Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for sending your children to school today, looking so smart for our school photos. Welcome back Fyfes! You’re just in time for the photos!

Sue Kominek

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**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**Term Dates**

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**CLAIM THE DATE!**

Thursday 27th November

School Concert & Annual Prize Giving - 6pm

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**PAVERS - DUE 13TH NOVEMBER**

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.

**P&C Meeting TONIGHT - 7.30PM**

In the 5/6 classroom. All welcome

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**End of Year Concert - Thursday 27th November - 6pm**

Costume notes went home last week, if anyone needs help with costumes please let us know now.

Swim School - 2 Notes are attached. Please return to school by 17th November ready for the AIS to pick them up.
Music: Count Us In

Last Thursday we joined with schools, right across Australia, in singing/playing a song written especially for the event. This year it was live streamed from Parliament House and we played with the performers in real time. Congratulations to the band, and Ms Lamb for being so well prepared, and to all the other children who sang or the 3 who played guitar with Mr Dunlop. It was a most exhilarating experience.

Kinder Orientation

This week is the last in which we have our gorgeous new recruits come and practise with us. Thank you so much to the parents who have been assisting us with morning tea for our new parents.

Assembly

Last Friday Years 5 and 6 performed a very funny play reading at Assembly.

“Aussie of the Month”

We were delighted to announce Nikita Bush as our October “Aussie of Month”. Nikita models our values perfectly. She is most responsible, respectful and at all times kind.

RECIPE BOOK HELP NEEDED!
Would anyone like to take over the role of organising a recipe book? Please see Liz in the office if you are interested.

Parents of Year 5 Students

Applications for entry into Year 7 in selective high schools for 2016 have opened. If you’d like to apply you must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications close on 17th November 2014. If you have any queries please see Sue at school.

Wanted for GOSH – A digital flat screen TV (any size)

If anyone has a flat screen TV in working condition that needs a new home, the GOSH children would be very happy to take it off your hands. Please see Keryn or Debbie in the GOSH room.
Dear Colleagues

I was a teenager when I chose teaching as my career of choice. I had many wonderful role models and teachers were held in high esteem by my family and community for their knowledge and skills.

I am very proud to be a member of the teaching fraternity, described so perfectly by the OECD as 'the knowing and caring profession'.

Every day teachers make a difference as they inspire and engage young people to learn and succeed. Often it is years later that a teacher realises the impact that she or he had on a student, or an entire class.

World Teachers’ Day is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society.

This year is the 20th anniversary of World Teachers’ Day, inaugurated on 5 October, 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the adoption of the UNESCO and International Labour Organisation recommendation concerning the status of teachers.

Most countries celebrate World Teachers’ Day on 5 October but, since that date falls in the Australian school holiday period, we mark the day on the last Friday in October. This year’s celebration is today, 31 October.

There are many challenges and rewards in engaging and supporting students and teachers today require a combination of valued skills, including quality teaching, management, collaboration, insight, creativity and understanding.

I want to thank and pay tribute to the thousands of amazing teachers in our public education system – and the legions of staff supporting them in their work. I extend my respect and appreciation to you on World Teachers’ Day.

Warm regards

Dr Michele Bruniges AM
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

VISIT BY OUR DIRECTOR

Today we were paid a very enjoyable visit by our Director, Mr Matthew Brown. He made it in time to watch the fun and games of setting up our whole school photo.

Years 5/6 Human Sexuality Course

The children in Years 5 & 6 have just completed a 3 week course on human sexuality.
The course was conducted by a nurse from Gunning Health. Mrs Harris was in attendance and assisted in every session. The children benefitted greatly from these sessions, which are vital, leading up to entry into high school.

Beach To Bush

Next week we are really lucky to be having a visit from some qualified surf lifesavers from Surf Life Saving NSW, for an educational program. The program began as a result of research which highlighted that 50% of people rescued from the surf live more than 50km from the beach. It is a free educational program that covers:

• General beach safety
• Skin cancer prevention strategies
• Rip and wave identification
• Sea creatures and first aid
• Rescues and getting help
• Safety in other aquatic areas e.g pools and creeks.
Hello gardeners!

Mum and I had a trip to magnet mart on the weekend and bought 2 strawberry plants an artichoke and lettuce seedlings with the money raised at the stall.

From this week onward we will be having a gardening event at the vegie patch every Friday. This week we will be having “Pea day” were everyone attending can plant a pea plant that they can take home. We will also be harvesting the peas.

See you there!!! Imogene, Ella, Ella, Niamh, Frida, Nikita and Lara.

Chook comp winners!

Helga d’Uccle is a Belgian Bearded d’Uccle hen. She knits scarves, jumpers and woolens and whenever she has a chance she will be modelling her heart out. She hates the warmer weather when no-one will wear her jumpsuit! But since she arrived all the chocolates seem to have gone missing.

—Imogene

We come Invissabella, the best Araucana chicken around. She’s a stealthy chook. Her skill is to sneak up on people. Not many people would notice her as she is practically invisible. She would be the best chook in the Mallow Yard. She’s a perfect spy!

—Katherine

May’s the Magnificent is a red Wyandotte hen. She’s always ready to amaze everyone with her magic tricks. You’ll find her sitting in the corner practising a new magic trick. She is a very secretive hen but, after all, a mag’i dien never reveals her secrets.

—Calie

Prilla is a friendly, broody Silkie hen who is a brilliant mother and always volunteers to sit on other chooks’ eggs. She does yoga in her spare time and that’s why she is so flexible. She hopes to break the world record for the biggest rubber band ball.

—Perry

Roger Egghead, a Japanese Bantam, has a mad urge to invent, plus an IQ of 200. Perhaps his greatest invention is Quark, his robot assistant. However, most of his experiments or inventions go wrong...

—Joshue

Chook Competition

5/6 entered a “Design A Chook” competition in the school magazine. We had 3 winners Imogene, Katie & Josh. They were so excited to see their work published.
Tadpole Report

The tadpoles have now reached Day 22 of their time at Gundaroo.

They are eating and growing like crazy – some children have said that they look like little stingrays.
Sometime in the next 2-3 weeks, their back legs should start to appear.

Stay tuned for further progress.

(back on Day 1)