“EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT”

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 21st July 2015

**Important Dates To Remember!**

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**Term Dates**

- **Friday 18th September**: Term 3 ends
- **Tuesday 6th October**: Term 4 begins
- **Thursday 17th December**: Term 4 ends

**Dear Parents**

Remember it is a very important P & C meeting tonight. Have a say in how we should use Dick Smith’s extremely generous gift.

Thank you to those of you who respected my wishes that my family not be told my news. Unfortunately someone let the cat out of the bag, so my family now knows. I was hoping for an “emotion free” zone at home, but unfortunately…

A big thanks to Bronwen Scully and Damon Lewis for their input into NAIDOC week and to Olivia and Iain Fyfe for their presentation this morning.

Sue Kominek

**Happy Birthday**

Harper - Tuesday 28th July

**District Athletics Carnival**

Notes went home last week to those students that were selected for the district athletics carnival. Please return the note and if a meal deal is required.

**PORTFOLIO**

Please return these as soon as possible. If you would like an interview, please contact Liz in the office.

**School Photos**

Our school photos are booked in for Tuesday, 28th July. Family photos (including pre-schoolers) - prepay $5 at office. Family photos at 8:30am. Packages for ordering will arrive after photo day.

**Year 5/6 Camp**

An email went home last week about filling out your child’s medical and dietary requirement’s online. This needs to be done ASAP. If there are any problems please see Liz in the office.

**P&C Meeting**

**TONIGHT**

Tuesday 21st July - 7pm

All welcome
NAIDOC WEEK

On Friday we were really spoilt by having a visit from Freya and Tulley’s parents as part of our NAIDOC activities. Bronwen and Damon lived in Arnhem Land for 5 years and gave the children a fabulous insight into their time there. They gave a brief talk and showed us many interesting things. We thank Bronwen and Damon for giving up their time to make NAIDOC week activities even more exciting.

FRENCH PRESENTATION

Over the past 2 years Mrs Fisher has had the more senior students writing to pen friends in a school in St. Jean de Soudain. Last year the Fyfe family visited that school, while in France. The French children then made a poster of themselves and gave it to the Fyfes. On their return, the Fyfes had the poster framed. Today they presented it to Mrs Fisher and the children who had been the penfriends. We thank the Fyfes for their generous gift and making the children’s activities seem more real.
**HISTORY CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE**

This week it is a somewhat sad fact.

In our musical we sung about Margaret Connelly the school principal from May 1943 to January 1945. She didn’t know how to light a fire until the kids taught her. They had an open fire at the school in those days.

Sadly she passed away at the end of last term. She was in her nineties.

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**Band**

The Royal Military Army Rock Band will be performing for the school in Week 5! After the performance the musicians will be tutoring our Band Students. This will be fantastic and we are very lucky to have such an amazing opportunity. It is imperative that all band students are at every rehearsal up until this event. Students failing to attend band rehearsals will have to miss out. Please see below for rehearsal information as there has been a small change.

Training Band and Percussion Group - Wednesday in the hall at lunch (after eating time)

Senior Band - Thursday in the hall at lunch (after eating time)

Looking forward to a wonderful term of music!

Mrs Greenhalgh

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**Class 1/2 Literacy Groups**

Due to Dance classes on Friday morning, at the moment we will be having literacy groups on a Wednesday and Thursday mornings (approx. 9am –10am). We would really love more helpers so if you are available, please come and help out.

Thank you!

Mrs Greenhalgh

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**Quiz Night - Save the date 12th September 2015**

**SOCIAL SOCCER**

A reminder to all parents that soccer is on at the park at 10 am every Saturday morning. So far this year everyone had had a great time so come down and keep the kids running. Ages from 3 to 12 have had a go and have lots of fun so far. Registrations are still open so all welcome.

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**School Cleaner Required**

Nigel Foster has decided to hang up his duster. We thank him so much for his 21 months work. Menzies is now looking for a new school cleaner. It is a 3 hour/day position on award wages. If you’d be interested, please ring Mark Green on
Top 3 Options Selected at **TONIGHT’S** P&C meeting on 21st July

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 come along TONIGHT to the P&C meeting.

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.
TALKFEST
ROSTRUM / CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2015

Nominations are invited from students in Years 2 to 6, of all primary schools in the Yass District, or who are resident in the Yass district.
Venue: Bernha Public School, Church Street, Yass (located at the southern end of Church Street, via Petit St or Grand Junction Rd)

When: Thursday, 13 August 2015 6.30 PM, for Year 2;
approximately 7.30 PM for both Year 4 and Year 6;
Friday, 14 August 2015, 7.00 PM, for Years 3 and 5.

Entry Donation: $6.00 per family. (payable at the door, please, NOT to the school).

- Each speaker will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- It is recommended that speakers do not wear school uniform.
- Members of Rostrum will adjudicate and will be available afterwards to provide advice to speakers over refreshments.
- This is a friendly competition, ideal for nervous speakers and first timers.

Length of Speeches:
- Years 2 and 3 – 2 minutes; warning bell at 1½ minutes.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3 minutes; warning bell at 2½ minutes.

Topics: Speeches to be prepared on one of the following topics:

1. Skateboards rule
5. I know I am in trouble when........
2. My four legged friend
6. World Cup Rugby
3. Home cooked is best
7. I was not scared
4. I still read books
8. A holiday to remember

- Speakers may like to remember that the purpose of a speech is to entertain, to inform and/or to persuade the audience.
- Refreshments will be available in the auditorium.

Need further information? Linda Thine – 6227 7295 or linda.thine@bigpond.com
or Ian McGrath – 0428 198 535 or grassyespressfed@gmail.com

ENTRY FORM
Please return to your school by Monday, 16 AUGUST 2015

NAME (PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY) ...........................................................

SCHOOL........................................................................................................... YEAR.............

TOPIC CHosen............................................. : ...........................................................

PARENT SIGNATURE.................................................................................

HOME PHONE NUMBER.................................................................
Performing Arts 2015
Years 3-6

The Queanbeyan District Performing Arts Show, held at the Canberra Theatre, is fast approaching. There are 2 nights of performance, Thursday 30th July and Friday 31st July concluding at approximately 8.30pm each night. We will also go in for a technical rehearsal on Wednesday 29th July. This will just be an in and out trip on the bus.

Transport will be by bus to the venue, children will need to be collected at the end of the show. This is an invaluable theatre experience for all children in Years 3-6. However if you don’t think your child can cope with the long hours involved in this performance we perfectly understand. Please inform us ASAP

Gundaroo performs an item which is about 7 minutes long, incorporating singing and drama.

Costuming: Singers: school uniform (short sleeved t-shirt and trackpants)
Everyone else: old fashioned (1800s) clothes

Please return the following note ASAP to register your decision on the matter.

Parts cannot be given until permission notes are returned!

______________________________________________________________________________________________

I give/do not give permission for my child/ren _______________________________ to participate in the Queanbeyan District Performing Arts on Thursday 30th July and Friday 31st July at the Canberra Theatre. I understand transport will be by bus to the venue and that I will need to pick them up or car pool in the evenings of Thursday and Friday.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: __________
PROFESSIONAL DANCE LESSONS

As in past years, we have booked professional dance lessons, for sport, for the first 5 weeks of next term. The Australian Dance Company teaches a variety of steps. Each class will be taught a different style of dance: cultural, jazz, hip hop, etc. The 5 week session will end in a big display as a dance assembly. The cost per child for 5 weeks x 45 min lessons is $22 per child.

Please return the slip below with you payment.

5 Week Dance Lessons

Child/ren ________________________________

Payment of $22.00 per child Total Paid: ____________________

Payment Options
Cash
Cheque
Direct Deposit  BSB: 032001  Acc No. 141354  Reference: Name Dance