**NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 29th July 2014—Term 3, Week 3**

**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**CLAIM THE DATE!**

Thursday 27th November School Concert & Annual Prize Giving

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Dear Parents

I’m sure you enjoyed yourselves at our CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) Assembly on Friday. I’m also sure you’re just as proud of all our high achievers, in the Science and Computer Skills Competitions and sporting fields, as we are. What brilliant results!

Sue Kominek

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**PERFORMING ARTS CANBERRA THEATRE**

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

**IT ALL HAPPENS THIS WEEK!!** Show starts at 6pm!

**Wednesday** - Children will travel to Canberra Theatre for a tech rehearsal, they will return to school by 3pm.

**Thursday** - Children will travel to Canberra Theatre for a full day, children will need to be picked up at the Canberra Theatre at 8.30pm.

**Friday** - Children may have a ‘sleep in’ and be at school by 4pm, they will travel to Canberra Theatre and will need to be picked up at 8.30pm.

$10 for the bus is now due!

Please pack your children LOTS to eat and drink for Thursday. The children will be provided with a bun and hot chicken and salad for dinner. They will need to bring some afternoon tea & dinner for Friday.

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**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 Hegyi, Bronwyn Blake and Marguerite Foster for driving all the children to rehearsals.
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”. **ENTRIES BY NEXT MONDAY!!**

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

Many, many thanks to the parents who transported and cared for our team during the District Athletics last Thursday. This meant that no child missed an event and they were all where they were meant to be all the time. (Mrs Harris and I were marshalling all day.)

The results have just come through and Fin won the long jump, the high jump and the 100 metre sprint and is boy champion and Niamh came 10th overall in the girls. What starts!!

**Public Speaking**

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

**New Enrolments**

Yesterday we received 5 new enrolments: 4 chooks and 1 duck. These wonderful birds were donated to us by Bill, Michelle, Taylor, Caleb and Brandon Davis as they moved house. Apparently the chooks are wonderful layers—something our three 8 1/2 year old geriatric chooks can no longer boast about. Thanks Davis family. We may soon be able to sell eggs again (to recoup costs of chook pellets.)

**Dance**

In week 6 we begin our dance lessons. These lessons are conducted by professional dance teachers. Each class gets a 40 minute lesson each Friday. The lessons will culminate in a Dance Assembly, to be conducted at 2pm on the last day of term, on Friday 19th September. The total cost per child is $20 For this 5 week program. Notes will go home next week.

**National Tree Day**

It was good to see Sunny and Olly and Grace out with their parents, planting trees, on Sunday. Along with about 100 other volunteers they helped Greening Australia plant and water over 1100 trees, on MacLeod’s Creek Reserve, on Marked Tree Road. It was a great community project.

**THANKS**

Thanks to the Dixon family who donated 5 computer monitors. These will really assist us with our computer allocation.

**BRILLIANT ACADEMIC RESULTS**

We have still got to do the ICAS (International Competitions & Assessments) English and Maths competitions, but results from previous competitions are wonderful.

In Science we received: 1 Merit, 2 Credits and 5 Distinctions!

In Computer Skills we received: 5 Merits, 5 Credits, 3 Distinctions ad 1 High Distinction!!

That means that two thirds of the children who decided to enter, received a high award. This is brilliant!

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**PORTFOLIOS** - A gentle reminder to return these please.

**BOOK CLUB** - Due this Thursday 31st July

**GOSH**

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

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting to be held Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and welcome to submit / forward on any additional agenda items to s.holmes@adfa.edu.au

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Hello Gardeners!
This week there will be no garden club as all the Year 6s will be away doing the performing arts.
We still have plenty of Spinach, Rocket and Coriander up for grabs and the pea seedlings are ready to put in your gardens. If you are interested in buying any of our produce please contact any of the year 6 girls. Thankyou

Gundaroo Public School is entering the longest loom band bracelet competition featured in Woman’s Day magazine, to be in the running for a chance to win $5000. We are looking for donations of loom bands or already made loom band bracelets. Children can make the loom band bracelets and bring them in to join up to make one big bracelet.

CAPA ASSEMBLY
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 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 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          5. World Cup Soccer
2. Eat your vegetables            6. Dad’s Shed
3. Home is great                   7. Winter is so cold
4. Camping out                     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

NAME (PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY) ..............................................................

SCHOOL ........................................................................................................... YEAR ........................................................

TOPIC CHOSEN ..............................................................................................

PARENT SIGNATURE ......................................................................................

HOME PHONE NUMBER .............................................................................