Dear Parents,

What an exciting time it is for our senior students. They are competing at the District Athletics this week and sitting an English competition and performing at the Canberra Theatre next week!

Sue Kominek

**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. We wish them all the best and some dry and warm weather!

**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. Yass Valley Council has also organised a community Consultation evening at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 29th July, at the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall.

**CHOIR, ORCHESTRA & DANCE REHEARSALS**

Choir and Orchestra rehearsals continue 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. A huge thank you to Nini, Bronwyn and Marguerite for driving all the children to rehearsals.

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

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

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**PERFORMING ARTS CANBERRA THEATRE**

Tickets are available at the Canberra Theatre website. The performance is called Rewind on the 31st July and the 1st August.

Next week Years 3-6 will be travelling into the Canberra Theatre on 3 occasions.

On Wednesday, 30th July, we’ll be travelling in for a “tech rehearsal” - we need this as we’ll be using a CD, 10 hand held microphones and 10 radio microphones.

On Thursday, 31st July, we’re going in for a full district rehearsal of the whole program, followed by the actual show which runs from 6-8.30pm.

On Friday, 1st August, we leave the school at 4pm ready for our final show.

How exciting!! I hope you’ve all booked your tickets.

Years 3-6 Costs
The 3 buses will cost the school quite a bit, so we ask of each child contribute $10 (in total) and the school will match it.

Children in the choral ensemble and orchestra need to bring in $20 for their Performing Arts uniform T-shirt, please.
**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

Last week all the classes did art and writing and heard stories to celebrate NAIDOC week. The week was capped off brilliantly by an Aboriginal story teller, Larry. Thanks to Talia for organising it and to the P&C for paying for all the children to go.

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**CAPA ASSEMBLY 2PM**

This Friday we’ll be holding our 3rd Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Assembly. We’ll be showing you a little of what we’ve been doing in the last 6 weeks. Kinder will be playing the Marimbas, Years 1 & 2 will be displaying their Circus Skills, Years 3 & 4 will be doing a dramatic performance and Years 5 & 6 will be showing the Craft they’ve made.

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**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

If you have a keen Year 2-6 public speaker, do consider the Yass “Talkfest” competition. (The trophies are wonderful). Even keener Kinder and Year 1 children would be happily included and “knock their socks off”.

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**GOSH**

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

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Hello Gardeners,

We haven’t had many people coming to Garden Cub lately and we would like you all to know that Garden Club is still on every Friday at Lunch and Recess.

Most of our seedlings have come up and a HUGE thankyou to all the wonderful people who have donated seeds this year. In the garden right now we have plenty of spinach, rocket and coriander up for grabs for a gold coin donation. We also have some young but well established pea seedlings for another gold coin donation for you to plant in your garden. If you are interested please contact any of the Year 6s in the school yard. All funds will go to buying more gardening equipment.

Thankyou J- the year 6s!

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**Courses**

This afternoon (after school) all the staff, including our part time teachers and our administrative staff member, will be attending a course in Queanbeyan. This will be our 4th session in a 5 module course on Aboriginal culture. Our final session will be in 4 weeks.

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TALKFEST
ROSTRUM / CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2014

Nominations are invited from students in Years 2 to 6, of all primary schools in the Yass District, or who are resident in the Yass district.
Venue: Berinba Public School, Church Street, Yass (located at the southern end of Church Street, via Petit 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: $5.00 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 Rosstrum 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 1½ minutes.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3 minutes; warning bell at 2½ 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 like 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.thane@bigpond.com or Ian McGrath – 6227 7295 or ian.mcgrath1@bigpond.com

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

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