**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

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Dear Parents

Well, tomorrow is the big District Cross Country here. Thank you to all you wonderful parents who have volunteered to help at this event, whether standing at a check point on the course, catering or baking. Many, many thanks.

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**School Cross Country**

Many thanks to you parents who assisted us on the course, at our school cross country, last Friday. Thanks also to all you other parents who cheered and encouraged on all the children, while freezing in the perishing weather.

**District Cross Country**

Tomorrow is a huge day. There will be 480 competitors plus their parents and teachers. The school buses will be parking outside the front of the school. We all need to park in Roger Meischke’s paddock, on Faithfull Street, at the back of the school. Blankets and groundsheets would be a great idea for the children.
Each year Gundaroo competes in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Making a speech is part of our curriculum so we combine this with Rostrum.

Children in Years K-2 can make up their own topics (usually about themselves or something very familiar e.g. “My Pets”, “My Baby Brother”, “My Holidays” etc) and the Years 3-6 children choose a Rostrum topic.

Kinders speak for a maximum of 1/2 minute
Year 1 speak for a maximum of 1 minute
Year 2 speak for a maximum of 2 minutes

ON ANY TOPIC

Years 3-6 speak for exactly 3 minutes. Their topics are:

“Why Being Happy Is Important”
“All the World Needs Is……….”
“If You Knew What I Knew”
“This Is Living”
“My Hero”

HINTS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

- NEVER say your name or what you will be talking about at the beginning of your speech. The chairperson has ALREADY said that.
- NEVER say thank you at the end of the speech. It is up to the audience to thank YOU for your efforts.
- NEVER use big pieces of paper for your notes. They are too distracting and usually block your voice.
- If you absolutely HAVE TO, use palm cards (5cm high X 7cm wide).
- Winners DON'T have cards. That’s why the Kinders do best – because they usually can't read and therefore make good eye contact.
- DON'T use bright cardboard for palm cards. You’re not supposed to be able to see them.
- DON'T number your cards on the back. No one wants to know that we have 27 more cards to get through!
- ALWAYS acknowledge the chairperson first and look at them while you are doing it.
- DO speak in a loud, clear voice.
- DO make good eye contact all around the room.
- DON’T make “lists” in your speech. e.g. “Boxes come in all sorts of sizes. There are big ones and small ones, fat ones, tall ones, red ones, blue ones, etc. You’ll get marked down, in content, quite heavily for that because it is really boring.
- Remember, you are there to ENTERTAIN, INFORM, PERSUADE, or all three. Children usually enjoy being entertained.
- A good speech often goes in a circle, so the last sentence is almost the same as the first. (not always) This makes it easier for the audience to know when to clap.
- OWN the stage.
- HIDE your nerves.
- ENJOY yourself and then your audience will relax and enjoy themselves!
- Don’t use cards.

GET BUSY WITH WRITNG YOUR SPEECHES! CLASS FINALS START SOON.
Electricity Outage
On Thursday there will be an electricity outage at school. Please ensure all children (especially those in K, 1 & 2) are wearing very warm clothes. (There’s only electric heating in the K, 1 & 2 rooms). Water bottles need to be brought to school as the bubblers won’t work.

SAM (School Admin Manager) and Principals’ Meeting
On Friday week, 9th May, Mrs Nicholls and I will be away for this annual meeting. Mr Lee will “man the phone” and Mrs Nicola will be caring for Years 3 & 4.

School Uniform Orders
School uniform orders have just arrived. They will be available for pick up in the School office on Friday 9 May 2014 from 9 am.

Many, Many Thanks
Many thanks go to Mrs Talia Meischke and Mrs Marion Meischke who have volunteered to come in each week, on Tuesday, for special singing sessions. We are extremely grateful that they are sharing their expertise.

5/6 Camp Mogo Payments
For ease of payment, you could begin by paying off $50 per pay, starting this term. Camp Mogo goes from Monday 1st September till Wednesday 3rd September. Notes went home last term.

GOSH
Phone: 0427 410 537
Email: gundaroogosh@gmail.com
Opening Hours: 7.00-8.30am and 3.00-6.00pm Monday – Friday
Administration: 9.30am-2.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Casual Bookings: Ring school 6236 8115

Gundaroo 1st Scouts are seeking new recruits to Join the Adventure!
When we say ‘adventure’, we’re not just talking about the awesome range of outdoor activities that Scouts offers! In fact, ‘adventure’ can mean any exciting, novel or unusual experience, and Scouts offers such a huge range of opportunities that there’s always something new to try. And you can join at any age from 6 upwards!

1st Gundaroo Scouts meet at the Scout Hall. Our troops are separated into age-based Sections – Cub Scouts (8-10, meeting Tuesday evenings), Scouts (11-14, meeting Monday evenings), Venturer Scouts (15-17) and Rover Scouts (18-25), with each Section taking more responsibility for their own activities as they progress.

All Sections share a steady diet of self-respect, confidence, leadership, teamwork, creativity, environmental awareness and community involvement, and there are plenty of events and activities in which everyone can get involved together.

Gundaroo Scouts has an adventure filled term of activities planned and is recruiting for Troops and adult volunteers now! We would love to hear from you – email Rhys Davis on rhys.davis@au.ngc.com or call on 0418 164242

Sent to the School Email
On behalf of the Gundaroo Memorials Committee, please pass on our appreciation to the Gundaroo students who participated at the ANZAC Dawn Service.

To Madelyn Foster, Stella Hughes, Brianna Hinds, Taylor Davis, Jenna Buckle, Ella Meischke, Isaac Foster, Imogene Blake and Niamh Blake, thank you for your contribution to the Dawn Service on Friday 25 April 2014.

The song “Lest We Forget” was beautifully presented and the Banjo Paterson letter very appropriate and clearly read.

The comments from people attending were so positive about the service, with people expressing enthusiasm towards the 2015 centenary dawn service.

Thank you.

Dallas Leach
Gundaroo Memorials Committee
Come to the Sheep Shearers Mingle Ball!
(aka Quiz Night)
Saturday, 31 May at the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Bookings for tables are being taken NOW. The cost is $20 per head or $150 for a table of 8. Book with Liz in the school office, telephone 6236 8115.

On the night, bring your own ‘picnic’ and drinks. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Great prizes to be won, and a silent and loud auction with great items and services donated by our wonderful, supportive businesses and individuals. Remember to bring your cheque book and small change!

Gundaroo Public school would like to thank the following Quiz Night sponsors.

Santa’s Shaped Christmas Tree Farm
Inga Griffin
The Cellar Door
Lou Jenal
Danny Apps
Millers Pharmacy
Yass Pharmacy
Victoria Dolphin, Doorstep Dinners
Chris Dixon, McGrath Real Estate
Marguerite Foster, Affordable Bridal
Debbie Hogan, Avon
Philippa Hays, artist
Maxine Webber
Jolly Miller Cider

Cork Street Café
Anthony Rose Gallery, Yass
Nigel Foster Designer Cakes
Crowes Restaurant
Newport B&B Sydney
Tallagandra Wines
Tom Armstead
Kidz Blitz, Yass
Sutton Automotive
Turners Wholesale Nursery
Jacob Thorton, personal training
Gundaroo Colonial Inn
Gundaroo Outside School Hours Care
Like New Carpet Cleaning
Come to the GUNDAROO Sheep Shearers Mingle Ball!
(AKA the Annual Gundaroo Quiz Night)

Saturday, 31st May 2014
Everyone invited one and all!
6-6:30pm for a 7pm start
At the Gundaroo Memorial Hall
(Table bookings being taken by Liz in school office)
Cheat sheet for the GUNDAROO QUIZ NIGHT

It’s as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5!

1. Get a table of friends together (tables seat 8 comfortably) and encourage anyone to come along, not just the Gundaroo community. If you don’t have enough for a table we can help find you one.

2. Book table/s from Liz at the school office.

3. Dress for a ball – be it the dusty ball gown from the back of the wardrobe or your best jeans, shirt and boots worthy of a ‘country town shin-dig’.

4. BYO food and drink – dust off the good old Aussie eskie.

5. Bring your wallet, cheque book and plenty of spare change. Any un-ball-like behaviour will encourage a fine, you’ll need change for the coin toss and raffle tickets and there will be some FANTASTIC auction items up for grabs.

It’s a ripper of a night out!

BIG hint: we are proud of our town so know a little about Gundaroo.

Even BIGGER hint: Get familiar with “Cindy-Ella - An Aussie Cinderella”, a children’s book written by Tom Champion and illustrated by Glen Singleton, which features our fine town in print. Photocopies can be borrowed from the school office and shop, or buy your own copy from any reputable book store.
Choral Festival Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 28th May

The Queanbeyan District Choral Festival will be held at Llewellyn Hall on Wednesday night 28th May.

All the children from Years 3-6 are invited to participate. We have been learning the songs with assistance from our experts; Mrs Marion Meischke and Mrs Talia Meischke. This event is not compulsory (we do encourage it), but if your child commits to this activity we need them to see it through, please.

The children will be taken in by bus, but will need to be collected from Llewellyn Hall after the concert.

Please return this note by Friday.

I give my child/ren __________________________ permission to travel by bus to the Choral Festival, in Canberra, on Wednesday, 28th May, and be collected at the venue by __________________________ (person collecting child)

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________

OR

My child/ren __________________________________ will not be attending the Choral Festival on Wednesday 28th May.

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________