Dear Parents,

What a great week it was last week – extremely busy, yes, but an extremely positive and rewarding one. Thankyou so much to all those parents and friends who were able to attend our Open Day activities last Wednesday. It was a most enjoyable day and there was certainly a positive and relaxing feeling to the day. As a staff, we discussed the day’s activities and made comment about the success of the day as well as discussing ways we may be able to improve on what was on offer, for next year’s as well as in the short term. For those parents and friends who were able to attend, it would be much appreciated if you were able to complete and return a 1 page survey for us with your thoughts. Thankyou.

Also many thanks to Jenna and Kevin and Bec who cooked the BBQ and to the many other parents who were there to assist and help serve lunch.

Education Week

Those students who were involved in attending the Local Education Week display in the main street with me last week, are to be congratulated for their participation, enthusiasm, and commitment to the task. I would like to thank those parents who were able to assist with transport and who were able to visit the display.

Special congratulations to Kynan Crossley, Alauralee Bowditch and Claire Lievens who came on both days and were most helpful and polite of all students. They made excellent ambassadors for the school and showed their initiative, politeness and enthusiasm for the school at all times. Thankyou and well done everyone. We would also like to convey our appreciation and thanks to Jessica and Robert Butcher who kindly donated the building for us to use to showcase public education in our local community. Great teamwork and effort from the four schools involved.
Special Awards – Education Week

At our Education Week Display on Tuesday, the Director of Schools – Cootamundra – Toni Macdonald presented awards to various community and school members. Gundagai South Public School was extremely proud to present two awards to our fantastic community volunteers – Mrs Petty and Mrs Funnell. These awards were in recognition of their contribution to Gundagai South Public School and to Public Education in NSW. We were all very excited and pleased to see these two wonderful ladies being recognised for their commitment and fantastic support of our students and school. Well done ladies. A great achievement.

Highlands’ Athletics

Unfortunately Tumut Council cancelled the Highlands’ Athletics Carnival on Friday due to the poor condition of their fields. After much debate, the carnival will now be held on Friday 14th August. Same times as before and parents are still required to transport students to the Bull Paddock.

Tennis Lessons

Lessons continue this week – please remember you need to have paid in order for your students to participate. There will be no tennis next week as some of our students will be attending the Environment Education Centre. Lessons will resume on the 18th August.
All parents and community members are invited to attend our P & C meeting to be held this **Wednesday evening at 7.00pm**. Come along and have an informal chat and enjoy a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

**Jeans for Genes Day**

This **Wednesday** we will be supporting this worthy cause and **students are asked to come dressed in their jeans. They must bring a gold coin for the privilege of doing so.**

**Trent Barrett Gala Day**

Our girls from Year 4 will participate in the Trent Barrett Aus Tag Gala Day to be held this **Thursday at Stan Crowe Oval**. We will now be joining together with the girls from Bongongo and All Saints Tumbarumba to field a team. Nangus are now joining with Adelong.

**Visit to the Art Gallery – Friday 7th August**

Don’t forget, **all students must be at school by 9.00am this Friday** for our visit to the Art Gallery in Wagga.

**Environmental Education Centre – Yr 5**

Thankyou to those students and parents who showed their interest in attending the Environmental Education Centre. The four students attending are Gabrielle Butcher, Kynan Crossley, Rylee Byrne and Lizzie Byron. Parents are reminded that there is a $2.00 cost to be paid at the Education Centre on the day and students need to take their own recess and lunch and water. They do not wear school uniform, but clothes suitable for participation in field work based research where they will be a Junior Scientist for the day.

Senior students will have the opportunity to continue to develop their skills with print making and they will also enjoy visiting the gallery to view their own artwork.

Students from K – 3 have their own activities planned and I’m sure they will have an enjoyable time. Everyone is expected to attend. There will be **no canteen**, so please remember to send your child with recess, lunch and a bottle of water. A jacket may also be advisable. Students will wear their school uniform and remember this excursion has no cost for your students, only educational and social benefits.
Calendar

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

School Banking

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

Radio News

Week 5: Harri & Tiara
Week 6: Jordan & Claire
Week 7: Lizzie & Kynan
Week 8: Lilah & Josie
Week 9: Thomas & Rylee
Week 10: Dylan & Adam

Playground –Canteen

**Respect:** Use your manners.

**Responsibility:** Line up. Wait your turn. 10 minutes buying time during play time.

**Care:** Make healthy choices

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 Weekly Focus Area

This week our focus areas for PBL will be “Canteen” in the playground and “Looking after Belongings” for our Classroom.

PBL- Uniform Winners

Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 3: **Thomas Casnave, Destiny Cooper, Kayla Byrne** and **Tiara Foster**. Well done.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

Congratulations to our healthy recess and lunch awards winners for Week 3

**Adam Morris**

Lunch award – Greg Clarke

Student of the Week

4/5/6 – **Gabrielle Butcher** – Demonstrating wonderful general knowledge during HSIE discussions.

4/5/6 – **Zak Anderson** – A focused and successful day of learning and achievement.

PBL Awards

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

**PINK:** Riley Foster & Aiden Morris.
2/3 - Josie Warren – Grasping the new concept of ordinal numbers.

K/1 – Jack Clarke – For his great effort attempting all tasks presented and applying his best.

K/1 – Miah Hosking – For always assisting others and being a helpful class member.

Catch of the Week

4/5/6 - Kynan Crossley – Demonstrating initiative, maturity and responsibility in all additional tasks and for being a wonderful ambassador for the school during Education Week.

2/3 - Brandy McGrath – Displaying maturity and responsibility in the playground.

Pip 😊

Canteen

Wednesday 5th August - Rebecca Morris & Jenna Morris

Friday 7th August – NO Canteen – Wagga Art Gallery

Monday 10th August – Erica Manns