**NEWSLETTER**

*Tuesday 17th February 2015*

**Important Dates To Remember!**

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Dear Parents

What wonderful fun we all had last Friday! To all you wonderful parents, whether you lent us a pool, helped with K-2 activities or drove the Years 3-6 children into the AIS and operated a stop watch all day: thank you. We definitely couldn’t have done it without you!! We were so fortunate that our very own superhero, Captain Splash, was able to attend the K-2 Carnival. We all noted his 2015 costume upgrade with interest.

Sue Kominek

**Happy Birthday**

Holly - Tuesday 24th February

**Staff Absences**

On Friday Mrs Liz Harris will be away with the Senior swimmers, at the AIS, for the District Swimming Carnival. I will be away at a Principals’ Conference aimed at working on our school plan. Mrs Nicola will be looking after the senior children at school. Mr Dunlop is also starting his fabulous Kinder training this week. Mrs Bec Harris will be replacing him when he is out.

**3/4 Book Covering**

I have just completed covering 180 books in colourful paper. I encourage the children to personalise their books by sticking on photos, pictures or stickers. Then I’d love parents to cover their child’s books in clear, untinted contact. This way the children have individualised books, that are colour coded, which makes it easier in class. Homework books can be covered in any pattern. Please return the books each school day, whether they are covered or not. Thank you so much!

**1/2 Book Covering**

This Friday, Mrs Greenhalgh will be sending home the student’s books. If parents could please cover them in clear contact that would be wonderful! Please return books, covered or not on Monday.
HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE

The origin of the name of Gundaroo is not certain. One theory is that the village takes its name from the Aboriginal names for the Yass River which were Boongaroon or Gondoro. An alternative theory by Errol Lea-Scarlet is that the name can be traced back to the Aboriginal Canderiro which was recorded by Charles Throsby in 1820.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
YEARS 3-6

The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday at the AIS. 23 children have been selected to attend.

Library—Tuesdays. Library bags essential.

A short reminder. Kindergarten students may borrow one book at a time. Year 1 to 6 students may borrow two books at a time. This may be extended for the senior grades, as the need arises. The borrowing period is for two weeks. All students need to use a Library Bag.

SCIENCE

Each term we hire Science boxes from the Australian Museum in Sydney. This term we have a wonderful box about Echidnas. You would have seen some of the contents at the last assembly. The box is gradually making its way through all the classes. It is a wonderful resource.

ILLNESS

Although we celebrate good school attendance, we do ask that you keep sick children at home. We would like to minimise the risk of infection to the other 85 children and to the staff. Illness/lice infestations etc. can compromise the effectiveness of the school. Thank you.

P&C AGM and March Meeting

The P&C’s AGM will be held on Tuesday March 3rd, 7pm at the school.

At this meeting the executive committee for the upcoming year will be elected. All positions are open for nomination and include:
President, 2 x Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please come along, support your school and consider nominating for one of these positions.

If you would like to know more about the AGM or about any of the positions being elected, please feel free to contact
Bronwyn Blake (P&C) p: 0439 718580
e: blakesos@hotmail.com

At this meeting we will also be discussing our future projects and plans … perhaps you have some ideas, we would love to hear them.

We look forward to seeing you!

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOLS

Year 6 boys are asked to bring in their forms, as soon as possible, but definitely before 20th March.
K-2 Swimming Carnival

A fun time was had at the K-2 Swimming Carnival. Thanks to all the parents who loaned equipment and donated their time – there was even another visit from the mysterious Captain Splash to entertain the children at the water-squirter station.
Fee Increase for GOSH

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Please contact Elissa Shelley or Nicky Foote at gundaroogosh@gmail.com or phone: 0427 410 537 if you would like any further information about the fee increases or any other GOSH issues.

Please complete our online survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CT3X87W if you would like to see vacation care continue at GOSH. The decision to run vacation care depends upon the responses we receive so please complete the survey by Friday 20 February 2015. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our program and we hope to continue this service in the future.

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We are holding an AGM at the Gundaroo Colonial Inn on Thursday 26/2/2015 at 7.00 pm. Please come and offer some assistance if you would like this to continue.

All welcome.

If you cannot make it on the day please call Tony on 0416 584 267 to express an interest or email at ecoboy@ecoway.com.au.

PLAY EQUIPMENT CLOSURE

On Friday the play equipment beside the hall, including the tunnel and dirt pile, will be out of bounds. The tunnel is to be painted that day. Thanks.

GOSH Vacation Care 2015 Planning Survey

GOSH Management are currently reviewing the feasibility of continuing with our Vacation Care program.

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Election Day Cake Stall

Gundaroo School P&C is running a stall at the school for the NSW state election on 28 March 2015.

We will have a small coffee machine so we can sell coffee and cake on the day. In addition, we will be selling whole cakes (to take away) and also jams, preserves and fresh produce.

The stall will run from 8 am to 2pm. We need volunteers to staff the stall and make coffees. We are keen for the kids to help too, and encourage students from Year 4, 5 or 6 to volunteer as well as parents. Please place your name on the roster in the front office.

We also need volunteers to make cakes – those that can be sold individually with a cup of coffee/tea like muffins, biscuits. If you’re not able to make a cake, we would also appreciate donations of other home-made goods (perhaps you have a glut of plum jam or tomato chutney on your shelves at home?) and of fresh produce from your garden (fruit, vegetables, eggs, bunches of herbs or flowers, plant seedlings).

We have provided labels as all ingredients need to be listed, especially marking any nut products, and then stick the label to the top of the bag.

The P&C will be also selling 150th Anniversary Memorabilia.

Cakes can be delivered to the school on Friday 27th March or directly to the stall on Saturday morning.

If you can help out in any way, please indicate on the form below and return to the office.

If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Webber on 0428 368477.

Name: ___________________________

☐ Yes, I can help serve at the stall on 28 March 2015

Preferred time (please circle):
7am to 8am (set up time)
8am – 9 am
9 am – 10 am
10 am – 11 am
11am – 12 noon
12 noon – 1pm
1pm – 2pm
2pm – 3pm (pack up time)

☐ Yes, I will be able to make a cake/s for the cake stall.
Purchase and Installation of Second Flag Pole

On behalf of the school community the P&C propose to purchase and install a second flag pole to fly the Aboriginal flag. It is proposed that this be installed beside the current flag pole on which we fly the Australian flag. In accordance with Australian Government protocol the Aboriginal flag will be on the left of the Australian flag when you face it, when it is being raised.

Currently the school captains raise and lower the Australian flag every day. It is proposed that in respect of the traditional owners of the land and as an important gesture of reconciliation, the Aboriginal flag also be raised and lowered each day.

As part of the curriculum taught at Gundaroo Public School students are taught about traditional Aboriginal culture and in the senior school, students discuss the broader issues regarding reconciliation. The staff and P&C believe that the inclusion of a second flag pole to fly the Aboriginal flag on school grounds will assist the students’ understanding of its cultural significance and importance.

The P&C has been advised that there are no protocols with a requirement to fly both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. As Gundaroo is on Aboriginal land, not in the Torres Strait, it is deemed that flying only the Aboriginal flag is acceptable.

It is proposed that the Aboriginal flag be raised for the first time during our 150th Anniversary Celebrations on the 21st March and that a local Aboriginal elder attend to deliver a Welcome to Country. The flag pole will cost $465; GST and delivery inclusive. The P&C proposes parent Ewan Buckle from Gundaroo Civil Landscaping to install the flag pole prior to laying the 150th Anniversary named pavers in the same area.

As the 21st of March is just over one month away we do not have an enormous amount of time to purchase and install the flag pole. The P&C therefore asks that any concerns or questions regarding this proposal be voiced before Friday the 20th February – this coming Friday – to either:

Mrs K 62368115

Bronwyn Blake 0439 718580

Talia Avrahamzon talia.avrahamzon@anu.edu.au.

NEW PIANO - THANKS P&C

Many thanks to the P&C for purchasing a new Roland digital piano and to Sandy Meischke for spending hours putting it together. It’s wonderful! Thank you so much
150th Anniversary, 21 March -- We need you!

On Saturday the 21st of March, we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of this fine Gundaroo Public School. We are expecting at least 300 or more people, with the day's events starting at 11.30am and including:

- Commemorative products for sale
- a gala (adult) lunch
- a BBQ children lunch with supervised games and team activities
- a creative school presentation (musical)
- self-guided school-room and school-ground tours
- the official address, a cake cutting and a commemorative tree planting
- an afternoon tea
- as well as an old-style dance in the evening (plus sausage sizzle).

The scope and breadth of this special event requires lots of hands. We know how busy our school families are -- with jobs, households and families to care for -- but we ask to please work out how you can be involved in this special, once only event.

Our philosophy is to provide a way that everyone can be part of making this a successful event. Very simply, by having many hands, then the workload can be kept manageable for all -- particularly our teachers.

Help is needed on each of the below, and a sheet is in the School Office where you can place your name and contact details for those you can help on.

- Morning Set up team (8am – 11am)
- Gala Luncheon team (11am – 2pm)
- BBQ Kids lunch (11am – 2pm)
- Kids Games and activities (12 – 2pm)
- Afternoon Tea setup and clean up (2.30 – 4pm)
- Afternoon Tea plates (cakes, biscuits, fruit)
- Old Style Dance set ups (4pm – 6pm)
- Sausage Sizzle (6pm – 8pm)
- Old Style Dance clean up (9.30pm – 10.30pm)

ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO – so please let us know ASAP so that this event can be made a true success.