Tuesday 24th March 2015

Important Dates To Remember!

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Dear Parents

Congratulations everyone, for playing our part, in making Saturday a magnificent and joyful occasion. We could not have wished for a better day!

Sue Kominek

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 29TH
9am—3pm

We’re hosting the District Cross Country (480 children) in Week 2 next term!
Thank you to all those families who have already volunteered to help. A note will be in next week’s newsletter outlining tasks that need to be done.

150th Anniversary Celebrations

What a gloriously, happy day we had on Saturday. It was all down to the months of preparation leading up to the celebrations and the seamless execution of tasks on the day. Almost every family took on a role and that made the day run like clockwork. Thank you all for your untiring efforts.

Thanks

We have received several letters of thanks from members of the community. These letters have been attached to this email for you to have a look at.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lockie - Thursday 26th March
Angus - Saturday 28th March

ASSEMBLY

On Friday we will have assembly at our usual time of 2.15pm. Years 3/4 will present the item and we will announce our March “Aussie of the Month”
**HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE**

This week I looked in the newspapers to see what was happening 150 years ago. Did you know Gundaroo was mentioned as the bushrangers hall, Gilbert and Dunn, had recently stopped the mail from Goulburn to Gundaroo. They robbed all the passengers and opened the letters.

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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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**COURSES**

Mrs Bec Harris and I are attending another School Plan course at Collector P.S today. We’re assured that we’ll come away with the final version!

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**Raffle Winners**

Thanks to McGrath Real Estate for our raffle. Our winners were drawn at the bush dance.

1st prize: Sue Burns (Morning St)
2nd prize: Grace Webber
3rd prize: Kathleen Bennett

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**Flagpole**

While we were celebrating at school, on Saturday, Phil Wooster managed to buy a flagpole at a farm clearing sale auction, on behalf of the P&C. It looks like a good, sturdy pole, like our original and it was way cheaper than a new one.

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**Evacuees**

On Wednesday Indigo (Year 4) and Saskia (Year 2) Flores will return to Gundaroo school. Last night Natasha and the girls were evacuated from Vanuatu. (Simon has to stay on for the re-building.) We had already planned our fund raiser for Term 1, but I feel we should be supporting re-building efforts in Vanuatu. We’ll have a dress up island day on Friday.

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**Election Day Cake Stall**

Please assist Maxine in this next venture. (We chose our 150th date 18 months ago - ages before the State Election date was set.) I know it’s a big ask after last week-end, but this one is designed to raise funds. Paper plates will be sent home today, in anticipation of cooked “goodies”.

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**Congratulations Fin**

While our celebrations were continuing Fin was competing in the Little “As” Athletics ACT State Championships. Fin won the High Jump and came 2nd in the Long Jump and Triple Jump. He then managed to roar back to school, jump the fence, just in time to plant the tree with John Affleck, great grandson of William Affleck, Angus Taylor, Member for Hume and Josh Meischke his school captain.

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**WIN TV**

We were told that the WIN footage was to be shown on Monday night, but it was shown on Friday night, instead. We were informed by a parent that a work colleague, visiting Perth, even heard about our celebrations over there! Phenomenal work, Liza!

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**Term 1 Fundraiser!!**

- This Friday 27th March
- Dress up as an Islander to raise money for Vanuatu Cyclone fund
- Gold coin donation (or more)
**ROSTRUM**

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.

**Length of speeches:**

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**GUNDAROO SOCCER IS ON AGAIN!!**

**Begins Saturday 18th April**

**at the Park**

10.00 to 11.00 am

We plan to offer:

- Pre-school skills and short game
- Juniors (school-aged)
- Lots of noise and fun

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.

Shin pads and socks will be available to purchase at very reasonable rates.

Please call Tony on 0416 584 267 to express an interest or email at ecoboy@ecoway.com.au.

**BAND REHEARSALS**

**Rehearsal times:**

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

**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.

**If you are interested in the first week of the holidays please let us know ASAP.**
Queanbeyan Festival of Ability 2015
28th March Queanbeyan Park
Program of Events

Free children’s Activities 10am - 12pm

- Face Painting
- Cricket
- Bubble table
- Jumping castle
- Kid’s Games

LIVE PERFORMANCES
Stage area 10am - 2pm

10am  Welcome to Country & official Opening
10.15am  YMCA Gymnastics
10.30am  Impressions Dance & Fitness
10.45am  Mexico Lindo
11am  Cook Island Dance Group - Te Uki O Te Kuki Airani
11.15am  Eden Dance Academy
11.50am  Kilari Aboriginal Dancers
12.05pm  Johnny Huckle
1.05pm  Raffle Draw & Presentation
1.30pm  Jimmy’s Choir