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Dear Parents

Last week’s CAPA Assembly was a fabulous hour packed with a variety of items. The choir began, with Mrs Greenhalgh, singing their 2 songs from the Choral Concert. Then Years 1/2 “toured India” while showing us their yoga, Kinder/1 showed their superb papier maché pigs, Year 5/6 showed their decorated bowls and Years 3/4 roared all around the hall displaying their bush dancing. What a lot of fun!

Sue Kominek

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos are booked in for next term on Tuesday, 28th July. Hopefully the packages will arrive soon so we can budget for the cost.
HISTORY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

In 1907 the Queanbeyan Leader newspaper reported that:

'A lawn tennis club has been started in connection with the local Public School. The youngsters made the court themselves under the guidance of their new teacher, who is a tennis enthusiast'.

STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER

On Friday we will be holding our fundraiser for Stewart House. For the price of a gold coin (or more) the children may dress up as something that starts with “S” or “H”. The event captains: Cadell and Noah will collect the money as we begin a parade, at 9am, on the front lawn.

ROSTRUM QUARTER FINAL AT GUNDAAROO

Next week on Thursday, 25th June, we will be hosting our own Rostrum Quarter Final. 6 children from all over the Canberra district will be competing here. It would be lovely to have a few musical items in between speakers. I have spoken to Mrs Greenhalgh and she will be discussing this with some of the senior students. The competition begins at 7pm and we will be catering for the event.

VISITORS

Today we are welcoming 2 special visitors to the school. The first is Ellen’s supervisor from the Australian Catholic University. Ellen has taught a couple of lessons in the Year 1/2 classroom. Next term she will be teaching full time for the first 3 weeks.

Our second visitor is Mr Campbell. He has been running courses on the preparation of the new school plan. Because we have had to spend so much money going to all these courses, Murray volunteered to come here to help Bec and me complete the plan. We are most grateful for that.

COURSES

Last week Mrs Liz Harris went to a Road Safety course in Goulburn. She found much of the course most useful. Her relief was paid for by the presenters. Mr Dunlop had his L3 presenter, and fellow students, come to our school last week for their next session. This afternoon Mrs Harris, Mrs Greenhalgh, Mr Dunlop and Mrs Le Mesurier are going to Jerrabomberra for a Maths course using the Interactive whiteboard. I’ll be leaving to go to Cooma for a mandatory Principals’ training day, tomorrow.

WOOD BURNER PENS NEEDED

5/6 are doing wood burning designs for Craft on Thursdays. We have 5 wood burner pens at this stage. If you are able to help in the loan of equipment please let me know.

Mr Dunlop

BAND THIS WEEK

Percussion Group (K-2) - 8.30am Wednesday morning
Training Band - Lunch Wednesday
Senior Band - Lunch Thursday
L3 Training

Last Wednesday afternoon, an L3 Training session was held at Gundaroo in the Kindergarten room. These sessions are rotated around the schools of the various participants to share the travelling workload. The L3 Training Program runs over a 2 year period, with teaching, monitoring and reflection occurring within sessions that take place at the rate of roughly 2 per term.

The visiting teachers and trainers were delighted by the school and its surrounds. L3 stands for “Language, Learning and Literacy”. It is a research-based, cost effective Kindergarten classroom intervention, targeting reading and writing. Within L3 classrooms, students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of 3-4 students.

If you would like to know more, type in “L3 Training” in a Google search, then click on the link from the Curriculum Support site. This is much easier than typing the site address.

CHORAL CONCERT

“AUSSIE OF THE MONTH”

Last Friday we were pleased to announce Greta as our May “Aussie of the Month”. Greta has a “go” at everything which is such a great attribute to have.

ROSTRUM QUARTER FINAL IN YASS

Last night Niamh spoke at the Rostrum Quarter finals in Yass. She competed against children from Yass and Boorowa. Niamh spoke superbly. A boy from Boorowa won and a girl from Yass was runner up.
Gundaroo Primary School has recently been given a very generous donation of $20,000 by Dick and Pip Smith. Using a strict criteria for expenditure, and through discussions and suggestions from the parent community we have shortlisted 5 possible items.

These are:

1. Solar Panels
2. An Extension to the GOSH room (into the adjoining storage shed) and build a new storage shed. Part of this storage shed to also be used as a utility/woodwork room. Donation monies to also purchase woodworking tools.
3. A Rope Climbing play-ground equipment structure
4. Refurbish the Tennis courts (costs more than the $20,000 donation and will require a successful grant application to achieve this)
5. Photocopier for the school

Want to know more about any of these? Please email Jacki McPherson at jackinjapan@yahoo.com.

If you want to have a say in what is selected, please do so prior to the July P&C meeting (this meeting will be in late July due to school holidays).

Based on feedback, at the next P&C meeting, we will shortlist down to 3 options. The final decision will be made via a vote from the Gundaroo PS parent community.

Gundaroo Soldiers Memorial Hall is 125 years old this Sunday the 21st June 2015. On that day The Elite Skating Arena was opened as a brand new building. The opening was described in the Goulburn Evening Post thus....

"Elite Skating Rink.-This was opened on Saturday last. The night was wet and dark, but there was a large muster of people. There were also some who did the skating very well, while some who had not previously donned the skates caused some amusement. Indeed, so good was the fun caused through the tumbling of a few that some of the spectators actually felt ill through the laughing they indulged in. It is open two nights a week for all comers, and one night for ladies. Next Saturday night is to be a great night, it seems, as there is to be a skating race for £1. The rink is a fine building, and will supply a long-felt want for halls, entertainments, etc., etc, etc. For some time past no company could perform here for want of a hall of the kind. Now that is no longer the obstacle. The size of the rink is 50 ft. x 25 ft., exclusive of two rooms at the back."

Regards
Wayne Kotzur