Dear Parents

Another wonderful week was had by all. Children have excelled at District level, our playground has been improved and staff have been enthused by recent courses.

Sue Kominek

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**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**Term Dates**

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**Book Covering**

Thank you so much parents for your assistance in this. The children’s books look fantastic! That can only help the children to show pride in their work and strive for excellence.

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**GAZEBO PAINTING**

Thank you very much Andrew & Sascha who painted the Gazebo, in Mrs Dyce’s garden, on Sunday. It looks so fresh and clean. Thank you!

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**COURSES**

Mr Dunlop has begun his ground breaking infants literacy course. He is so enthused he spent, literally, all week-end re-organising his room. My principals’ conference was most useful in helping me further develop our school plan.
A WONDERFUL GIFT

On behalf of the Gundaroo Public School community, the P&C thank Dick and Pip Smith for their incredible financial donation this month. This wonderful gift will allow us to purchase/install/create/build something truly significant to mark our 150th Anniversary.

This is not the first significant financial donation the Smiths have given to our school community and we warmly thank them for their ongoing, very generous support.

Over the next couple of months please discuss amongst yourselves any ideas you may have as to how we spend this money and bring them along to the P&C.

We are so fortunate to be part of a school that is supported by the broader community in so very many ways.

Gundaroo Public School P&C

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL - YEARS 3-6

Our children swam really well at the District carnival last week. Fin came 3rd in his freestyle, so has been selected to swim at Dapto, in the Regional Carnival on Friday week. Congratulations Fin.

SCIENCE

Our wonderful Science box is due to go back to the Australian Museum in Sydney. I believe all grades learnt a lot about the intriguing echidna.

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!

Gundaroo Public School P&C
NEW PIANO - THANKS P&C

We have now used it for the last two weeks practicing our musical for the 150th celebrations

HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE

In 1897 Gundaroo came down with an epidemic of scarlet fever, or scarletina, and the whole school was closed for a while.

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOLS

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

PLAY EQUIPMENT CLOSURE

Thank you so much to Andrew Nicholls who cleaned and painted the tunnel. He used non-slip pavement paint and the tunnel now looks neat and smart. It was the most popular piece of equipment on Monday.

“G’DAY ASIA”

On Monday morning we have a fabulous show visiting us. The show is entitled “G’Day Asia”. We thought this show was most relevant seeing Asia is our closest neighbour. The show costs $8.00 per child.

Second Flagpole

What a wonderful conversation we’ve had since the P&C proposed buying a second flagpole to fly the Aboriginal Flag. We’ve had many parents supporting the proposal, a couple who were ambivalent, three or four who opposed it and five people who volunteered to fund it (as opposed to the P&C funding it.)

THANKS TO PHILIPPA

We would like to thank Philippa for all the time consuming work that she has donated to our school. She has created a Style Guide which we can give to any company that prints/embroiders etc our logo, and she designed the mural for our 150th celebrations. The children will be painting it on the toilet wall.

BAND REHEARSALS

We have had a great start to Band Rehearsals

Rehearsal times:

Training Band - Wednesday 8.30-9am
Senior Band - Thursday 8.30-9am
Gundaroo Outside School Hours Management has recently conducted a review of GOSH's financial position. Due to the new requirement to pay some rent for the room and increases in operational costs, it will be necessary to increase daily fees for both permanent and casual bookings.

The daily fee for permanent bookings will increase to $22 (from $20) and casual bookings will increase to $25 (from $23) with these increases taking effect from Monday 20th April 2015 (start of Term 2, 2015).

Financial assistance to help cover the cost of childcare in the form of Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate is available. Families can apply for Child Care Benefit/Rebate through Centrelink either in person or online at human-services.gov.au

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.

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**Gosh enrolment forms are now overdue. Children will be unable to attend GOSH if the enrolment forms are not back by this Friday 27th February.**

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**GUNDAROO SOCCER IS ON AGAIN!!**

It is that time of year again.

We will cater for children of every age and gender.

Get ready for a start in April of 2015.

Last year we had:

- Social Soccer at Gundaroo Park every Saturday morning 10.00 to 11.00 am
- The Senior side in the mens Canberra competition.

The continuation of this activity in Gundaroo is reliant on assistance from parents and players to help organise and simply turn up on the day.

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.
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.