Dear Parents
What a fabulous day we all had on Wednesday with the inaugural raising of the Aboriginal flag. Thank you to all of you who stayed for the ceremony. I apologise to all of you who had to leave. We had no control over the timing. Thank you also to everyone who helped us with the catering. I think our guests really appreciated it. The children had a wonderful day rotating around 6 activities. We had the planting of the bush tucker garden, painting boomerangs, sea of hands, Aboriginal Dreaming stories, cooking Johnny Cakes and fact and design cards.

Also excellent timing, for Reconciliation Week, is the arrival today of the Aboriginal History box from the Australian Museum. It will be rotated around all the classes in the coming days.

Sue Kominek
STUDENT SUCCESSES

Last week was also incredibly busy for several individual students. Fin completed at the Regional Cross in Cambewarra. He came a fabulous 34th out of 77 runners.

Niamh competed all week in the state Hockey competition. She played in 7 games. They won 3, lost 3 and drew 1. (A nice, tight result).

Jenna, Frida and Greta went away for a 3 day Band Camp. The girls learnt a lot of new music and performed in a big concert on the final day.

Charly was selected to represent the Southern Highlands zone in the 12 & under sub-junior grade at the NSW Zone polocrosse championships to be held at Cassilis in August.

Well done everyone!

This week it’s Science! We’re doing the ICAS Science Competition, on Wednesday and the Questacon Show on Thursday.

P&C MEETING NEXT TUESDAY 9TH JUNE!

Dick and Pip Smith 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 Smith. 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?
**HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE**

In May 1888 the school had a picnic. It is interesting to see some of the language they used in the newspaper.

What we would say: "There was lots of food and everyone ate lots and had a great time"

This is what they said: "... who provided an almost inexhaustible supply of edibles and liquids for the occasion". "The gastronomic powers of the juveniles were tested to the utmost, and all participating in the affair heartily enjoyed themselves"

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**K/1 Craft Helpers Needed**

K/1 are seeking craft helpers for this Thursday afternoon, from 2:00 pm on. We are in the process of making papier mache piggy banks from balloons, and have reached the tricky section involving adding the feet, ears and snouts to the pigs.

If you can help out for the day, let me know, or just turn up in old clothes on the day – there will be plenty of mess.

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**QUESTACON SCIENCE SHOW**

This Thursday, 4th June, we have invited Questacon to come along to the school to present a show "Collisions". This is to support some of our classroom Science units. The cost is $8 per child.

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**Recycled Toy Resources**

As part of our Science unit, in class this week we are beginning to blueprint designs for our very own toys. Each child is asked to bring in **recycled resources** ready to create their design by early next week. Depending on your child's design, this may include things like: boxes, lids, straws, buttons, foil, paper rolls etc. Their design will need to demonstrate energy through movement.

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**Equipment Needed**

5/6 will begin Craft with Mr Dunlop this week. We need to borrow some tomahawks and wood rasps to enable continuity of participation – at the moment I have one of each. If you are able to lend either of these items for the remainder of the term, it would be much appreciated. Please see me or Liz at the office.

Mr Dunlop

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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:

- Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July 2015
- Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July 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.
On Thursday 4th June, we have a special performance coming to our school. It is entitled “Collisions” and is planned to support our Science units.

Payment for the show is $8 per child. Please return payment by Tuesday 2nd June 2015.

Thanks

Sue Kominek

Family: _______________________________________

Payment: _____________________________________ ($8 per child)