NEWSLETTER
Tuesday 28th April 2015

Important Dates To Remember!

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Dear Parents
Thank you for supporting the school’s guard of honour at Scotty Windsor’s funeral last Friday. The community really appreciated our gesture. Thanks to Talia Meischke who organised for us all to have a blue balloon (representing MND) to release as the procession passed the school.

Sue Kominek

Happy Birthday

Lara - Wednesday 29th April
Shelby - Thursday 30th April
Lilia - Tuesday 5th May

Parking Tomorrow

It will be fine for you to drop your children off, in front of the school, tomorrow between 8.30am and 9am.

After that the area, in front of the school, will be a bus only area. Parking for parents, on the day, will be in the Meischkes’ paddock facing the back of the school.

Pick up, at 3pm, will be the same as usual.

Thanks for all your help!

District Cross Country
LUNCH DEALS FOR ALL

Tomorrow all the children will be having a run at the District Cross Country. The 8-12 year old children, who are competing, will be doing their usual 2 or 3km run. All other students will just do the Meischke hill block.

The children in K-2 will then stay out and cheer until they’ve had enough. Then Mrs Greenhalgh and Mr Dunlop will take them in to class.

All the children are invited to have a lunch deal (if you wish). It is a sausage sandwich, a packet of chips and a popper for $5. Extra money can be brought for cakes, fruit and poppers at recess. Mr Dunlop and Mrs Greenhalgh can hold the money for your children until lunch time.
ANZAC Service

On Friday we held a very special 100th Anniversary ANZAC service at school. The Year 6 children ran a very moving ceremony. The Year 5 girls plus Tim and Ella (from Year 4) sang and recited their 2 songs and 2 poems well. We had a very special talk by Mr Leach (ex Airforce) and our very special ex-student, Amanda, in the Army. Josh and Fin, our school captains laid our wreath. Thank you for your donations of flowers and to Liz N and Karen who constructed the wreath so superbly.

Dawn Service

We were wonderfully represented at the village Dawn Service on Saturday. Many thanks to Grace, Maddison, Greta, Niamh, Ella, Lara, Jenna, Nikita, Ella and Tim who sang “The Last ANZAC” and “Lest We Forget” and recited “ANZAC Cove” and the Open Letter that Banjo Patterson wrote to the troops in 1915. Also many thanks to Josh and Fin who laid our wreath and, of course, to you wonderful parents who got up early to bring your children. We had a record number of people attending, estimated to be about 400.

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 on 22nd May; so get the speech written now!

All children write/say a speech: K-6.

Length of speeches:

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SCHOOL FINALS 2PM FRIDAY 22ND MAY

HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE

As we have been talking about Anzac Day and war at school I thought I would use that theme for this weeks history fact. Years ago my Mum found some old letters in some furniture she bought. A couple were from a WWII soldier to his wife. Here is an excerpt from one of the letters describing the experience of being dive bombed by the Japanese:

"We have been dive bombed for four days now its a terrifying experience but we are still going strong. They fly overhead for a few moments and then suddenly with the engines screaming as they nose dive at us and bomb and machine gun us. I tell you Darling its the worst experience I ever hope to endure but with Gods help we’ll come through safe yet."
School uniform order

The due date for orders is Friday, 1 May 2015. Please drop your order forms with Liz in the office. Please remember to provide your payment by cash, cheque or by funds transfer into the P&C bank account (details on order form) as orders will not be processed until payment is received. Should you have any questions, please contact Tara on 0477 004 184.

The price of some uniform items has increased since the last uniform order to reflect cost increases passed on through the wholesale supplier.

Second hand school uniforms and new red school socks ($2 per item, located in the library) are able to be purchased through Liz in the Office. School hats can also be purchased through Liz at a cost of $12 each. We welcome any donations of second hand school uniforms that are in good condition and are no longer needed by families.

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.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Gundaroo ANZAC Committee, a big thank you to the Gundaroo Public School students who participated (sang, recited, supported) at the ANZAC Dawn Service on Saturday 25 April 2015.

It was a special event and we appreciate their enthusiasm to be involved.

Regards
Dallas Leach

Tin Cans Wanted

K/1 need some tin cans for science. If you have any empty tins you don’t want, please put them in the box provided in the K/1 room. Tins need to be average size, e.g. soup / beetroot tins etc – no large tins such as baby formula/powdered milk tins.

Band Rehearsal Reminder

Due to District Cross country, there will be no band tomorrow (Wednesday 29th April)

This term we will run the Senior Band and Training Band at lunch time. The Year 1 and Year 2 percussion students will continue to have a rehearsal on Wednesday morning. Training Band and Senior Band students are to eat their lunch and then go straight to the hall on their rehearsal day. Please see below for rehearsal day/time clarification:

Percussion (Year 1 & 2 students): Wednesday morning beginning at 8:30
Training Band (and Senior Band helpers): Wednesday lunch
Senior Band: Thursday Lunch

I am looking forward to a wonderful term of music!

Mrs Greenhalgh

Fee Increase for GOSH Reminder

As advised last term, 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).
CYBER SAFETY LESSONS

We're very lucky to have the opportunity to have Trent visit from Intel Security, affiliated with Life Education, come to talk to the children on Wednesday, 6th May. He will be teaching the kids how to keep safe on computers. We anticipate that “Healthy Harold”, the giraffe from the Life Ed Van, will also be visiting.

Trent and another colleague have kindly offered to stay and give parents a talk from 5 till 6. (You could book your children into GOSH for the talk.)

All participants (children or adults) will receive a “show bag”.

Session times:
- Years 3-6: 12-1.30pm
- Years K-2: 2-3pm
- Adults: 5-6pm

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Another 150th Anniversary!!

We are not the only ones celebrating a 150th Anniversary this year.

In Binalong, where I come from, they are celebrating 150 years since the shooting death of bushranger “Flash” Johnny Gilbert. There will be a re-enactment of the gun battle, with police, using muzzle loaded firearms. The residents of Binalong will be wearing period costumes.

Since Binalong is only 55 minutes away, I thought some of you may be interested in going on 16th May.

BE IN ....

BINALONG FOR THE

WILD COLONIAL RE-ENACTMENT WEEKEND

OF THE

SHOOTING OF

FLASH

JOHNNY GILBERT

(BY GALLANT CONSTABLE BRIGHT)

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015

COLONIAL PARADE • PERIOD COSTUMES • ACTION FROM 11AM

SEE THE RUNNING GUN BATTLE WITH
MUZZLE LOADED FIRE ARMS

SEE HISTORY 150 YEARS OLD REPEATED

STALLS, FOLK SINGING, BUSH POETRY, BEST BEARD COMPETITION, COMMUNITY MANNEQUIN DISPLAY

FRIDAY 15TH MAY
BINALONG GOLF CLUB 7PM
GILBERT’S
LAST SUPPER
$20 PP. LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

WILD COLONIAL DANCE
SATURDAY 16TH MAY - MECHANICS HALL
7.30-11.30PM......MUSIC BY FRANKLIN B. PAVERTY
$20 PER ADULT SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: BALGALAL.PAST@ACTIV8.NET.AU OR PH: 0413 922 214
Gundaroo Public School is hosting the District Cross Country on Wednesday the 29th of April. The District Cross Country is held during school hours with approximately 450 kids from all our District Schools participating and 120 adults supporting. A very big day!

On the day we need volunteers to do the following tasks:

- **13 Course Marshalls**
- **4 Volunteers to run the Coffee Cart (AM and PM Shift)**
  - We still need someone on the pm shift.
- **6 Volunteers to assist with the cooking and serving of the kids lunches (BBQ)**
- **Cakes/biscuits to sell with Coffee/Tea (Deliver to school on morning of District Cross Country)**
  - We still need more cooks.

*If you are available to help, can you please mark your name down on the sign up sheet in the front office or let Bronwyn Blake know (0439 718 580). Many thanks everyone.*

Below is an outline of the day:

- 7am Set up barricades and put out signs, put up tents
- 8am Set up coffee cart
- 8.30am Parking Marshall in place
- 9.00am Marshalls’ briefing
- Coffee Cart ready to sell
  - Set up BBQ
- 10am Walk the course
- 10.30am BBQ ready to cook
- 11am 8/9 Boys
- BBQ ready to sell
- 11:15am 8/9 Girls
- 11:30am 10 Boys
- 11:45am 10 Girls
- 12:00 noon 11 Boys
- 12:20pm 11 Girls
- 12:40pm 12/13 Boys
- 1:00pm 12/13 Girls
- 1:30pm Presentations
- 2:00pm Buses depart
  - Pack up Coffee Cart
  - Pack up BBQ