**NEWSPAPER**

**Tuesday 17th March 2015**

**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**GALA LUNCH**

- Bookings have now closed

**Term Dates**

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**Dear Parents**

Well, the countdown is on! There are many parents (and staff) now running on adrenalin only, finalising their part of the celebrations. Well done to you all! We'll see you all on Saturday.

Sue Kominek

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

Niamh Blake and Fin Hegyi have just got off the phone informing us they have each been selected into the Girls and Boys (respectively) Southern Tablelands zone PSSA hockey team. What a massive effort! They will be playing near Wollongong on Friday, 27th March.

**Costume Tomorrow**

Because the media is coming tomorrow anyone who has their costume ready for Saturday, can bring it tomorrow for a dress rehearsal.

**Cross Country Training**

We run at 9am each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We’d love parents to help at a check point, if available, after the school drop off. Duties include encouraging the flower-picking “athletes” and acting as a speed bump on an intersection. Thanks to all those parents who have already helped.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sarah - Wednesday 18th March
Ella - Wednesday 18th March
Henry - Thursday 19th March
Brodie - Monday 23rd March
**HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE**

In March 1869 construction began on the new school building. There was some delay in the building due to difficulty in obtaining brick in the district and to heavy rains interfering with the quarrying of stone. The buildings were ready for occupation in September, 1869.

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**NAPLAN DATES**

All children in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 across Australia will be sitting the National NAPLAN assessments in May. Years 3 & 5 will be sitting the Language Conventions and Writing tests on Tuesday, 12th May, the Reading test on Wednesday 13th May, and the Numeracy test on Thursday, 14th May.

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**QUESTACON SCIENCE SHOW**

Last Wednesday we were very lucky to have an exciting visit from Questacon. They taught us all about bubbles and sound. Learning about what bubbles are and how they work was fascinating! We also had fun learning about how vibrations make sound.

Thanks Questacon!

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**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

- The children have been rehearsing well.
- Talia and Marion Meischke are pushing on valiantly with the many groups rehearsing for the musical
- The staff, Virginia Dixon and Julie Gawronski have spent many an hour painting the mural on the toilet block
- Mrs Harris has been collecting the “Where are They Now?” stories
- Nigel Foster has been baking the anniversary cake
- Marguerite Foster has been washing all the cutlery and crockery for the gala lunch
- Liza Davis has been busy with all the press releases
- Mrs Nicholls has been receiving all the bookings
- Mrs Harris and I are collating historical memorabilia

**It’s all in hand; leading up to a brilliant celebration.**

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**COURSES**

Mrs Bec Harris and I attended the School Plan course last week. It was most enlightening and we are hoping to have a follow up course next week to complete the plan.
**BAND REHEARSALS**

*Rehearsal times:*

Training Band - Wednesday 8.30-9am  
Senior Band - Thursday 8.30-9am

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**A WONDERFUL GIFT**

After the wonderful donation to the school community from Dick and Pip Smith we are searching for a way/ways in which to use this gift wisely.

The P&C would dearly love input from the school community for possible directions in which we can do this. During Peer Support Groups, the students will also be asked for their ideas.

No idea is too big or too small to consider. We may also be able to extend the impact of this gift with a community grant, which would mean that ideas like redoing the school’s current Tennis Courts, or solar panels for the school, are not unfeasible projects. Remember no idea is too silly or too out there, and the more feedback we have, the better an opportunity the P&C will have in contributing something meaningful to our school.

If you would like to contribute any ideas please contact Jo Gaden either in person, text (0413132384) or email (wxwitch@mac.com) by Tuesday 31st March.

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**VACATION CARE AT GOSH!**

GOSH are very pleased to advise that we will be running Vacation Care again during the upcoming school holidays.

We will be open from 7:30am to 6:00pm on the following dates:

- Thursday 2 April 2015
- Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April 2015

Cost will be $50 for a full day and $25 for a half day (maximum of 4 hours). The usual CCB/CCR criteria applies.

Lunch will be provided by GOSH so please pack morning and afternoon tea for your children.

Please complete a Vacation Care Enrolment form (attached to this week’s school newsletter) if you would like to book your children into Vacation Care. Completed enrolment forms can be either emailed to gundaroogosh@gmail.com or dropped off in the GOSH room or school office. Children not currently enrolled at GOSH are very welcome to attend however a 2015 GOSH enrolment form (available in the GOSH room) will also need to be completed.

Please contact Elissa at gundaroogosh@gmail.com or see GOSH staff in the GOSH room after 3pm if you require any further information.

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**1/2 Literacy Groups**

Due to Musical Rehearsals, 1/2 literacy groups will not go ahead this Thursday and Friday.

The following week we will have them as normal and we really need helpers on a Friday. We do have cross country on a Friday morning and literacy group follow straight after so if you can help out next Friday, pretty please come along.

Ms Greenhalgh :)

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**Matthew Brown Visit**

Today we had a delightful, social visit from our Director. We showed Mr Brown all the P&C grounds improvements, the new paving areas, the mural on the toilet wall, etc. The children were most excited by his visit. The garden club girls most proudly showed off their garden to him.
ROSTRUM

It is time for our Public Speaking season to start again. I began instruction for all grades K-6, last Friday, in our Peer Support time.

This year children choose their own topics. Please help your child to add some humour into their speech. They need to grab the attention of the audience, not send them to sleep. School finals are in May; so get the speech written now!

All children write/say a speech: K-6. Below are pointers which we’d like them to adhere to.

HINTS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

• NEVER say your name or what you will be talking about at the beginning of your speech. The chairperson has ALREADY said that and we don’t want to get bored!
• NEVER say thank you at the end of the speech. It is up to the audience to thank YOU for your efforts.
• NEVER use big pieces of paper for your notes. They are too distracting and usually block your voice.
• If you absolutely HAVE TO, use palm cards (5cm high X 7cm wide).
• Winners DON’T have cards. That’s why the Kinders do best – because they usually can’t read and therefore make good eye contact.
• DON’T use bright cardboard for palm cards. You’re not supposed to be able to see them.
• DON’T number your cards on the back. No one wants to know that we have 27 more cards to get through!
• ALWAYS acknowledge the chairperson first and look at them while you are doing it.
• DO speak in a loud, clear voice.
• DO make good eye contact all around the room.
• DON’T make “lists” in your speech. e.g. “Boxes come in all sorts of sizes. There are big ones and small ones, fat ones, tall ones, red ones, blue ones, etc. You’ll get marked down, in content, quite heavily for that because it is really boring.
• Remember, you are there to ENTERTAIN, INFORM, PERSUADE, or all three. Children usually enjoy being entertained.
• A good speech often goes in a circle, so the last sentence is almost the same as the first. (not always)
  This makes it easier for the audience to know when to clap.
• OWN the stage.
• HIDE your nerves.
• ENJOY yourself and then your audience will relax and enjoy themselves!
Dear Year 3-6 Parents
Should you wish your child to enter, we would like payments by Wednesday, 1st April.

We encourage as many children as possible to enter these competitions as they provide a totally different type of experience for them. We also sometimes get a very pleasant surprise when some children win an award.

These are the related costs:
- Computer Skills: $8
- Science: $8
- Writing: $17
- Spelling: $11
- English: $8
- Maths: $8

Sue Kominek

Please return to school by Wednesday, 1st April

International Competition & Assessment – Yrs 3-6

Yes, my child _________________ of Year ___ would like to sit for the:

- Science Competition $8.00  
- English Competition $8.00
- Maths Competition $8.00
- Writing Competition $17.00
- Spelling Competition $11.00

Total cost of all competitions - $60 per student
(Cheques payable to Gundaroo Public School please)

I enclose $____

Signed: ________________________________________________
“As I see it..2015”

Watercolour & Photographic Exhibition

Sam Chapman
Carla Begbie
Howard Moffat

“As I see it..”
Exhibition
19th March to 21st April
Cork Street Cafe
Gundaroo NSW
(02) 6236 8217

Cork Street Cafe
Opening Hours
Thurs to Sun: Lunch and Dinner
Sat & Sun: Breakfast
Coffee & cake anytime
(02) 6236 8217
As part of our reporting and assessing cycle, the Department of Education has encouraged schools to sign up for an on-line survey. The first to be rolled out is a students’ survey. The survey is about student engagement.

If you are happy for your child to do this survey, please sign the following permission note. The parents’ and staff surveys will roll out in Term 3.

I give permission for my child/ren ___________________________ to participate in the on-line survey about student engagement.

Signed: ________________________________  Date: ________
COSTUMES FOR THE 150TH MUSICAL

We’d like the children to dress up in one of the following for the school’s musical on the 21st.

- 1860s costume (try Google images)
- Farm Clothes
- Current school uniform. (red top, blue bottom)

Please indicate on the slip below what your child will be wearing by this Friday.

_______________________________________________________________________

FAMILY: ___________________________

- 1860s costume (try Google images) Name: ___________________________
- Farm Clothes Name: ___________________________
- Current school uniform. (red top, blue bottom) Name: ___________________________
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.

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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.