Dear Parents

What an exciting start to the week we’ve had!
At Monday morning’s assembly I presented Stella with a 3rd ribbon from her freestyle race, held at the District Swimming Carnival, at the AIS. Then I showed the children and parents the amazing CAT award presented to Gundaroo, in Canberra, on Saturday night!
Read on!

Sue Kominek

Friday 28th February         Clean up Australia

Birthdays
Thomas
Sunday 2nd March

Clean up Australia Day
On Friday the children will be going around the school and environs, in peer support groups, to assist in this wonderful venture. They will all be given a pair of latex free rubber gloves and instructions not to touch anything sharp.
DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Friday, 21st February, we sent our 13 children to the Queanbeyan District Swimming Carnival. Once again, it was held at the AIS. Our children did extremely well, with Stella gaining 3rd place in the 50 metre freestyle. She is now first reserve, to represent the district, at the South Coast Regional Carnival held in Dapto. We haven’t had a swimmer go to this level for several years. Congratulations Stella! Thank you to all the wonderful parents who supported our team on Friday.

CANBERRA AREA THEATRE AWARDS
On Saturday night Mrs Harris and I attended the Canberra Area Theatre (CAT) Awards at Llewellyn Hall. Gundaroo Public School had been nominated for a CAT award for “the best original theatre production by a school or youth group”, for a production that we had performed late in 2013. The four classroom teachers had workshopped the idea together, before production. We came up with a variety of ideas to mark Canberra’s Centenary in our item entitled “Excursion to Canberra”. Our thanks go to Elissa Shelley who made the costumes and to Mr Dunlop who made the props. The children performed extremely well and Mrs Harris did a wonderful job as director.

We didn’t know what to expect at the awards night. People began arriving in dinner suits and ball gowns and the theatre was packed. Jon English sat right in front of us and presented a couple of awards. John Woods co-hosted the night.

Recipients came from as far away as Albury-Wodonga, Wollongong, Ulladulla, Parkes, Orange, Bathurst, and Canberra (of course!) Most of the nominees were adults. There were few schools nominated. In our area Bungendore and Jerrabomberra were the only other primary schools nominated. The whole night was run exactly like the Academy Awards with all the nominees’ names projected up onto the back of the stage, with outstanding interludes of entertainment between each category.

We really enjoyed the evening and were stunned when we were announced as the winner of our category to receive a CAT award! Mrs Harris did a wonderful job going up the front steps and accepting our award on the school’s behalf. You’ll be able to see it hanging proudly in the school’s front foyer.
**P & C News & Information**

**P&C AGM and March Meeting**

The P&C’s AGM will be held on Tuesday March 4th, 7pm at the school.

At this meeting the executive committee for the upcoming year will be elected. All positions are open for nomination and include:

- President
- 2 x Vice-Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Please come along, support your school and consider nominating for one of these positions.

At this meeting the GOSH Management Committee will also be elected. All positions are open for nomination and include:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Official Members

If you would like to know more about the AGM or about any of the positions being elected, please feel free to contact

Bronwyn Blake (P&C) p: 6236 8464 e: blakesos@hotmail.com
or Nicky Foote (GOSH) p: 6236 8004 e: bushynicky@ozemail.com.au

At this meeting we will also be discussing our future projects and plans ... perhaps you have some ideas, we would love to hear them.

We look forward to seeing you!

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**OLD GUNDAROO BRIDGE**

On Thursday there was a meeting of the RTA, Yass Council and groups interested in keeping some of the wood from the Gundaroo bridge demolition. The RTA is actually buying back 40 cubic metres of the timber, when it has been recycled, and giving it to the Yass Valley Council. The Yass Council is using 30.1 cubic metres of it for a planned Gundaroo Streetscape. The other 9.9 cubic metres was up for distribution to interested groups.

Talia Meischke was wonderful being the first, to put up her hand, to claim some of this historic timber for the school’s 150th anniversary. Grahame Legge produced a marvellous concept drawing, combining the school’s wishes with the shape and design of the old bridge. I only managed to attend one of the village meetings about the timber, and probably confused the issue! I’d like to thank Talia and Grahame for their fabulous work in this area. I believe we will be most successful.

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**PRIVATE VEHICLE CONVEYANCE**

All parents of children in Kinder to Yr 3 are entitled to claim private vehicle conveyance. Yrs 3-6 are entitled to claim if they live more than 1.6km from school. Please see Liz in the office if you need a form. All forms need to be posted directly to Transport for NSW before the end of term. Please note that Transport for NSW will not back date if forms are in late.

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**SOCCER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Soccer AGM for 2014 will be held at the Pub at 7 pm on Wednesday the 26th of February.

If you can donate some time for President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary, game day help, kids coaching that would be great.

Please come and participate in this year’s club.

If you cannot attend please express an interest by calling Tony on 0416 584 267
Before School Care
Before school care is now open and places are still available.
Operating hours are 7.00am—8.30am.
Please contact Elissa at gundarooogosh@gmail.com

Dancing or Rugby League for $10?
GOSH is holding Rugby League on Wednesday and Dancing on Friday as this term’s sports sessions from the Active After School Communities Program.
All children are invited to attend. Afternoon tea is offered before the 3.30-4.30pm sports session. If you pick your child up at 4.30pm it will only cost you $10 per child. The full casual fee of $23 will apply if they stay longer. To book simply send an email to gundarooogosh@gmail.com or ring the school office on 6236 8115. Bookings must be made by 2pm on the day for catering purposes. You will also need to ensure you have filled in a GOSH enrolment form and AASC permission note.

If you would like to book your child into GOSH at any time of the year. A 2014 enrolment form is required before your child attends. Forms were attached to last week’s newsletter.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Would anyone have the appropriate technology to convert VHS to DVD. The school has a few VHS’s they would like transferred to DVD.

The School Phone book is in the process of being put together, if you have not returned changes please do so by the end of this week.
BUSH DANCE

Come along and kick up your heels! Franklyn B Paverty Will be playing live on the night. Everyone Welcome.

When: Saturday 15 March 2014
Time: 5pm – 9pm
Where: Gundaroo Public School Hall

Tickets On Sale NOW!!

Family Pass $30 (pre-purchase only)
Adult $12.50
Child $7.50

Be in the draw to win a Hamper of gourmet goodies for pre purchase ticket holders only.

Tickets include sausage sandwich, supper, games and dancing.
Great Gundaroo Bake off !!!

Saturday, March 15th
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gundaroo Public School Hall.

Get your ovens ready, we are after the best creation for 2014.

Prizes will be awarded for

Best Cake
Best Sweet – biscuit, sweets, slice etc.
Best Savoury
Most Popular

Entry fee $5

Registration Forms attached or available at the school office.
Registrations open Wednesday
Bake-off Registration Form.

Enter our 3rd annual Great Gundaroo Bake Off!

After the smashing and delicious success of last year’s bake off we have 4 divisions this year.

1) Best cake- Junior and Senior

2) Best sweet i.e. slices, biscuits and sweets - Jnr + Snr

3) Best savoury dish - Jnr + Snr

4) Most Popular

We welcome all creations not just cakes. We have some great prizes for the winners!

Please remember we are a nut free school - no nuts can be used in your creations.

Entry is $5

All proceeds go directly to the P&C to fund projects and improvements at the school.

Please fill in the form below to register your fabulous creation!

Name__________________________________________________________

Age _____________________________________________________________

Division________________________________________________________

Name of creation_________________________________________________
From The GOSH Room
Both our sports are well underway, we have an excellent turn out for the Rugby on Wednesdays. The kids are playing games to teach them skills before actually getting out and having a game. Dancing is being enjoyed and the kids learnt a superhero dance last week. A lot of fun.

From The GOSH Kitchen
It was a great week, the children are trying a variety of new foods and seem to be really enjoying the taste experience. The younger ones are slowly starting to try new things to broaden their eating experiences.

This Week’s Menu
- Fruit and Veggie Platter Served Every Day.
- Monday – Crispets/Cold Meat/Salad
- Tuesday – Tacos
- Wednesday – Cabanossi/Cheese/Crackers
- Thursday – Pasta Bolognese
- Friday – Cupcakes

Fun Food Facts:
* To reap the therapeutic benefits of green tea, you have to drink 4-5 cups every day.
* The dye that is used in stamping the grade on meat is actually edible. It's the dye from grape skins.

Before School Care
Morning care is going well and the kids are settling into their new routines. We are enjoying our breakfast together each morning with cereal, toast, fruit and juice on the menu. There are still places available and we would love to see more children come along, Keryn is even happy to help with homework!

From The ADMIN Dining Table
Thank you to everyone who has submitted their Debit Pro Form. Elissa will contact you shortly to arrange personalised payment schedules.
Put yourself in the picture

Register now at cleanupaustraliaday.com.au or join one of the many local sites from 9am

**Gundaroo** Showground at the Scout Hall, Cork St

**Merryville** at 92 Merryville Drive, Murrumbateman

**Murrumbateman Road** at 1174 Murrumbateman Rd

**Murrumbateman Rec Ground** at the Scout Hall

**Sutton** at Sutton Village Hall, West St

**Wallaroo** at Wallaroo Brigade Fire Shed, Wallaroo Rd

**Wee Jasper** at the Community Hall (10.30-12noon), Wee Jasper Rd

Yass at **Riverbank Park** (near the BBQ and playground area), Comur St

**Yass River** at the Scout Hall, Comur St
I’m shaving my hair this March for World's Greatest Shave!

The Leukaemia Foundation will be our charity for this term. We will hold a Mad Hair Day in Week 8 and I will shave my hair at assembly!!!! I am doing this to show my support and admiration for friends and family who have, or are, taking the long and arduous cancer journey. Please support generously. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

It would be great if you would support my sacrifice by sponsoring me!

The money you give will help the Leukaemia Foundation fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research.
It's easy to sponsor me online.


Thanks for your support!

Liz

Every 46 minutes, someone in Australia gets the news they have blood cancer.
The money you give funds emotional and practical services to help lessen the impact of diagnosis and treatment.
All Leukaemia Foundation’s services are provided free of charge.
Your donation helps to keep it that way.
Blood cancer research is urgent and vital.