Our computers were down yesterday and today, so we could not receive emails, or retrieve documents which includes the newsletter. The problem was fixed this afternoon.

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Dear Parents

What a wonderfully strong start we had to this week. Year 4 started off our 2015 Rostrum season. They were a really exciting, strong and engaging group. We’re all so proud of them.

Sue Kominek

CPR Course

Last Tuesday 12 members of staff completed this course plus an extra 2 modules about treating children with asthma and/or anaphylaxis. It was an excellent course.

Evacuation Drill

Last Tuesday we held an Evacuation Drill. We planned it especially for a Tuesday so we could involve all our extra Tuesday staff. The children’s behaviour was faultless as we performed a seamless evacuation.

Band Rehearsal Reminder

No percussion tomorrow morning due to NAPLAN.

Training Band (and Senior Band helpers): Wednesday lunch in the 1/2 classroom.

Senior Band: Thursday lunch in the 1/2 classroom
Quiz Night— Save the date 12th September 2015

Cyber Safety Lessons
We had a wonderful visit by Trent, and his colleague, from Intel Security. The children were given talks in 2 groups about using the internet safely. The children were spellbound by their sessions. In the evening Trent and Mike presented another excellent session for the parents. We thank them for so generously giving their time.

CAPA (Creative and Practical Arts)
The classes are entering their 3rd week of Rotational CAPA.
Mr Dunlop has started K/1 on Craft. Mrs Greenhalgh has started 1/2 on Yoga. Mrs K has started 3/4 on Bush Dancing. Mrs Harris has started 5/6 on Art.

CHORAL CONCERT (Years 3-6)
Today Mrs Greenhalgh began preparation for the Choral Concert with the students, who wished to perform, on 2nd June. Mr Dunlop did extra work with his Kinders, while Mrs Harris and Mrs K did a famous person study with all of Years 1 & 2 and remainder of Years 3-6. We plan to keep this routine going on a Tuesday, at least till the Concert.

Kristina in Class
Kristina (a child care trainee from GOSH) will be coming in to each class, on a rotational basis each Thursday, to practise classroom management. She is very keen and the teachers are always happy to have an extra pair of hands in the class.

Science
We are so lucky to be gaining a “Scientist in Residence” very soon at Gundaroo. Added to this we have organised another (pay) Questacon show, to support our current Science units, on 4th June.

Reconciliation Week
On Wednesday, 27th May, the start of Reconciliation Week, we will be raising the Aboriginal flag for the first time. I have arranged for a local elder to do the welcome to country, two Aboriginal Education consultants to speak and the president of the AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) to sign the Partnership Agreement with the school. After raising the flag, the children will break into their Peer Support groups and rotate around different activities. One group will start on planting a bush tucker garden (kindly organised by Kylie). Other activities include Art and Craft, Indigenous Games and cooking. You are all invited. The ceremony begins at 9.15am (giving us a 15 minute window to organise our classes before hand.) We’ll be catering for all our guests. (I’ll know how many guests when I go to the AECG meeting this week.)

COURSE
Next week we will be “swapping” Tuesday with Wednesday. This means that the 4 permanent teaching staff (plus Bec Harris) will be able to attend a training day in Cooma. Linda will be on site to assist with our usual “Tuesday teachers”.
THE ROLE OF OUR CHAPLAIN

In our last survey, it became apparent some people were unsure of Karen’s role.

As a chaplain (or student support officer) all chaplains are prohibited from giving any religious instruction. We are so lucky that Karen has a counselling background. In her role as a chaplain we can’t employ her as a counsellor, but her interactions with the students is 2nd to none. You may ask for Karen’s help for your children and/or your family at any time.

Karen has worked with families, in crisis, on and off the school grounds. Parents often ring and ask that she talk to their children about issues occurring either at home or at school. Social groups and individual students, encountering difficulties, often Karen to sit with them and have a chat. When Karen is not doing all this, she assists in class and with values lessons. She is at all times fully employed!

HISTORY CAPTAINS MESSAGE

In November 1984 the Battle of Gundaroo was held 'on the green fields of Gundaroo'. It involved medieval clubs from Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra who recreated several famous battles. There were also blacksmith demonstrations of weapon and armour making plus all sorts of other displays.

GUNDAROO SAFE AREA

In case of a bush fire, Gundaroo Rural Fire Service has confirmed that the safe evacuation point for the village is the School Hall and that there will be fire fighters there to protect the area should the need arise.