Dear Parents

What an exciting time we had on Friday! 3/4 performed their insect play and poem and showed their insect masks, Brad was announced as our “Aussie of the Month”, the swimming champions had their medals presented and our lovely new Relieving Director dropped in to get to know us.

Don’t forget our world famous family bush dance on Saturday evening.

Sue Kominek

BIRTHDAYS

Emma - Wednesday 12th March
Ella - Tuesday 18th March

Student of the Week

When your children receive the wonderful award for being “Student of the Week” their photo goes up on a board, outside the office. This gives the children quite a thrill so if your child receives such an award—do go over to the office and “find them”.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!

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<td>Thursday 13th March</td>
<td>Return <strong>ALL</strong> sold or unsold raffle tickets</td>
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<td>Saturday 15th March</td>
<td>Family Bush Dance 5-9pm</td>
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<td>Friday 21st March</td>
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Term 1, Week 7

Gundaroo Public School Newsletter

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Website: www.gundaroo-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Tuesday, 11th March 2014
International (ICAS) Competition: Yrs 3-6

The annual ICAS Competitions are just around the corner. I encourage everyone in Years 3-6 to “have a go”.

The competitions are expensive, but we generally do extremely well and the children experience another type of assessment.

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ALL ENTRIES AND PAYMENT TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

Police Visit

On Thursday morning the Goulburn Police Youth Liaison Officer came and had a chat with the children. He practiced a few safety drills with the children.
“AUSSIE OF THE MONTH”

BRAD

FEBRUARY 2014

An absolute joy to have at our school

EARN AND LEARN REWARDS

Last year we again joined Woolworths in their “Earn and Learn” promotion.

At the end of the year I ordered some fantastic science equipment. It arrived last week and we got:

- Glow in the dark Solar System
- Solar System Model
- Earth Sun and Moon model
- Weather Station
- Periodic Table of elements chart
- Atomic & Molecular Model
- Magicalscope
- Tuzzles Magnifier Investigation Box
- Ball & Ring—Heat experiments
- Conductivity Star
- Specific Heat Cylinders
- Tuning Forks Set steel
- LED light Source device

Thank you so much for assisting us in getting this equipment in particular Scott & Jess at the shop who encouraged other Gundaroo citizens to leave their tokens there.

CHAPLAIN’S ROLE

It was obvious, from the survey, that not everyone was sure of the Chaplain’s role. Funnily enough they are not allowed to do any religious teaching. They’re in the school as a support person for any child, family or parent who wishes it. Karen has been instrumental in driving our Resilience training, but this year will help with Peer Support activities and any one on one help. Anyone may ask for extra support. With her counsellor background she is the right person for “a chat”.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

These are totally separate from the chaplain’s role.

Each Departmentally recognised religion is allowed to take their children for religious instruction for 1/2 hour per week. This is incredibly disruptive because we have to have a teacher with that group of children. This kind of instruction is also very divisive in our lovely, little school community. As a result, the school organises a couple of blocks of Christian religious lessons each year prior to the Easter and Christmas holidays. It means our classes aren’t fragmented nor causing division. Of course you may withdraw your children during these sessions. We timetable lessons from 9am-10am so you could bring your children later if you wish.
Online Educational Program
Each year our school subscribes to 3 excellent online educational programs. It costs the school about $4,500 per year, but it means that your child can use the programs at home. The programs are “Mathletics”, “Spellodrome” and “Reading Eggs” (K-2) or “Reading Eggspress” (Yrs 3-6).

Please encourage your child to use these programs at home. If your child doesn’t remember their sign on, make sure you get it from their teacher.

CAPA ASSEMBLY
21st March at 2pm
Ensure you put this on your calendar. On 21st March we’ll be having a special assembly to mark the end of our first cycle of CAPA (Creative And Performing Arts). We’ll be starting earlier than usual (at 2pm) because all the classes will be performing.
Kinder: Drama
3/4: Marimba Band
1/2: Craft
5/6: Circus skills

The School Phone book is going out in your child’s bag. It must not be used outside of our school, nor be reproduced in any way. It is an “in school” convenience to organise “play dates”, birthdays parties, etc.

Garden club
We would like to thank everyone for their donations to the garden - they are highly appreciated. We have planted some Kohl Rabi, broccoli, brussel sprouts, spinach, and cabbage and already have some seedlings. We have some almost ripe tomatoes if anyone wants them early. We would also like a donation of shade cloth to protect the plants from the frost please.
Imogene and Taylor

Bush Dance this Saturday 15th March
Only 4 Days to go!!!
Great Family Night out for $30
Great Prizes to be won

PLEASE RETURN ALL RAFFLE TICKETS BY THIS THURSDAY, SOLD OR UNSOLD
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 gundaroogosh@gmail.com

POSITION VACANT - Casual Staff needed for GOSH - see attached advertisement.

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

"Sacrament of Reconciliation for children in Gundaroo and Sutton - St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gundaroo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Catholic children in Grade 3 or above, primary school, will be available for children in both Gundaroo and Sutton. Parents interested in having their child prepared should contact Liza Davis email liza_albion@hotmail.com or mobile 0418 164 231 or Justin Barwick mobile 0447 799 404 for information about registration. Confirmed dates for preparation and the sacrament will be provided when we have an idea of final numbers."

Gundaroo Social Soccer
Registration Day: Saturday 5th April
$35 per player ($60 cap per family)
Registration at 9.00am
All ages welcome!
Saturday games @ 10.00am

1/2 Photos
About half the class have brought in photos to place in the frames that the students have made in ROC Craft. These have been fitted into the frames and are on display in the Office foyer.
The frames will be displayed at the Week 8 ROC Assembly, after which the students can take them home.
If you have not already done so, could you please help your child to find a photo of personal significance for their photo frame.
The part of the photo that will be seen is a bit under 9cm square.
Thank you
Mr Dunlop

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking day is Tuesday, please give your bank books to the office.
Students must have a Commonwealth Bank Account, application forms are available from the office.

MATHS & HANDWRITING BOOKS
We’ve all started using our Maths and Handwriting books in class. Invoices will be going home soon and we’d appreciate payment for them. The cost is $30 per child. Thank you so much.
## APPROX. 2014 COSTS FOR THE YEAR

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Dear Parents

Yrs 3-6 are invited on a Special History Excursion to Bungendore on Thursday 20th March. A special tour has been arranged from the State Library to study early British colonisation. We have been most fortunate in being invited. Travel is by bus, and the cost is $10.00.

Sue Kominek

I give my child/ren permission to attend the history Excursion to Bungendore on Thursday 20th March, leaving school at 8.45am SHARP and returning by approximately 12.00am. I understand travel is by bus.

☐ I enclose $_________________________ ($10.00 per child to attend the excursion.)

Signed: _____________________________ Date: ____________________________
**Bake-off Registration Form.**

Enter our 3rd annual Great Gundaroo Bake Off!

After the smashing and delicious success of last years 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__________________________________________________
SURVEY RESULTS

At the end of last year we conducted 2 surveys. We received a 44% return rate on these.

We surveyed parents’ opinions on the use of computers at school and their child/ren’s use of them.

Findings and conclusions

- 100% of children use a computer at home
- 82% children use a computer to do their homework
- 82% believe there are enough computers for the children to use at school
- 82% believe their children to have average to above average computer abilities
- 91% believe that computers make the work more interesting
- 91% believe that Tuesdays’ specialised computer lessons are valuable
- 100% believe that the school’s $1500 subscription to the online “Mathletics” program is a good use of school funds
- 95% believe that the school’s $1500 subscription to the online “Reading Eggspress” program is a good use of school funds
- 95% believe that the school’s $1500 subscription to the online “Spellodrome” program is a good use of school funds

Future directions

- We will continue to use the teaching principal’s admin leave allowance to employ our specialised computer teacher
- We will continue to subscribe to “Mathletics”, “Spellodrome” and “Reading Eggs/press” online programs

Background – Survey 2

We surveyed parents’ opinions on School Culture

Findings and conclusions

- 86% believe their children wanted to get good results at school
- 73% believe their child’s teacher expects high standards of work
- 68% believe that the work in their child’s class challenges them
- 86% believe that the things their child learns at school are worth learning
- 95% believe their child is proud to be a student of this school
- 95% believe their child feels a part of the school community
- 91% believe their child would enjoy a chance to represent our school
- 86% believe their child can talk with at least one adult at school should there be a problem
- 64% believe the Chaplaincy program to be valuable, while 32% don’t know
- 91% believe other students accept their child as s/he is

Future directions

- We must ensure that teachers make it clear that they have high expectations for their students
- We must inform all the parents (particularly the newer parents) of the chaplaincy role within our school
- We will ensure our Peer Support program, including resilience training, child protection and Harmony Day activities continue to be run.
Crazy Hair Day

on the 21\textsuperscript{st} of March at school

Bring a gold coin donation to go towards Leukaemia Foundation.

For another gold coin donation you can get your hair coloured by Stella and Bree.
From The GOSH Room

The children have been having a fantastic time at Dancing on Fridays. Last week they learnt an ‘Eye of the Tiger dance’.

WANTED FOR GOSH

Bev would love donations of the following items for craft projects:

- Milk cartons
- Cereal boxes
- Plastic Lids (Milk and Juice)
- Cardboard (cut up boxes)

Please make sure all donations are clean – thank you.

From The GOSH Kitchen

Thank you to Trevor Bush and Nicky Foote for donating Black Russian tomatoes from their garden for the children to try. Not all the children were brave enough to try them but those who did all agreed they were delicious.

THIS WEEK’S MENU

Fruit and Veggie Platter Served Every Day

Monday – Fruit Salad/Custard/Jelly
Tuesday – Crispets/Meat/Salad/Cheese
Wednesday – TBA
Thursday – TBA
Friday – TBA

FUN FOOD FACTS:

- Before the invention of synthetic dyes, mushrooms were widely used for dyeing wool and other natural fibers. Mushroom dyes are organic compounds and produce strong, vivid colors
- Watermelons contain high levels of vitamin B6 (which increases brainpower), vitamin A (good for eye sight), potassium (which helps in curing heart disease and keeping the heart healthy). The watermelon also contains Vitamin B1, C and manganese which protect against infections.

CASUAL STAFF REQUIRED

GOSH are currently seeking casual staff. GOSH operates from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday (except school and public holidays). Staff are required to hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate and will need to undertake a Working with Vulnerable People Check. If you are interested in part time work with GOSH, please contact Elissa or Nicky at gundaroogosh@gmail.com or pop into the GOSH room for a chat with Keryn or Bev.
Staff Wanted

Attention: Ladies and Gentlemen.

Are you looking for part time work in Gundaroo?
Do you enjoy working with children?
Do you have an interest in cooking?

If your answer is yes to any of the above questions, please consider working for Gundaroo Outside School Hours Care (GOSH).

What we offer is stable casual employment with a fantastic bunch of children and a happy supportive work environment.

Your duties may include:

- Weekly menu planning and preparation of a healthy snack for the children each day;
- Supervising children during indoor and outdoor playtime and sporting activities; and
- Assisting with hygiene and cleanliness of the Gosh room and Gundaroo Public School kitchen.

If you are interested, please contact Elissa or Nicky: gundaroogosh@gmail.com or drop into the GOSH room for a chat with Keryn or Bev.