Dear Parents

We had a lovely, settled start to our swimming lessons yesterday. All the children enjoyed their sessions, even though they were having their final gradings.

Sue Kominek

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**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**Term Dates**

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**Attached**

* Netball Holiday Clinic

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**UNIFORMS**

Uniforms are in the office ready for collection.

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**FIRE DRILL**

We had a most successful fire drill last week. One of the Deputy Captains lit fires (in drums) and we were engulfed by quite a lot of smoke. Everyone was able to adapt by taking a different route (away from the smoke) to the evacuation point. The fire brigade then put out the fires. Captain Michael introduced his deputies and said a few words. Then Virginia, Gundaroo RFS Publicity Officer, gave a good talk to the children about being bushfire ready.

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**CAPTAINS’ SPEECHES**

Congratulations to all the Year 5 children on their election speeches. I’m sure you’d agree with me that they were of a very high calibre. They were both entertaining and persuasive. The voting was very close. The captains will be announced and pinned at our breakfast.

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**Christmas Religion**

Joan and Marguerite will be coming in on Wednesday to tell the Christmas story and to do some craft activities. Mrs Hays will take the juniors and Mrs Foster the seniors.
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

7am
Children assisting set up arrive.

7.15am
Band children arrive ready to set up.

7.30-8.30am
Breakfast and Awards

8.45am
BEFORE pack-up!

All parents are invited into the church, next door, to listen to the children sing 1, 2 or 3 of the 40 odd songs they’ve learnt this year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

20 students represented us for a day of sport, at Government House, last Friday. They were so fortunate that they didn’t get stormed upon. There were about 20 sports present e.g. Rugby, Basketball, Little Athletics, Rugby League, Hockey, soccer. (to name a few) for the children to choose from. The children moved around all the skills stations. A great day was had by all. I’d like to pass on our big thanks to Andrew, who gave up a day of work, to drive our children there and to Tib and Dave who went to assist Mrs Harris and Mrs To’omua.
TERM 4 FUNDRAISER
Thank you to the children who did dress up. You helped add to the fun of the day. We raised $195.00

Library Books
Please return Library books to the return box—NOT THE SHELVES—for stock taking. This is a massive undertaking for Lynne and Colin as we own many, many thousands of books. We’d really appreciate your help in this matter.

REPORTS, PORTFOLIOS and SCHOOL BOOKS
Please ensure you pick up your child’s report, portfolio and all their school books at the Community Breakfast on Friday, 12th December.

(You may need a big bag to carry it all)

BAND
LAST PRACTICES FOR THE BREAKFAST THIS WEEK!

Cultural Activity
The Avrahamzons are coming in on Monday to tell us a bit about Hanukkah.

GOSH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

“Aussie of the Month”
Congratulations to Imogene for being announced as our November “Aussie of the Month” at assembly last week. We could not go past such a generous and modest student who is not only our school captain, but also won the Citizenship Prize at our prize giving night.

The annual GOSH Christmas Party will be held next Thursday 11th December from 3pm to 6pm
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: THIS FRIDAY

Don’t forget to come along to the traditional end-of-year celebration breakfast on

this Friday 12th December 2014 from 7.30–9.00am

Cost: $2 per head

THANK YOU!!
Thank you to all those good people who have volunteered to help out on Friday. If anyone would still like to volunteer, please do so by Wednesday.

FRESH EGGS NOW PLEASE
Please bring in your dozen fresh eggs to the front office ASAP. We will need all donations by Thursday morning so we can assess whether we need to buy any more.

KINDER PARENTS
We need a couple more Kindy parents to assist with the cutting up of fruit on Friday morning from 7am. Can you please put your name down at the front office so that Julia knows how many helpers she has – thanks.

Thanks so much.

See you all bright and early Friday morning.
All children need to bring, each day:

- Cap
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Substantial cloth or STRONG plastic bag
- Thongs or crocs instead of shoes. Can be worn to school.
- Lunch

- Many, many snacks and a bottle of water for after their lesson. (The children are RAVENOUS after their lessons. NO SLOPPY food, because we may need to eat on the bus.)

If you wish to pick your child up from the pool you must get their name marked off by a teacher and be in the AIS pool foyer at 2pm at the very latest.

Payment for swimming is now due.

Thank you to the parents that have already paid.
The Frogwatch kit will be returned on Monday, so this is the last Frogwatch report. The students have enjoyed watching them change from tadpoles to frogs.

Some of the frogs have completed their metamorphosis, such as this tiny example (seen on Mr D’s hand, to give an idea of scale).

Hopefully, next year we can have more amphibian investigations. The remaining *Spotted Grass Frogs* and froglets will be returned to the Ginninderra Catchment Group for targeted release.

We were not able to get a person from the group to come out and give a talk about the frogs, but will try again next year.
You are Invited to the Gundaroo RFS Christmas BBQ

Where: Gundaroo Park
When: Saturday 13th December 2014
Time: 12 noon to 3 pm
Who: You and your Family

- BBQ lunch
- Santa
- Christmas activities and games
- CSA awareness officers in attendance to talk to about being fire ready and having a plan
- Ice cream and soft drinks
- Fire truck and hoses
- The catering truck for large fire-grounds.

Come and support your Brigade and community.
The volunteers of the Gundaroo RFS respond to bush fires, both locally and out-of-area, building and house fires and motor vehicle accidents, and also conduct hazard reduction burning to assist in lowering risks to residents and landholders. **Our firefighters are volunteers from your community and are not financially supported by NSW Fire Service.**

**Gundaroo RFS needs your annual subscription of $50 per household** to help maintain the brigade's trucks, update equipment and provide essential items to keep our members safe and enable them to protect and serve your village and community.

Currently Gundaroo RFS needs to raise money for a new shed with the expectation of housing a new (second hand) fire truck, and a quick-fill trailer to keep our trucks working quickly on fire-grounds.

**We need your support to raise these funds.** Your annual donation is tax deductible and can be made by depositing EFT directly to: **Gundaroo Rural Fire Service  BSB  062 904  Account 1010 5495**
Please remember to **put your Family name on your payment details.**
All donations received 2 weeks prior to the BBQ will go into a draw for a Christmas Hamper valued at over $100.00
Donation of $20 per family on the day if subscription not paid 2 weeks prior to the event.