NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1st December 2015

**Important Dates To Remember!**

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful night we had on Thursday! Thank you all for coming along to help celebrate our year of learning. The children put on a fantastic performance and were so thrilled to be able to perform in front of everyone. Thank you also for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have had. It is certainly a team effort, and we hope to do even better next year.

This Friday we will hold our Captain’s Speeches assembly. Good luck to all our Year 5 students on this nerve-wracking afternoon. The assembly will begin at 2pm so that children can return to classes straight after the speeches for the secret ballot.

As the year draws to a close, the question of classes and teachers begins to pop up. Our class structures and sizes will, as always, be determined by the Department of Education staffing allocation given to the school. At this stage, we are expecting to continue with our current class structure, as it provides the most equitable student:teacher ratio.

There will be a number of staffing changes for 2016.

Our lovely French and Learning Support teacher, Mrs Margaret Fisher, will be retiring at the end of the year. Marg has enjoyed many years teaching at Gundaroo, and will be sadly missed.

Mrs Joan Hayes has also decided to retire from Learning Support at the end of this year. Joan has done a wonderful job supporting our students, and will also be sadly missed.

Mr Eric Dunlop has decided to take leave for 2016. Eric has decided to take a well-earned rest to spend some time enjoying his hobbies and do some travelling. We wish Eric all the best for next year.

At this stage, I am still in the process of finalising replacements and will make staffing announcements as soon as this process is complete.

Have a great week everyone.

Nigel Trethewan
ThinkUKnow – Parent Workshop

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Tuesday 1st December from 4pm-5pm**, and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people **have fun** online, how you can help them to **stay in control** on the net, and how to **report** a problem.

For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) or contact Mr Trethowan.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**UNIFORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE READY TO BE COLLECTED**

**HEADPHONES**

Students in years 3-6 are using the computers for sound directed activities. If possible we ask students to bring to school their own headphones (clearly labelled!) as we have limited working sets here. Thank you.

**300 NIGHTS READING**

If your child will reach 300 night reading by the end of Week 10 (in one week’s time), can you please let us know so we can organise vouchers.

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**YEAR 6 farewell dinner selection and payment**

Year 6 farewell dinner selection and payment is due tomorrow Wednesday 2nd December if you would like to attend.

**1/2 Toy Day**

1/2 continue to demonstrate the school values beautifully and have been learning well together all year! This term, we have already filled up their brownie point pan and the students have decided that they would like a ‘toy day’ for their reward. This Friday students can bring in one or two toys to share with their class for special news. They will then have time in the afternoon to share and play with their toys. Please decide with your child which toys would be safe and appropriate. Students will not take their toys in to the playground.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Greenhalgh.
Don’t forget it’s Swim School next week!

- All children need to bring, each day:
  - Cap (an AIS cap to be given out at school on the first day)
  - Swimmers
  - Towel
  - Substantial cloth or STRONG plastic bag
  - Thongs or crocs instead of shoes. Can be worn to school.
  - Lunch
  - Many, many snacks and a bottle of water for after their lesson. (The children are RAVENOUS after their lessons. NO SLOPPY food, because we may need to eat on the bus.)

If you wish to pick your child up from the pool you must get their name marked off by a teacher and be in the AIS pool foyer at 2pm at the very latest.

Thank you for all the donations of delicious goodies for the concert last Thursday. Please collect your plates from the office.
The school captain’s originated in the 1980s. Since then there have been many different kinds, Science, Environment, Sport etc. School captaincy is clearly a very desired role as one year a candidate gave out candy to the voters. That strategy is not allowed anymore.

2016 Bush Dance Coordinator Needed

On Saturday the 19th of March 2016, Gundaroo Public School will hold our annual bush dance to welcome new families and students and get together as a community. It is a great night of dancing to the live band punctuated with games, a BBQ dinner and of course the judging and eating of the cakes entered in the cake decorating competition!

Thanks to those who have already indicated that they are available and keen to assist with/at the event, however, we need an overall coordinator. If you are able and willing to coordinate our 2016 Bush Dance can you please let Jackie McPherson or Mr Trethowan know.

Thanks everyone.

GOSH NEWS

We are starting to take bookings for the upcoming school holidays. Vacation Care will be open from 7.30am to 6.00pm dates for the Holiday care are:

18th December 2015
21st-24th December 2015
11th-15th January 2016
18th-22nd January 2016
27 January 2016 only

The centre will be closed on 25th and 26th of January, open for Vacation Care on Wednesday 27th January, Before and After School care will resume on Thursday 28th January.

If you would like to book your children into Vacation Care, please complete a booking form (attached to the newsletter) and return it either to the GOSH room or School Office by Monday 14th December 2015.

Please bring your children along with morning and afternoon tea, drink bottle (water only) and a sun hat.

Kind regards
GOSH

2016 Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon entries are now open and we would like to invite you to join us for a mega year! We believe your child is a superstar and we want to inspire them to dream big and achieve. Our Kids TRY encourages Aussie kids to be more active and healthy in a fun and rewarding environment, building their confidence to give it a TRY.

Groups can register with a group name and each group member save $5 on entry. More information can be found at http://try.weetbix.com.au/

If your child is interested in joining a group, please contact Gail Bennett, mobile: 0405729280
phone: 62 368 368 or email: gmacb41@gmail.com
Guide Dog Association Fundraiser

On Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} November, Jo, a guide dog speaker came to talk to us about her life challenges being vision impaired. Jo said her vision is like looking through goggles filled with Vaseline. Inspired by her speech, we decided to run a fundraiser for Guide Dogs association on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December. For the fundraiser there are four different tasks that you have to complete with goggles filled with Vaseline. These are all things Jo deals with every day.

**Task1:** Obstacle course

**Task2:** Pour a glass of water and make breakfast (coco pops and milk)

**Task3:** Eat and drink the food you just made

**Task4:** Getting dressed and undressed

Cost is gold coin donation.

From your Events Captains
Swim School 7th-17th December

Swim School will be upon us in no time, so here are a few details as for previous years (especially for our new parents).

- The cost per child is $90 for the 9 days. This includes 9 return trips by bus plus 9 swim lessons. (This cost is greatly subsidised by the P&C in bus subsidies).
- Lessons are 45 minutes long
- All lessons will be supervised by a Gundaroo staff member.
- The children have a buddy system where a senior child assists a junior child in the change rooms. (There will also always be a staff member in the change rooms.)
- If you wish, you may pick up your children from the pool at 2.00pm. Please come inside and meet us outside the change rooms to have your child marked off the roll. WE WILL NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNSUPERVISED AT THE POOL. If you are not there when the bus goes, we will bring them back to school.
- Swim School lessons need to be pre-paid. ($90 per child)
- Swimming is part of the NSW curriculum and is our major sport for Term 4.
- We do the lessons at this time of the year because it’s just before you’re likely to go to the beach, etc.
- School lessons will run from 9-11.00am at this time.
- We will return to school by 3.00pm each day.

I give my child/ren __________________________ permission to attend swimming lessons at the AIS from the 7th – 17th December inclusive.

I understand that transport will be by bus.

Enclosed is $__________ ($90 per child)

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque or direct deposit.

*Due to financial year rollover at the end of November, please DO NOT Direct Deposit the swimming money until December. THANK YOU.*

BSB: 032001
Acc No: 141354

*ONLY AFTER 3RD DECEMBER*
Please take a special note of the date and time of our annual Concert and Prize Giving and our Community Breakfast.

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