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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to everyone involved in our school Cross Country on Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, parents, families and friends to come together and enjoy the spirit of our school. All students put in a tremendous effort completing the Cross Country course. The healthy competition and camaraderie demonstrated by the students contributed to the supportive, friendly and unified tone of the day. I would very much like to send a big thank you to the parents who helped run our canteen. Your efforts were appreciated and really made the day a special one. This year Rafter claimed the house trophy and every member of Rafter team who competed on the day helped your team secure first place. Well done on a great team effort.

Rafter house captains Kaiden Bell and Sophie Lotz proudly accepted the Cross Country shield on behalf of their team mates. The victory was extra sweet as Rafter has not celebrated a house victory for a long time. Well done Team!



It was a real pleasure to be able to present staff member Sharon Elphick with a special certificate at last week's school assembly acknowledging her 20 years of teaching service with the Department of Education. Staff and students congratulated Mrs Elphick on her contribution to our school and thanked her for her commitment to public education. Well done Mrs Elphick for reaching such a significant milestone in your career.

Last week Gundagai Public School students, Jayelle Britt, Alarna Polsen, Bianca French, Kasey Bethune, Jaylen Bell, Cody Bell, Kaidan Bell, Riley Bethune, Cooper Bethune, Noely French, Jock Smith and Rusty Ward travelled to Tumut to participate in indigenous dance workshops which were conducted by Wiradjuri Echo, an indigenous performance group based in Canberra. The students really enjoyed the experience and appreciated the support offered from our local Aboriginal community. This Tuesday Mark Saddler, will be visiting our school for the day, conducting further workshops for all students based around Aboriginal culture.

Last week Gundagai Public School hosted a three day professional development course for teachers throughout the area. Mrs Elphick, Mrs Fiddes and I participated in training with a large number of our colleagues. We were lucky enough to be trained in TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) by Kristine Graham, K-2 Targeted Programs Advisor from State Office in Sydney. Kristine shared a wealth of experience and knowledge with us all and we intend in servicing other staff members at our school to continually improve student's results in mathematics. This program specifically relates to Strategic Direction One *Students: Achievement and Engagement* and Strategic Direction Two *Staff: Best Practice and Professional Growth* in the School Plan and will continue to build on our long term goal of going from good to great.






SPORTING ROUNDUP

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who gave particularly strong performances last Friday. Students eight years and above who finished in the top four of their age division will be representing our school at the Highlands Cross Country being held at the Gundagai Showground on Monday 18th May. Further information about this day will follow shortly.

Special congratulations to our age champions:

							
8/9 Yr Girl <i>Mia Doughty</i>	8/9 Yr Boy <i>Joseph Polsen</i>	10 Yr Girl <i>Laci Bower</i>	10 Yr Boy <i>Cody Bell</i>	11 Yr Girl <i>Lillian Crane</i>	11 Yr Boy <i>Caleb Piper</i>	12 Yr Girl <i>Taleika Worldon</i>	12 Yr Boy <i>Jock Triggs</i>

RESULTS:

Race	First	Second	Third	Fourth
5 year boys	Gilbert Crane	Clayton Elliott	-	-
6 year girls	Eadyn Lindley	Zoe Smart	Rylee Robb	Evie Jones
6 year boys	Cooper Bartlett	Wade Foster	Kane Turner	Cooper Parnaby
7 year girls	Annie Triggs	Claire Lindley	Elena Loukissas	Deanna Smith
7 year boys	Nicholas Tait Archie Wheaton	Logan Jones Nicholas McMurray	Riley Elliott	Luke White
8/9 year girls	Mia Doughty	Holly Deckers	Jayelle Britt	Bindi Crane
8/9 year boys	Joseph Polsen	Bailey Piper	Cooper Bethune	Shaun Smith
10 year girls	Laci Bower	Ava Doughty	Millie Triggs	Ella Sevier
10 year boys	Cody Bell	Blake Hazelwood	George Tait Sidney Cotterill	-
11 year girls	Lillian Crane	Clare Ballard	Yasmin Longhurst	Claudia Jones
11 year boys	Caleb Piper	Kane Lindley	Clayton Smith	Toby Dasey
12 year girls	Taleika Worldon	Sophie Lotz	Phoebe Lotz	Lara Tait
12 year boys	Jock Triggs	Riley Bethune	Kaidan Bell	Max Eccleston

SOCCER RIVERINA TRIALS

This Friday Kaidan Bell, Riley Bethune, Jack Lloyd and Jock Triggs compete in the Riverina Soccer Trials in Cootamundra as part of the Highlands Team. Good luck boys!

NSW PSSA STATE FOOTBALL (SOCCER) KNOCKOUT

Gundagai Public School will begin its participation in the state wide knockout against Tumut Public who defeated Tumbarumba Public late last term. The team is compiled with a mixture sporting experience, though there is one thing that's for certain, an over flow of enthusiasm! The boys have been training hard and would love for any supporters to make their way down to Owen Vincent Oval at 1pm for kick-off this coming Thursday. The team consists of Toby Dasey, Caleb Piper, Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon, Lochlan Bower, Jock Triggs, Kaidan Bell, Riley Bethune, Kane Lindley, Jack Lloyd, Cody Bell, Ben Hughes, Cohan Rowley and Clayton Smith.

FOCUS ON CROSS COUNTRY



HONOUR BOARD

ASSEMBLY AWARDS		STUDENT OF THE WEEK	
Kinder	Rylee Robb, Gilbert Crane, Eadyn Lindley, Chase Russell and PBL Award Zoe Smart	Kinder	Gabriella Streckfuss
Year 1	Wade Foster, Michael French, Elena Loukissas, Logan Smith, Annie Triggs and PBL Award Jazmyn Deckers	Year 1	Dana Rolfe-Lanyon
Year 2	Walt Bishop, Riley Elliott, Jorja Lenehan, Halle Smart and PBL Award Abraham Cotterill	Year 2	Clarity Glazebrook
Year 3	Bindi Crane, Madison Smith, Alarna Polsen, Jaylen Bell, Kayne Worldon and PBL Award Mia Doughty	Year 3	Noely French
Year 4	Zac Lyall, Riley McDonald, Emily Clark, Loudy Bishop, Ryan Saltmarsh and PBL Award Aabhushan Shrestha	Year 4	Ryan Saltmarsh
Year 5	Chloe Lloyd, Blake Hazelwood, Thomas Smart, Clayton Smith, Elysha Anderson and PBL Award Jessie Cooper	Year 5	Kasey Bethune
Year 5/6	Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon, Hayley Luff, Wesley Murray, Alyssa Monte, Ben Feltham and PBL Award Damica Field	Year 5/6	Riley Bethune
Year 6	Ella Stanford, Jonty Hourn, Paige Manton, Brayden Tutty, Max Eccleston and PBL Award Bella Brain	Year 6	Max Eccleston
GUNDY GREAT AWARD <i>Proudly sponsored by AGstock</i>		PBL DRAW WINNER	
Riley Bethune for displaying the values of fair play and sportsmanship during sports activities.		Noely French	

NOSE BLOWING PROGRAM Kindergarten to Year 2

During Term 2 and 3 the Infants classes adopt the **Breath, Blow and Cough Program** which greatly reduces runny noses and ear infections.

Each child is asked to bring in a box of tissues to support this very beneficial program.



1. I blow my nose
2. I check if it's empty
3. I have 5 breaths
4. I have 2 strong coughs
5. I do my jumps: star, rocket or wriggle
6. I take 5 breaths and do 2 strong coughs
7. I have a run on the spot
8. I take 5 breaths and do 2 strong coughs and that's it
9. I wash my hands really well
10. ... and then I have a crunchy snack

TEACHING STUDENTS ABOUT A
HEALTHY START TO THEIR SCHOOL DAY.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test next week on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class and teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students. It would be appreciated if every effort is made for your child to attend school on these dates.

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Each Wednesday morning at 10.15 am tune into FM 94.3 for Gundagai Public School news and upcoming events.

Our hosts this week are Zali Feltham and Paige Manton



CANTEEN ROSTER ~ TERM 2

Week	Monday 4 May	Wednesday 6 May
	Rebecca Gorman and Kate Lenehan	Lin Murray and Tracey Ingold
Week	Monday 11 May	Wednesday 13 May
	Hayley Monte and Cathy Polsen	Grant Smith and Kristy Walshe

CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is open every Thursday from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for the purchase of new and used uniforms. If you are unable to attend the clothing shop, orders can be sent into school with payment.

