Dear Parents,

Thankyou to all those families who attended our family BBQ on Friday night. It was a lovely evening with lots of great interaction with the children all enjoying some games together. Special thanks to all the staff who stayed for the evening and helped with the setting up and cleaning at the end of the night. Also many thanks again to Mitch Myers for cooking the BBQ for us.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who participated in the Small Schools’ Carnival on Tuesday. We had many of our students participating in their first carnival and some very enthusiastic swimmers who tried 50 metres in different strokes for the very first time. Congratulations to everyone for their great determination and efforts. Well done. Today, students who will be attending the Highlands Carnival in Tumut on Tuesday 23rd February will receive their permission note which must be signed and returned by Friday. Please note that travel will be by private car. Those who meet the qualifying times in their respective age groups will be attending. Thankyou to those parents who assisted during the day with timekeeping duties and thankyou to the staff who attended and supervised the students. Thankyou everyone. Swimming lessons continue this week today and tomorrow only, then next Monday and Friday with the Highlands Carnival on Tuesday.

P & C Meeting

Cooper-Rainbow, Alex Butcher and Lianne Blundell. Please see attached minutes and information about canteen. Thanks Jacinta for co-ordinating the meeting on Thursday. A special thankyou to our outgoing executive – Tara Morris, Tiki Paton, Georgina Marshall and Janet Clarke. Your help and support has been greatly appreciated by the P & C.

NRL Assembly

This assembly was a well presented and professionally conducted session with the local Gundagai Tigers players participating in the presentation, along with local NRL representative James Smart. The presentation was informative and interesting and afterwards all students played some short games which were lots of fun. Registrations for the upcoming season are encouraged.

AFL

We were also fortunate to have a visit from the Sydney Swans players James and Kyle last Tuesday during the swimming carnival. The boys spoke about
their involvement with the Swans, their training and the importance of a good healthy diet, exercise and plenty of sleep. If anyone is interested in registering for the Auskick program, a flyer is attached to your newsletter.

**NRL Come Try Day**

There will be an opportunity for students to participate in the NRL Come Try Day at Stan Crowe Oval on Wednesday 24th February from 10.00am – 1.00pm. This is a non-competitive environment where Rugby League skills will be the order of the day. If you would like to play either in the Tag or Tackle teams, please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Friday. There will be a Stage 2 and Stage 3 team for both.

**State Library Visit (Years 3 – 6)**

All notes for our State Library visit to Gundagai Public School should have now been returned. We will be visiting next Monday and then going to the pool for our swimming lessons.

**How to Learn**

Our staff have been training in HOW2Learn (Higher Order of Ways to learn) and discussing with the students new habits that us as learners can take on-board to help us understand how we learn, be resourceful, work in a team, reflect on our learning and to be accountable for our own learning. You will hear your child say ‘our brains are like muscles’ and ‘I’m in the learning pit’, ‘it’s not I can’t do it, it’s I can’t do it yet!’ During the course of the year, we will be introducing superheroes that have been created to strengthen understanding of the attributes that highly effective learners display when facing the challenges of learning. Please encourage your child to share with you how they are with their learning, creating positive conversations about their days at school and experiences at home, as their learning will be a life-long journey.

**Tennis Selections**

Congratulations to Destiny Cooper who participated in the Regional Tennis trials at the Jim Elphick Tennis Centre in Wagga on Friday. Although Destiny missed out on being selected selection she had a great time and showed great sportsmanship. Well done Destiny.

**Gundagai Show**

Don’t forget to pop down to the Gundagai Show this Friday and Saturday to have a look at the children’s work in the display area of the pavilion.

**Radio News**

Week 5: Gabby & Gina  
Week 6: Adam & Chloe  
Week 7: Jess & Riley  
Week 8: Angel & Isaac  
Week 9: Hayley & Destiny  
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 “Lunch Area” in the playground and “Work Habits” for our Classroom.
**Playground – Lunch Area**

**Respect:** Stay seated.

**Responsibility:** Eat your lunch.

**Care:** Pack up. Rubbish in bins.

**Classroom – Work Habits**

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

**Responsibility:** Do your best. Be prepared.

**Care:** Neat bookwork. Careful work.

Please discuss our focus areas with your children this week.

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**PBL- Uniform Winners**

Congratulations to our weekly uniform award winners for Week 3 – Amy Myers, Makena Hourn, Jess Crooks, Jade Harvey.

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**Healthy Recess and Lunch**

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

Recess award - Khyla Warren
Lunch award - Maddi Winner

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**Student of the Week**

5/6 – Chloe Crossley – Making a great contribution to class discussions in literacy and numeracy.

3/4 – Greg Clarke – Trying hard to solve difficult maths problems.

K/1/2 – Hayden Crossley – For his great effort during independent writing activities.

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**Catch of the Week**

5/6 – Tiara Foster – Giving 100% at the swimming carnival swimming 50m for the first time whilst supporting and encouraging others.

3/4 – Teleah Smith – Being a positive role model in the playground and classroom.

K/1/2 – Michael Carpenter – Clarke – Demonstrating respect at all times and presenting his best work during literacy.

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