcome. A note will be forwarded to parents of students who are currently receiving speech support at school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

A reminder to all students to continue their reading during the holidays, especially for participation in the Premiers reading Challenge. Keep a record of all books read during the holidays or go online to check books on the reading list.

School Counsellor

Pru Gleeson, our School Counsellor will be visiting the school this Wednesday.

Calendar

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

Footsteps Dance Company

Footsteps will again be attending the school each Wednesday in Term 2 to conduct Dance lessons for all students. These will be held on Wednesday from 10.15am – 11.15am and the cost will be $2.00 per child per lesson. The school will pay the balance of the costs over 10 weeks. You many choose to pay weekly or in a lump sum of $20.00. Thankyou for your support.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our SRC members who have been voted for by their peers to represent them. Claire Lievens, Jordan
Paton, Alauralee Bowditch, Kynan Crossley Rylee Byrne, Isaac Ford, Destiny Cooper, Angel Clark, Charlie Hourn, Michael Monaghan and Sam Crooks. Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Greaney are staff representatives who are helping to run the SRC.

**HEAD LICE ALERT**

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

We had several cases of head lice reported last week. Some children get very itchy and some feel nothing. If everyone is treating their children at the same time and they all follow the treatment protocol then we will have a much better chance of breaking the head lice cycle in the school.

**School Banking**

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

**Nutrition Snippet**

This week’s Cancer Council Nutrition Snippet “The simplest way to make pineapple sorbet” is attached. Information is provided by the Cancer Council.

**PBL Weekly Focus Area**

This week our focus areas for PBL will be “Assembly” in the playground and “Moving around the room” for our Classroom.

**Playground –Assembly**

**Respect:** Follow instructions.

**Responsibility:** Sit quietly and listen.

**Care:** Show manners.

**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.

**PBL- Uniform Winners**

Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 9 – Adam Morris, David Foster, Jordan Paton and Chris Afuang. Well done everyone.

**Healthy Recess and Lunch**

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 9

Recess award – Tiara Foster

Lunch award – Amy Myers

**Home Reading**

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 20 nights home reading

David Foster, Shanti Kothe-Champion, Tiara Foster, Isaac Ford, Rylee Byrne, Gina Wheeler, Meg Wheeler, Alauralee Bowditch, Chris Afuang, Zak Anderson, Brydon Harvey and Harri Ralph

**Green Level**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Green level this week:

**Student of the Week**

4/5/6 – Daniel Anderson – Working more enthusiastically in the classroom to achieve his potential.

2/3 – Amy Myers – Working hard on her handwriting.

K/1 – Hayden Crossley – For a great effort in counting during Maths activities.

**Catch of the Week**

4/5/6 – Angel Clark – Always following PBL rules and working independently.

2/3 – Greg Clarke – Always following class and school rules and values.

K/1 – Makena Hourn – For bring a helpful class member and trying hard to present neat work.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and a safe holiday.

**School resumes again for students on Tuesday 21st April**

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**CANTEEN**

Friday 24th April – Tiki Paton

Monday 27th April – Sharni Carpenter

**Gundagai Panthers Soccer Registration Final Notice**

It’s not too late to register with Gundagai Panthers Junior Soccer. Teams are being finalised, please register now.

Tumut Easter Bazaar
Good Friday April 3
Easter Saturday April 4
at BOYS CLUB HALL
(next to Ambulance Station)
9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS
FREE ENTRY
GREAT BARGAINS
Craft, Books, Antiques,
Collectables,
Plants, Fruit, Toys,
Jewellery,
Baby wear, Clothing,
Socks, Handbags,
Jams, Cakes and Lots,
Lots More
B.B.Q Tea & Coffee
Bookings: ph 02-42322337 or 0419427801

Game On! – April School Holiday Sports Program
Sport and Recreation will again be conducting its popular Game On! program during the school holidays at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre.

The five day Game On! program will include the introduction to a range of sports and recreation activities including Lawn Bowls, Acrobatics Fencing, Basketball, Martial Arts, Indoor Rock Climbing, Flying Fox, Slider Hockey and many more which will be delivered by qualified coaches and instructors.

Program details:
Monday 13th to Friday 17th April 2015
Boys & girls – age 7 to 12 years.
Cost $65 per day OR $300 for all 5 days.
To enroll in the program call 13 13 02 or to enroll online go to:
Please see the attached flyer for more information.