Dear Parents

What a busy week we had last week! 3/4, 5/6 had a marvellous excursion to Bungendore on Thursday, we had our CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) Assembly, we enjoyed “Crazy Hair Day” and watched Mrs Harris get shaved, all on Friday!

Sue Kominek

**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Lockie**  
  Wednesday 26th March

- **Angus**  
  Friday 28th March

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Thank you, parents, for supporting us on our Crazy Hair Day. You obviously spent a lot of time preparing your child/ren’s hair. The children looked fabulous. Brianna and Stella’s outdoor “salon” was so popular their mums and Brad were called in to help. Thanks to your generosity we raised $324.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

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HISTORY EXCURSION

Last Thursday Years 3-6 travelled to Bungendore for a History excursion. Educators from the State Library of NSW brought with them many artefacts and original documents from the First Fleet. Artefacts included a compass, a sextant and one of Captain Cook’s shoe buckles. They also brought child size period costumes. They dressed one child as a convict, one as Captain Cook and one as Mary Reiby - formally a convict, but who ended up the richest business woman in the colony and is found on our $20 note.

THANK YOU

Our thanks go to Andrew Nicholls, once again, for giving up the majority of the day, on Thursday, driving a bus to Bungendore. Andrew’s generosity meant that we saved a whopping $330 on our History excursion.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA) ASSEMBLY

On Friday we held a CAPA assembly. This marked the end of a 7 week block of lessons in the arts. We had a wonderful roll up pf parents. Kinder showed the play they learnt in Drama. Brandon stunned everyone with his loud voice and Brodie captured everyone with his imitation of an emu. Years 3/4 played 3 pieces of music on marimbas, glockenspiels, flutes and percussion. The music was in 7 parts and the children managed to play most pieces successfully. Years 1/2 then told us about their craft lessons and showed us the fabulous photo frames and toy aeroplanes that they’d made. Finally Years 5/6 put on a spectacular circus displaying many of the circus skills they’d been practising. Josh was a wonderful ring master. We concluded the afternoon watching Mrs Harris having her head shaved. Mrs Harris raised over $5000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to all those wonderful people who supported me in raising over $5000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Your generosity will mean that research can continue to find a cure for this insidious disease, accommodation is available for regional families to receive treatment and emotional support is always there for patients and their families.

It's not too late to donate:

CONGRATULATIONS

On the weekend Fin competed in the ACT State athletics and won 3 medals. He won bronze for the triple jump, silver for high jump and gold for the long jump.

Congratulations Fin!

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.

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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GET YOUR ENTRIES IN NOW!!

ALL ENTRIES AND PAYMENT TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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.

This term they’ll be held on Thursday, 3rd April, Friday 4th April and Thursday, 10th April, Easter Assembly will be held on Friday, 11th April at 9am. If you don’t wish your child to participate please inform us in writing. (You understand the teachers have to stay with their classes).

School Uniform Order

It is that time of the year again when (a) you realise how much your kids grew over the summer holidays and (b) the days are getting cooler and you need to restock the cupboards with warm uniforms for the kids before the Gundaroo winter kicks in. If this sounds relevant to you, please place your uniform order by Tuesday 8 April. Orders should be delivered in week 1, term 2. Any questions, please contact Tara Oliver on 0477 004 184.

Please drop completed order forms at the Office with Liz Nicholls together with your cheque or pay by bank transfer (order form and payment details are attached to this newsletter).

Blue Light Disco

The children have been invited to a police disco on the first night of the holidays, Saturday 12th April, in the Gunning Hall at Gunning from 6-9.30pm. Entry is $5.00. A canteen is available Kids’ dinner packs are $6.00. Old Hume Café and Bistro open till late.
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

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

HOT LUNCHES
If you would like your child to have a hot lunch other than a lunch order, we would appreciate it if you could send it to school in a thermos already warm. The staff are busy and do not have time to heat up children’s lunch. Thank you!

Garden Club News

Hello gardeners,
We have been surprised that a few people think that Garden Club is a club and that you have to sign up to join. Well don’t worry it is free for all at any time on Fridays.
We are very fortunate to have some little seedlings in our garden. And we will be planting some more herbs this week.

By Imogene and Taylor

A WEEK THAT WAS.....
DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 29th MARCH
Jobson Street, Dalton
10am - 2pm

• FACE PAINTING
• JUMPING CASTLE
• CRAFT AND GAMES
  • BBQ
• CAKES AND SWEETS
• COFFEE + DRINKS
• TRASH ’N’ TREASURE
• PLANT STALL
• COMMUNITY GROUP DISPLAYS
• BEST DECORATED HAT CONTEST
  THEME: AUTUMN

CATEGORIES
pre-school, primary school, high school and adult

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