Important Dates To Remember!

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Dear Parents
It was yet another massive week again last week. Once again we cannot thank you parent volunteers enough for, once again, giving up another day to work at the Cross Country. It was a brilliant day complemented by brilliant weather and superbly green grounds.

Sue Kominek

Happy Birthday
Lilia - Today Tuesday 5th May
Laura - Sunday 10th May

Year 1/2
If you have one, please bring in a powered toy (batteries, wind-up etc) this Thursday 7th May. We will be looking at them for this week’s science lesson.

Thank you!
Mrs Greenhalgh

P&C Meeting TONIGHT 7pm
All Welcome.

Tonight’s P&C meeting will be a little different ... there will be no formal reports presented, rather the entire meeting will be a focused discussion on engaging the school community in this year’s Quiz Night.

All thoughts, comments, suggestions very welcome.

Please come to tonight’s meeting and help us ensure that this year’s Quiz Night is a tremendous success and that those who have already committed to running the event are supported!

CPR COURSE
This afternoon after school, members of staff will be doing a CPR course. We ensure everyone completes this course annually.

ROBINSONS
We were very sad to say goodbye to Austen and Hazel on Friday. The Robinson family has moved into Canberra, so the children will be attending ACT school.
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

What a successful day we had last Wednesday at the District Cross Country.

We had over 400 children competing plus their teachers and parents. The races went off without a hitch, thanks to Linda and her team of 13 course marshalls and a team of teachers, from the other schools, at the finish line. Children’s grazes and asthma were managed beautifully by Liz and her team in the First Aid tent. Over 500 people were served yummy lunches, real coffee and homemade goodies thanks to Bronwyn’s team of 10 or more servers, baristas, barbecue chefs and bakers. A huge thank you to Roger who not only made his paddock available, but slashed it as well, for parking. A big thanks to Michael for directing all the parking and to the Yass Valley Council for providing all the barricades, signs and witches hats. What a team!

The P&C raised $1700 from the catering. Our own school captain, Fin, won 3rd place in the 12/13 years section and a position on the Queanbeyan District team to progress to Regional level.
Charly and Katy had a successful few days up at Jindabyne representing Gundaroo Public School in the Snowy Mountains Grammar Interschools’ Challenge. There were approximately 180 riders from as far as the Hunter Valley competing in many events including a one day event (ODE), interschools’ challenge event, stockman's challenge, team penning, show jumping, dressage, hacking, barrels and other sporting events.

The girls had a go at all the events achieving placings in a number of the events. Charly achieved ribbons in barrels, interschools’ challenge, stockman's challenge, other sporting and show jumping, with a personal best height of 80cm achieved in show jumping rounds on Pixie the pony and 1m in the six bar event on her stockhorse Billy, jumping back on after two falls on the cross country component of the ODE. Katy's notable achievements include cracking a stock whip on a horse for the first time, a first on Pixie in the pony hack ring, second in her rider class and ribbons in sporting and the interschools’ challenge.

Band Rehearsal Reminder

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

Assembly

What a delightful assembly we had last Friday. The Year 1/2 class and Mrs Greenhalgh sang a couple of gorgeous songs and then shared their artwork.

We were delighted to announce Phoebe as our April “Aussie of the Month”.

Phoebe is a model student, displaying all our values: Kindness, Respect and Responsibility at all times.
**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.

Mr Dunlop

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**HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE**

In a 10 km fun run finishing at EPIC, in 1984, Gundaroo school won the school’s first computer for the highest % of students participating. The computer was a Commodore 64.

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**Dick and Pip Donation - Proposed Expenditure**

The P&C would like to thank all those who have put forward ideas on how best to utilise the wonderful donation from Dick and Pip. Currently, the costings for all the suggestions (listed below) are being investigated and will be assessed at the June P&C meeting. If you have any further suggestions, please feel free to source quotes and raise them at the June meeting.

- New storage shed
- Rope climbing equipment/structure
- Folders with School logo for certificates (Merit awards)
- Smart Board for the Library
- Refurbish Tennis Court
- Solar Panels for the school
- GOSH room extension

The funding will be spent on one or more Capital Projects with only 90% of funding initially committed, to ensure a safety net for cost overruns. Depending on which project/s are ultimately chosen, the P&C is also looking into seeking government grants to extend the reach of this donation. As this is an opportunity for the P&C to do something “extra” for the school and its students, all suggestions will be assessed against the following criteria.

- Will the project be enjoyed by multiple generations of students?
- Is the project part of any current funding obligations?
- Will the project commit the P&C or school to ongoing spending commitments?
- Will the project be able to be used to generate an income for the school or P&C?

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**QUIZ NIGHT**

**12th September 2015**

Gundaroo Public School’s Quiz Night is our most significant fundraising event of the year. Each year the Quiz Night raises anywhere from $5000 to $7500 for our school.

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All thoughts, comments, suggestions very welcome.

Please come to tonight’s meeting and help us ensure that this year’s Quiz Night is a tremendous success and that those who have already committed to running the event are supported!

Save the date in your diaries now – 12th September 2015!
We're very lucky to have the opportunity to have Trent Dolphin 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

Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to your school and the broader Gundaroo community of volunteers (course officials, caterers, first aid staff etc.) for hosting such an enjoyable Cross Country event on Wednesday. I imagine that significant time and effort goes into organising these sort of events and this (along with the beautiful weather) ensured it was a fabulous day for both the children participating and the spectators. This is the second time that I have had the good fortune to visit your school for the day and I hope it won't be the last. I would be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to those involved in organising and helping on the day. Their efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Kind regards,
Kiley

Thank you to Victoria (Doorstep Dinners) for providing a delicious lunch to our children today. Everyone enjoyed the warm and hearty soup she had made for us.

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.

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.

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School finals 2pm Friday 22nd May
The District Choral Festival will be held at Llewellyn Hall in Canberra on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June.

Since we did extra singing for our very special 150\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary musical, this is entirely a voluntary event.

We need to know your intentions, as soon as possible, so we can begin our practice sessions!

Thank you!!

**Please return this note ASAP.**

My child/ren ______________________________________ will/will not be participating in the District Choral Festival.

Signed: ______________________________________ Date: ______________
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.