**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**Term Dates**

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3! Astounding isn’t it! The senior classes have a very busy schedule in the first few weeks; including going to Queanbeyan for the District Athletics and to the Canberra Theatre for the District Performing Arts. The juniors will have a lovely quiet time on all these days.

Sue Kominek

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**District Athletics**

Many of our 3-6 children will be travelling to Wright Park on Thursday, 24th July to represent us at the District Athletics. Notes will go out to those selected.

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**Subdivision Plans**

A copy of the Gundaroo subdivision planning proposals is on the coffee table in the school office. Please feel free to come and peruse it. It’s in a bright orange folder.

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**REPORTS and INTERVIEWS**

Please return the completed portfolios after the holidays. We will then fill it by the end of the year and then it will be yours to keep. If you wish to have an interview, to clarify/etc the reports, just ring Liz Nicholls in the office and we’ll make a time for you.

**Chooks**

Thanks to Liz and Andrew Nicholls who looked after the school chooks all holidays. They are wonderful!!!!!!

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**Brilliant Gundaroo Staff**

We are so fortunate to have such brilliant staff at Gundaroo. Norm Betts (whose job it is to prune & mow) has made our (brilliant) props for our upcoming Performing Arts at Canberra Theatre, Karen To’omua (our chaplain) and Elissa Shelley (GOSH Administrator) have been making our costumes & Mrs Harris painted our props. If you were stunned to get a “hot off the press” photo of your child in their Stewart House dress-ups on the day of the dress-ups - that was all Mrs Nicholls’ doing! We are so fortunate. Thank you to you all!!

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**Synopsis**

The synopsis of your child’s class work, for the next 5 weeks, is attached.
CHOIR, ORCHESTRA & DANCE REHEARSALS

Choir and Orchestra rehearsals begin today in Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra, for the specialist ensembles, for the District performing arts. Dance rehearsals began last term. We are very fortunate in being able to get 2 children into the special dance ensemble, 4 into the orchestra and 9 into the vocal ensemble.

GOSH

If you would like to change your permanent days at GOSH please provide the changes in writing. Thank you.

CONDEMNEED TREES

Both trees were removed yesterday. Hooray!

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

The P&C (via Talia Avrahamzon) has organised an Aboriginal story teller to come into our school on the Friday 18th July. We thank them for this. The staff has ordered (and already received) some equipment for special NAIDOC week art lessons as well.

PERFORMING ARTS CANBERRA THEATRE

Costumes due!

Bookings opened at Canberra Theatre a few weeks ago. PLEASE hurry and book to ensure you’ll get a good seat. (or any seat at all). We will be performing on two nights. We’ll be taking the children into the Canberra Theatre by bus, but they’ll need to be picked up from the theatre on both nights.

We’ll be performing on Thursday night, 31st July and on Friday, 1st August. You may like to work out car pooling and then alternate your bookings, with your friends.

Gundaroo Primary School
150 Celebrations

Volunteers needed to help make this a wonderful event. Volunteering has an amazing number of benefits—for you, your family and the community. Can you help?
Please let Talia know if you are able to attend a monthly meeting geared to organising the celebrations.
talainberry@hotmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lily and Greta attended the NSW Gymnastics Country Championships during the school holidays. They performed in front of hundreds of people and each won medals for their fantastic routines.

ICAS tests (Yrs 3-6)

We’ve completed the Computer Skills test. The next one is English on Monday 28th July.

IMPORTANT

We have been advised that parents should fill out an exemption form if their child is sick for an extended time (4 or 5 days). We still encourage you to complete these if you are having family holidays in term time. Thank you!
FUNDRAISER

On the last day of term we had a wonderful turn out in blue and yellow for Stewart House and we raised a fabulous $157.00
TALKFEST
ROSTRUM / CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2014

Nominations are invited from students in Years 2 to 6, of all primary schools in the Vass District, or who are resident in the Vass District. Venue: Berinda Public School, Church Street, Vass (located at the southern end of Church Street, via Pett St or Grand Junction Rd)

When: Thursday, 7 August 2014 6.30 PM for Year 2;
         approximately 7:30 PM for both Year 4 and Year 6;
     Friday, 8 August 2014, 7.00 PM for Years 3 and 5

Entry Donation: $500 per family. Payable at the door, please, NOT to the school.

- Each speaker will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- It is recommended that speakers do not wear school uniform.
- Members of Rostrum will adjudicate and will be available afterwards to provide advice to speakers over refreshments.
- This is a friendly competition, ideal for nervous speakers and first timers.

Length of Speeches:
- Years 2 and 3 – 2 minutes, warning bell at 1:59 minutes.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3 minutes, warning bell at 2:59 minutes.

Topics: Speeches to be prepared on one of the following topics:

1. My best friend is a pet
2. Eat your vegetables
3. Home is great
4. Camping out
5. World Cup Soccer
6. Dad’s shed
7. Winter is so cold
8. Weekends are better

- Speakers may be to remember that the purpose of a speech is to entertain, to inform and/or to persuade the audience.
- Refreshments will be available in the auditorium.
- Need further information? Linda Thane - 6227 7295 or Linda.bare@bigpond.com
  or Ian McGrath - 6227 7295 or ian.moora1h1@bigpond.com

ENTRY FORM
Please return to your school by Monday, 5 August 2013

NAME (PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY) ______________________________

SCHOOL ______________________ YEAR ________

TOPIC CHOSEN ________________________________

PARENT SIGNATURE ____________________________

HOME PHONE NUMBER ________________________