**NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 14th October 2014—Term 4, Week 2**

**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**Dear Parents**

What an amazing community we have! $652 raised on Friday for Motor Neurone Disease research was an astounding amount for our little school. It was well and truly worth having a bucket of ice tipped on my head! Thank you so much for your generosity.

A very big thank you to Talia and Liz who did a mammoth job organising, setting up, manning and dismantling the coffee stall on Saturday at the Music Festival. Thanks to Bronwyn, Anneke and Sophie for helping man the stall and to all those wonderful cooks who provided such fabulous cakes.

Liz Harris

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**GOSH MEETING TONIGHT 7PM**

**P&C MEETING TONIGHT 7.30PM**

You may have noticed some new signs up around the school. Many thanks to the P&C for purchasing these to reinforce our values and expectations. The P&C have a vital role as fundraisers to supplement the little money we get from the department. They are a committed and hard working group who would really appreciate your input at this next meeting TONIGHT @ 7.30pm

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**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club went home yesterday, please have orders in at the office by Thursday 23rd October.
Assembly this Friday 2.15pm

This week 1/2 will entertain us at assembly. We will also present our September “Aussie of the Month”. We hope you can join us.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day on Friday 24th October is an opportunity for us to recognise the importance of the role of grandparents within the family and community. We hope to be able to share ‘school stories’ and afternoon tea with these wonderful people.

PAVERS

We are trying to contact as many ex-students as possible to give them the opportunity to purchase a paver. If you know of someone who would like the information please contact us ASAP. Orders need to be in by 13th November.

Kinder Orientation

We are expecting 11 new kindies at our orientation days beginning next week. At this time all the other grades will “go up” for the morning to try out their new grade. We would appreciate some help with morning tea.

Swim School

Swim School will be held for all students in the last 2 weeks of school - 8 December - 17th December. The 8 lessons, including bus transport will be approximately $110 per child. ($13 per lesson.) If you would like to start paying this off in instalments, please do so. More information to follow.

Milo IN2CRICKET Season 2014

The Gundaroo Milo In2CRICKET season for children aged 5-10 years old will commence on Saturday 1 November. Sessions will be held from 9.30 am to 10.30 am on Saturday mornings at the Gundaroo oval, Cork Street Gundaroo.

The MILO in2CRICKET program is Australian cricket’s entry level participation program dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket. The activities are designed to be inclusive, action-packed and fun. All participants receive a participant pack with an Asics MILO in2CRICKET hat, bat, ball and water bottle, plus MILO giveaways. Plus, all participants receive a free membership to the Aussie Cricket Crew where they’ll receive the latest cricket news, access to cool online games and exclusive members-only competitions. The cost of the program is $60 per child and you can register on the day. If you have any questions about the program, please call Tara Oliver on 0477004184 and/or check out the website which has more information: http://www.in2cricket.com.au.

Fin at State

We wish Fin all the very best for his competition in Sydney at the Olympic Stadium for the State Athletics this Wednesday and Thursday. What a champion!

Frogwatch

During Term 4, the school will be growing frogs from eggs. These frogs will be returned to the Ginninderra Catchment Group for targeted release at the end of the metamorphosis process.

The tank containing the frogs will be prominently placed on the concrete driveway in front of the double classrooms to maximise sun exposure. The set up will provide students with an opportunity to observe the process of metamorphosis as it occurs.

Handball on the driveway will be banned for the duration of the Frogwatch activity in order to minimise the risk of damage.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There have been some confirmed cases of Impetigo and head lice at Gundaroo Public School. Please see the important information below in recognising these problems that rear their ugly heads from time to time.

What is Impetigo?
Impetigo, sometimes called "school sores" is a bacterial infection of the skin. The principal cause are strains of staphylococcus aureus (golden staph). The usual golden staph strains which cause impetigo are not dangerous. Antibiotics are usually needed to clear the sore up.

What does it look like?
Impetigo occurs in two forms, blistering and crusted. In blistering impetigo the blisters arise on previously normal skin and grow quickly in size and number. The blisters quickly rupture and leave slightly moist or glazed areas with a brown crust at the edge. The spots expand quickly even after they break open and can be many centimetres wide. They are sometimes clear in the centre to produce ring shaped patterns. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy. Crusted impetigo has a thick soft yellow crust. Beneath this crust is a moist red area. Crusted impetigo spots grow slowly and are always smaller than the fully developed spots of blistering impetigo. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

How is it treated?
Seek medical advice. Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people. If possible the child should be isolated until the blisters have dried out. Bathing the blisters with salty water will help to dry them out. Your doctor should take a swab from the spots to check which antibiotic to use.

Remember
- Impetigo is highly contagious
- If unsure, seek medical advice

HEAD LICE
Head lice are small parasitic insects that only live on the human head. They do not live on any other part of the body or on any other animal. Head lice crawl very fast over the human head, grasping hair shafts to move quickly. Their grasp is very strong which makes them hard to dislodge from the scalp and hair.

Head lice do not burrow into the skin. They feed only on human blood and they need to feed several times a day.

Eggs (nits) are laid by adult females close to the scalp on the hair shaft, usually no more than 1.5 centimetres from the scalp. These eggs are attached to the hair with incredibly strong glue.

How are head lice spread?
Head lice are spread by contact occurring between one human head and another human head. The head lice move along the hair shaft from the head of an infested person to the hair of another person. Head lice cannot fly or jump and they do not crawl along furniture or hop between car seats. Head lice cannot survive off the human head for more than a few hours.

Thorough cleaning of your home, washing bedding and toys and rigorous vacuum cleaning do not affect the head lice population on a human head. It is thought that increased human contact, especially among young children, may have contributed to an increase in head lice because of increased opportunities for transmission.

General advice
- Regularly check your children’s hair. Young girls growing up often become very independent about their hair care and it can become difficult to convince them that it’s important for you to continue checking their hair. Try to persist or show them how they can check their own hair when they wash it.
- Tying long hair back or braiding it, may help to reduce the transmission of lice.
- Keep a good quality lice comb in the shower so that every time anyone washes their hair they use the comb. The more people know about simple management methods the easier it will be to reduce the problem.
- There is plenty of over the counter solutions or the conditioner and comb method is very effective.
- Head lice and detangle combs should be cleaned between treatments in hot soapy water and rinsed in running hot water.
Motor Neurones Disease Fundraiser

Friday 10th October