Gundaroo Public School Newsletter

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“EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT”

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!

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<td>Assembly: “Aussie of the Month” Items by Yrs 1/2 &amp; Yrs 5/6, Drama class</td>
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Dear Parents

I trust you all had a safe enjoyable and restful break. Aren’t we lucky to have the holidays coming up in under in under 2 weeks!

Sue Kominek

HOLIDAYS - MOST IMPORTANT!
Because of the huge transition to the Australian Curriculum next year, all NSW Schools are getting 2 pupil free days at the beginning of next term. Children, therefore, won’t be returning to school in Term 2 until Wednesday, 1st May.

BIRTHDAYS
Carter - Saturday 6th April
Nikita - Sunday 7th April
Maths and Handwriting Work Books

Please could all families finalise their payment for the children’s workbooks before the end of term.

Thanks.

$30 per child

International Competitions (ICAS)

The forms need to be returned to school with payment by this Friday 5th April.
We encourage all children in Years 3-6 to “have a go”.

Fundraiser

On the last day of term (Friday, 12th April) we’ll be holding our Term 1 Fundraiser. Because of the recent, local bushfires we have decided to raise money for our own Gundaroo Rural Fire Service. We ask that everyone comes dressed as a fireman, fire truck, a fire, etc. and brings a gold coin donation (or more).

We’ll have a parade at 9am and then organise more activities throughout the day. Events Captains Danielle and Sam will be assisting in organising the day!

Members of the Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade were so touched that we were doing a fundraiser for them, that they have decided to bring their trucks into the playground at 3pm that day. Because most of them are self employed, they’re trying to get in most of the day’s work before they come. Parents and children are invited in at 3pm for the display and some games.

“Making Friends” Puppet Show

On Wednesday, 10th April, we have the second show (in a series) entitled “Making Friends” Puppet Show. The P&C is most kindly paying for every child in the school to attend.

SOCIAL SOCCER

Starts this Saturday 6 April 2013 at 10.30 am.
All welcome please come and register at Gundaroo Park.
The fee for this year is $ 40.00.
This will provide for balls, goals, nets and other equipment.
Come and participate and save yourself a trip into town!!!
For any questions please call Tony on 0416 584 267.
ROSTRUM PUBLIC SPEAKING

Each year Gundaroo competes in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Making a speech is part of our curriculum so we combine this with Rostrum.

Children in Years K-3 can make up their own topics (usually about themselves or something very familiar e.g. “My Pets”, “My Baby Brother”, “My Holidays” etc) and the Years 4,5,6 children choose a Rostrum topic.

Kinders speak for a maximum 1 minute
Year 1 speak for a maximum 1 1/2 minutes
Year 2 speak for a maximum 2 minutes
Year 3 speak for a maximum 2 1/2 minutes

ON ANY TOPIC

Years 4-6 speak for exactly 3 minutes. Their topics are:

“My Grandparents”
“Water”
“The Snake”
“I wish I were ……”
“Music to my Ears”
“In the 1950s”

HINTS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

- NEVER say your name or what you will be talking about at the beginning of your speech. The chairperson has ALREADY said that and we don’t want to get bored!
- NEVER say thank you at the end of the speech. It is up to the audience to thank YOU for your efforts.
- NEVER use big pieces of paper for your notes. They are too distracting and usually block your voice.
- If you absolutely HAVE TO, use palm cards (5cm high X 7cm wide).
- Winners DON’T have cards. That’s why the Kinders do best – because they usually can’t read and therefore make good eye contact.
- DON’T use bright cardboard for palm cards. You’re not supposed to be able to see them.
- DON’T number your cards on the back. No one wants to know that we have 27 more cards to get through!
- ALWAYS acknowledge the chairperson first and look at them while you are doing it.
- DO speak in a loud, clear voice.
- DO make good eye contact all around the room.
- DON’T make “lists” in your speech. e.g. “Boxes come in all sorts of sizes. There are big ones and small ones, fat ones, tall ones, red ones, blue ones, etc. You’ll get marked down, in content, quite heavily for that because it is really boring.
WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN

Get ready to Earn & Learn! Woolworths’ community program starts on Monday 8th April.

From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sheet. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Once completed you can place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box at school.

NAPLAN

Children in Years 3 & 5 (and those in 7 & 9) will be sitting the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) on the following dates:

14th May: Language Conventions and Writing
15th May: Reading Test
16th May: Numeracy Test

CHOOKS

Are there any families who would like to look after the chooks in the holidays, please let Liz know in the office. Thanks.

P&C NEWS

MEETING TONIGHT – 7PM

ALL WELCOME

3/4 Classroom

What a wonderful start to this years P&C, a great night was had by all at the Bush Dance. A big thanks again for all who attended and contributed to the night, the P&C could not do it without your support, the night made approx $1600. Tonight we will be holding this months meeting at 7pm at the school, we would like to invite all parents to come along and see what we get up to. Discussion will be on Fundraising events for this year and any ideas would be welcome. Also the 150th anniversary of the school will be held in 2015 so we are currently seeking ideas and a co-ordinator for this event.