Dear Parents,

How quickly this term has flown by and how busy we have all been! Lots of fantastic learning opportunities and activities for everyone to enjoy and learn from and lots of great support from some very committed and helpful parents. Thankyou

Thankyou very much to the parents who brought their children to the disco last Wednesday evening and thankyou to those who helped with the disco or with serving the students who had ordered Hot Dogs for dinner. Everyone enjoyed dancing the night away with some very groovy moves happening throughout the night. Thankyou also to Alesha and Jenni who conducted the lessons during the past term and a special thankyou to those teachers who stayed at school to assist with the supervision.

Well done to Claire Lievens and Alauralee Bowditch who travelled all the way to Griffith on Friday to participate in the Highlands Touch Football team trials. Thankyou to Shan for again volunteering to take the girls to Griffith.

Last Thursday Ms Sini organised for Mr Toby O’Brien from the Gundagai Rural Lands Board to visit my class to talk to the students about feral pests and appropriate management, for their Creative Kids Catchment program. The students were thoroughly engaged throughout the session with Mr O’Brien showing the students fox and pig heads, traps and other related materials. Question time lasted for almost all of the morning session as the students had
numerous questions to ask. Thanks to Mr O’Brien and Ms Sini for organising this as part of the project for our students.

**Tumut Cultural Day**

Today everyone will travel to Tumut to participate in a wonderful cultural experience being organised by the staff at Gadara School for Special Purposes. It promises to be a great day with the students all having the opportunity to screen print their own T-shirt as part of the experience. Lunch is being provided for everyone in the cost. Thankyou to everyone – almost everyone has already paid for this experience.

**Motivational Media**

Years 5 & 6 will travel to Gundagai High School on Tuesday morning (no cost for students as the school will be paying). This is a special experience aimed at inspiring the students to set themselves goals to achieve as they journey through their educational experiences. They will all be encouraged to raise their expectations and have belief in themselves to achieve and be whatever they want to be.

**Prac Student**

Next term we will welcome Ms Reynolds from Charles Sturt University as she starts her 4th Year Internship with Mrs Wheeler and the Year 2/3 class.

**Gundagai Community Choir**

Gundagai Community Choir will be presenting “The Songs We Love to Sing” at their annual concert to be held this Friday, 26th June at St. Patrick’s Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Cost will be $15.00 which will include a delicious supper.

**Transition to School**

Mrs Hillier will be one of the presenters at the Transition to School meeting for parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2016. The meeting will be held at Gumnut on Tuesday 23rd June (tomorrow night) commencing at 6.30pm. Babysitting will be available.

**Assembly**

Don’t forget to come along and enjoy our final assembly for this term on Wednesday this week. Assembly will commence at 2.00pm in the primary classroom. Everyone is invited.

**PSSA Small School Soccer Knockout**

Thankyou to those parents who have offered to assist with transport on Thursday. We have had a great response. We will be leaving from school at 9.15am, so please be at school by 9.00am. You will need to have your own shin pads to wear and green school shorts. I will provide the school sports shirts. The venue is Mitchell Park at Cootamundra (146 Thompson Street) and the first game will commence at 10.30am when we will play against Nangus. There will be two further games during the day. Thankyou to those people who have returned their lunch orders for the day. It is anticipated that we will return by 3.30pm. Students may need to be dropped home if they are too late for normal buses.

**Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Camp Years 5 & 6**

Thankyou to those parents and students who have already indicated their interest in attending. Further details are attached for you to complete on line. Payment towards the cost of the camp beginning on Sunday 18th October can be made at any time.
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back for 2015. Gundagai South Public School has registered to participate again this year. It's simple to participate. From **Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015**, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either here at school or at our local Woolworths store. Gundagai South Public School will then be able to redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources.

Next term, all Government and Non-Government schools will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with a Disability (NCCD). Data will be collected to indicate if students are receiving adjustment to support their learning, however no individual student will be identified. The data will be harvested from school systems at the end of July and this process will improve the educational outcomes for all students with a disability.

Information for parents and carers regarding the Data Collection is attached.

Hopefully Portfolios and reports will be sent out on Friday, if printing problems can be ironed out.

Looking forward to everyone doing tennis lessons with Birdie next term. More information with dates and costs next term.

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

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

This week our focus areas for PBL will be “Assembly” in the playground and “Work Habits” for our Classroom.

**Playground – Assembly**

*Respect:* Follow instructions.

*Responsibility:* Sit quietly and listen.

*Care:* Show manners.

**Classroom – Work Habits**

*Respect:* Look after equipment. Follow teacher instructions. Respect others’ right to work.

*Responsibility:* Do your best. Be prepared.

*Care:* Neat bookwork. Careful work.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.
Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 9: Brandy McGrath and Miah Hosking. Well done girls.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 9
Recess award – Jack Clarke
Lunch award – Harri Ralph

PBL Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the following levels in our PBL welfare system.

GREEN: Alauralee Bowditch, Isaac Ford.

PINK: David Foster, Braith Winner, Teleah Smith, Jade Harvey.

BLUE: Lilah Norden, Shanti Kothe-Champion, Brandy McGrath, Josie Warren.

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have reached 40, 60 and 80 nights Home Reading.

40 Nights
Teleah Smith

60 Nights
David Foster

80 Nights
Charlie Hourn

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – Tiara Foster – Excellent results in in class semester maths test.

4/5/6 - Jordan Paton – Always being in the right place at the right time.

2/3 - Charlie Hourn – Using problem solving skills in the playground.

K/1 – Indi Tyson – For being a responsible learner.

2/3- Billy Anderson – Trying hard to spell unfamiliar words when writing.

K/1 – Hayden Crossley – Consistent effort and trying hard at all times with his class work.
I would like to wish everyone a very happy and a safe holiday. Staff return to school on Monday 13th July for a Staff Development Day.

School resumes again for students on Tuesday 14th July

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Attached information includes:

- Vacation Care Program June/July 2015.
- Crafty Kids recycled art – FREE activity – 1st July.
- Junior Open Tennis Day with Birdie Saturday 11th July – Tarcutta.
- Circle of Security Parenting Course.

SPECIAL LUNCH FOR WEDNESDAY 24th June

Sausage Roll
Fruit Box
Packet of Jumpys $5.50

Friday 26th June – Shan Bowditch & Cheryl Lanyon

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Wednesday 15th – Rebecca Morris & Jenna Morris