**Gundaroo Public School Newsletter**

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"EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT"

**Term 1, Week 11**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!**

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| Friday 3rd May    | School Cross Country 9am  
                    | School ANZAC service at 10.45am.  
                    | Everyone welcome                                                             |
| Thursday 9th May  | District Cross Country - Sutton                                                          |

**Dear Parents**

How amazing! We’ve made it through an eleven week term! All those new little Kinders are now seasoned campaigners but are ready for a break like the rest of us!

Sue Kominek

**Birthdays this Week**

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**Birthdays in the Holidays**

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**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.

**STAFF COURSES**

On Monday, 29th April, all the staff (including GOSH) will attend an all day First Aid, CPR, etc course. On Tuesday, 30th April, all teaching staff will travel to Gunning to work on the Australian Curriculum.

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**Maths and Handwriting Work Books**

**Thank you to all the families who have paid for the workbooks, those that have not, could you please finalise payment by Friday.**

$30 per child

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**“Making Friends” Puppet Show**

**TOMORROW, 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.**

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**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.

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**WELCOME**

We’d like to welcome the Robinson family who started school on Thursday: Elliot who is in Year 6, Austen in Year 1 and Hazel in Kinder. They’ve moved us to the next record breaking enrolment of 97!
**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.

**GET BUSY WITH WRITING YOUR SPEECHES!**

**CLASS FINALS START ON 17TH MAY!**
**WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN**

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

From yesterday, 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. Thanks so much!

Last year we earned enough points to buy lots of construction sets, for wet weather play, and 14 new chairs for the computer lab.

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**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

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**CHOOKS**

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

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**LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first 3 weeks of Term 2. Mrs Harris will be in charge in my absence and Mrs Robertson will be taking my class. This will affect classes a bit. We will still have the same 37 children for Reading for the first hour - thanks hugely to the wonderful parents who come in to assist. However there will be no Mrs Robertson available to work solely with Year 1 (and no “me” to adopt all of Year 1 when Mrs Robertson is teaching another class). Year 1 girls will have to return to Ms Lamb’s room (after Reading) in my absence. I’ll adopt them back when I return. I will, however, continue to plan all Year 1 work during my absence and beyond, as usual.

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**ANOTHER WELCOME**

Since Mrs Robertson will be busy on my class, we’d like to welcome Melissa Medaris into Bonnie’s job. Melissa came in for some office work experience and couldn’t have come at a better time. She’ll replace Bonnie for the 3 weeks that Bonnie is teaching and for the odd day at other times.

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**GOSH COMMITTEE MEETING**

TOMORROW NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL @ 7.30PM IN THE GOSH ROOM
Aussie of the Month
March 2013
Danielle

We were delighted to announce Danielle as our March “Aussie of the Month” at our last assembly. Danielle is a wonderful school citizen who will “have a go” at everything.

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE
5.30AM - 25TH APRIL

The school will be well represented at the Dawn Service at Gundaroo Memorial on ANZAC Day. Our two school captains: Miriam and Sean will be laying our school wreath. Caleb B. will be reciting the poem “ANZAC Cove” and Miriam, Imogene, Anja, Niamh and Brianna will be singing “The Last ANZAC”. All those children need to report to Cheryl Leach (on keyboard) by 5.15am and bring a torch. We’d encourage as many of you as possible to attend. A cooked breakfast ($10 per head) is served by the Scouts, in the Soldiers Memorial hall, afterwards. Michael Carew, a submariner, will then be returning to school on Friday, 3rd May. He will speak about his time on submarines and ask our children, who attended the Dawn Service, about their experiences.

Music Lessons
Alex our music teacher is heading off to Europe on tour, but thankfully we have found two fantastic teachers to replace him. Claire Taylor who will teach Flute, Oboe, Recorder and Piano. Grant Graham who will be teaching Brass and Piano. Both teachers will be at the school at 9am Thursday morning if you would like to meet them. If you are interested in your child having lessons next term, whether a new or existing student, please send your details to taliainberry@hotmail.com

UNIFORMS
Uniforms are available in the office for collection from this afternoon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS