Important Dates to Remember!

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<td>Choral Festival—Yrs 3-6 Llewellyn Hall Children all day, performance 6-8pm.</td>
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Dear Parents
The Year 3 & 5 children completed the 3 days of NAPLAN (National Assessment) testing last week. Most of the children loved the experience; especially sitting in separate desks, in the hall, under exam conditions! Amazing what amuses us! It will be good to get back to our teaching programs, though.

Sue Kominek

Multicultural Speeches (Yrs 3-6)
2 Weeks ago

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.

CAPA Assembly 2pm

On Friday we’re having our 2nd CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) Assembly. This cycle Kinder will be displaying their Craft, Year 1/2 will be playing the marimbas, Years 3/4 will be displaying Circus Skills and Years 5/6 will be performing some Drama.
**CHORAL FESTIVAL**
Could all Yrs 3-6 please indicate whether they will or will not be participating in the Choral Festival, on Wednesday 28th May, ASAP. Thank you to those that have already done so.

**YR 6 PARENTS**
Campbell High School Open Night is TONIGHT, Tuesday 20th May at 7pm in the school hall.

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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

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

**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.

**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: 10089843  
Reference: Please use “volcon” as the description OR for cash contributions an envelope will be sent out soon or get one at the office.

**GUNDAROO SOLDIERS**
**MEMORIAL HALL**  
**Sunday 25TH May**  
**10:30 am to 1:00 pm**
Bring a plate to share if you wish or just your cash to donate as much as you can. Thanks to John and Deb the coffee machine will be there. More info Colin Lee 6236 8138 or 0432 629 789

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Frida won Best & Fairest Sub- Junior at the Canberra Royal Polocrosse Carnival on the weekend - selected from among a big group.
CHORAL FESTIVAL

Children performing at the Choral Festival will be leaving school by bus at 10.30 am on Wednesday 28th May.

Children will need:

- Long school pants
- Short sleeved school T-Shirt
- School Jumper
- Lunch
- Lots of snacks
- Dinner
- Water bottle
- Quiet activity
- Long school pants
- Short sleeved school T-Shirt
- School Jumper
- Lunch

Children will need to be picked up at the venue at approximately 8pm.
Please see a teacher before taking your child. Thanks!

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The staff has been implementing the new English syllabus since the beginning of the year. (This year was the first year of implementation.)

Last year we began trialling the new History syllabus. (It isn’t mandatory to teach yet.) Thanks to Mr Dunlop who is developing units of work from the new Science syllabus. We have begun trialling these. (This syllabus isn’t due for implementation yet, either.) So we’re well on the way!

Do you have a child who will be attending Gundaroo Public School in 2015 or later?

We are trying to update our prospective enrolment lists for Gundaroo Public School. If you are considering sending your child/ren to Gundaroo Public School in 2015 or later, please fill out the form below and drop it in at the school. This is just to let us know your address etc. so that we can let you know when we are having our Kindergarten Orientation. If you know of a family in the area, who is looking at schooling for their child, please feel free to pass this form on.

| FAMILY NAME: | ____________________________________________ |
| Address: | ____________________________________________ |
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ROSTRUM PUBLIC SPEAKING

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 WRITING YOUR SPEECHES! CLASS FINALS START SOON.

COMPLETE THESE THIS WEEK!!
11 days to go ...

QUIZ NIGHT 2014

Book your tickets with Liz in the school office, telephone 6236 8115. Gundaroo Public school would like to thank the following Quiz Night sponsors.

Santa’s Shaped Christmas Tree Farm
Inga Griffin
The Cellar Door, Capital Wines
Lou Jenal, bobcat
Danny Apps
Millers Pharmacy, Yass
Yass Pharmacy
Victoria Dolphin, Doorstep Dinners
Chris Dixon, McGrath Real Estate
Marguerite Foster, Affordable Bridal
Debbie Hogan, Avon
Phillipa Hays, artist

Maxine Webber
Jolly Miller Cider, Gundaroo

Grazing, Gundaroo
Leanne Percival
Kylie Finn and Bombers
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Country Childrens Early Learning
Family Day Care
Melissa Medaris, gardening services
Antiqua Trading, Gundaroo

Gundaroo Gas Guy - Kleenheat
Belinda Barrett, Avon
Geoff and Carolyn Dixon
Gundaroo B&B

Cork Street Café
Anthony Rose Gallery, Yass
Nigel Foster, That Cake Place
Crowes Restaurant, Gundaroo
Newport B&B, Sydney
Tallagandra Wines
Tom Armstead
Kidz Blitz, Yass
Sutton Automotive
Turners Wholesale Nursery, Yass
Jacob Thorton, personal training
Gundaroo Colonial Inn
Gundaroo Outside School Hours Care
Like New Carpet Cleaning
Grandma’s Little Bakery, Collector
Ian Jones and Morag McKenna
Brumbies, Rugby Union Club
Gundaroo Machinery Service
Gundaroo Grocer
Wayne Kotzur, sculptures
Body Co, Gundaroo
Canberra Glider Club and Sue Kominek
Virginia Dixon
Hiscocks Saddlery, Queanbeyan
Carole Nicola
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-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.