IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

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Dear Parents

How can we thank you parents enough? So many of you gave up a whole day on Wednesday to help us at the District Cross Country.

Thanks go especially to Roger and Marion who lent us their paddock for parking, to Michael for doing all the parking, to Cecil for the loan of his sheep yards to, Yass Valley Council for the loan of the of their road barriers, to the Scouts for lending us the First Aid tent, to Mr Betts for erecting and pulling down both of the tents, Matt and Liz for running the First Aid tent, Linda for organising the course officials, Bronwyn and the wonderful parents for organising the coffee cart and catering in general, all the cooks, Andrew for mowing the course, doing all the shopping and organising the barbecue, Mr Dunlop and Ziggy for helping Liz and me erect and take down the sheep yards and course barricades and Joan for helping me with the recording. What a TEAM!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sue Kominek

APOLOGIES

Imogene - Yesterday Monday 12th May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Multicultural Speeches (Yrs 3-6)

We held our multicultural speech competition last week. The children had researched their topics extremely well. Congratulations to the following students:

Our 3/4 winners were Frida and Isaac.
Our 5/6 winners were Imogene and Josh.

They will progress to the District finals at Jerrabomberra P.S on Tuesday 24th June.

BOOK CLUB WENT HOME LAST WEEK - ORDERS DUE BACK TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY
**CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Could all Yrs 3-6 please indicate whether they will be participating in the Choral Festival, on Wednesday 28th May, ASAP. Thank you to those that have already done so.

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**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

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**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.

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**ICAS tests (Yrs 3-6)**

Next week the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) tests begin. The first one is the Computer Skills competition. Our children usually do very well in this competition because Mrs Nicola teaches this subject so well.

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**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 on rhys.davis@au.ngc.com or call on 0418 164242

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**YR 6 PARENTS**

Campbell High School Open Night is next Tuesday 20th May at 7pm in the school hall.

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**School Uniform Orders**

School uniform orders have arrived. They are available for pick up in the School office right now.

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**PUBLIC FORUM ON NSW STATE PLANNING LAWS**

Find out how Gateway Approvals work and what the overarching planning process is all about.

**When:** Thursday May 22nd 5.30pm for 6pm start, finish by 8pm  
**Where:** Soldiers Memorial Hall  
**Keynote Speaker:** David Shoebridge NSW MP, Member of the Legislative Council  
Chaired by the Gundaroo Community Association.  
Light refreshments will be provided (Gold coin donation for the upkeep of the Hall)  
For more information, Iain Fyfe, 0408 272 622

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**P&C Resource Contribution**

Each year the P&C supports the school and students by providing funding for excursions, educational and playground equipment.  
Each family is asked to contribute $50, or what they are able. Some families may choose to contribute more and this can be a great way for grandparents to support the school too!

Please use the direct debit details below for the Gundaroo P&C account  
**BSB:** 062-904  
**ACC:** 10098943  
**Reference:** Please use “volcon” as the description OR for cash contributions an envelope will be sent out soon or get one at the office.

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**CHORAL FESTIVAL**

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“Aussie of the Month”

April

Athelie

Our April “Aussie of the Month” is Athelie. Athelie is a most responsible, conscientious and friendly student. She is a delight to have at our school.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
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.
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 esky.

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-Elia - 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.
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.

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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: _____________________________

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Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at