Important Dates To Remember!

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Term Dates

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Dear Parents

Well we farewelled a very excited group of 5/6 children, a brave Mrs Greenhalgh and 2 staunch parents: Andrew Nicholls and Tib Hegyi, yesterday morning. We hope they’ll have a ball at camp this week.

Sue Kominek

Happy Birthday

Noah - Today Tuesday 25th August
Mrs Hays - Thursday 27th August
Archie - Monday 31st August

Brilliant News

Mr Trethowan has been appointed the new Principal of Gundaroo Public School. I am both delighted and excited at his appointment. Nigel left Sutton last year, after 7 years there, and went over to S.A to take up a promotion. Nigel is one of the nicest people I have ever met and I wish him, and our school community, many happy years together. Nigel will take up the position at the beginning of Term 4.

Band

There will be no band this week as Mrs Greenhalgh is away at camp.

WOOLIES

Collect “Earn and Learn” Stickers at Woolworths in order for our school to redeem stickers for fantastic new resources.

Whooping Cough

I hope you have all received the letter from Public Health regarding Whooping Cough. As we have a confirmed case of whooping cough at our school we recommend you take the public health letter, to your doctor, should your child/ren become sick.
The school will be holding a Book Parade in Week 8 to celebrate Book Week and the school’s Book Fair. Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character on the day. This is not a fundraising event so there is no need to bring a gold coin. Parents are welcome to attend in the morning to see the fabulous costumes the students will no doubt be wearing. Hope to see you there.

The following day Years K-2 will travel to the Queanbeyan Library and for a visit to the Botanic Gardens including an organised tour with hopefully our very own Amber Howe. (Sunny and Olly’s mum)

Congratulations to Edan who won a writing competition advertised in the School Magazine. Edan’s writing has been published in the September edition of the “Countdown” magazine, so all the children in NSW who subscribe to “Countdown” will get to read it.
**REGIONAL ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Fin and Niamh for making it to Regional Athletics at the AIS last Friday.

Fin won senior boys high jump event, and came 3rd in the senior boys long jump. He is off to State Athletics next term. Well done Fin!

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**Bike Week!**

Get your bikes “tuned up” for the famous Gundaroo Bike Week held in the last week of term, Monday 14th September till Friday 18th September. Every child brings a bike. If they can’t ride at the beginning of the week, they’ll be able to by the end of the week. We mark “roads” all around the school for the children to ride on. They get to ride before school, at lunch, recess and in sport time. The children have a ball. The experienced 5/6 children operate the “NRMA” and become excellent bike mechanics and do a couple of shifts as “Police”.

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**Frogwatch Visit**

On Thursday next week (Week 8) the school will be visited by the Ginninderra Land Care group. They will be here to do learning activities relating to the Frogwatch program. The school will be raising frogs from eggs in Term 4. Students will be engaged in sessions targeting the different Stages within the school.

These sessions are free.

**When: Thursday Week 8 (3rd Sept)**

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**GUNDAROO MILO IN2CRICKET SEASON 2015-16**

MILO In2CRICKET will recommence for the 2015-16 season on Saturday 7 November.

The programme runs for 12 weeks (6 weeks in Term 4 2015 and 6 weeks in Term 1 2016).

Sessions will be run at the Gundaroo Oval on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 10 am.

The cost of the programme is $75 and covers the cost of a backpack filled with lots of goodies including a plastic bat and ball, top, hat and drink bottle.

MILO in2CRICKET introduces boys and girls to the game of cricket through fun game based activities. Kids learn the basics through playing a variety of games that cover all facets of cricket. Games are designed for small groups to ensure all children get a go.

Now that a T20 Blast programme for older children has been rolled out, Cricket Australia advises that MILO in2CRICKET is designed for boys and girls aged from 5-8 years old. Because the T20 Blast programme is not offered in Gundaroo, we will accept kids between 5 and 10 years of age and tailor activities and games accordingly to cater for ages and skills.

If you have any questions about the programme or want some guidance on programmes for older kids that Gundaroo region kids can join please contact Tara Oliver on 0477 004 184.

More information on the programme and registration will be provided in future newsletters.
Gundaroo's Annual Quiz Night
12th September 2015

It's back to the classroom this year so pack your bag (along with your BYO dinner and drinks) and pocket money to come re-live your youth with us at the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Quiz night = smarty pants + boring  ✗
fun + everyone = Gundaroo quiz night  ✓

Tickets are $20 per head. You can secure a table and bring 8-10 of your own click, or contact the school office who can find you a cool group to sit with (Ph. 62368115). We have direct debit facility this year (Gundaroo Primary School P&C  BSB-062904  Acct-10089843 Reference-Q_surname).

All funds raised are going towards refurbishing the schools tennis court, which for a rural school provides a much needed alternative sporting facility for our kids.

If you don't want to organise food for yourselves on the night contact doorstepdinners.com.au. They are a local Gundaroo business offering a special meal deal, which includes delivery to your table on the night with all profits going directly to the Quiz Night.

There have been some A+ silent and loud auction items donated by our generous community again this year, as well as some awesome prizes you could be taking home.

Be there or be square!
Expenditure of Dick and Pip Smith Donation

Thank you to the families and staff who voted in the P&C’s preferential ballot to determine how the school community should spend Dick and Pip Smith’s generous donation.

Statistical information:
- 50 families voted:
  - 4 families only cast a primary vote (indicated in brackets eg: (+1)
  - 46 families cast preferential votes
- 5 families did not vote
- 3 staff voted

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The winning proposal, with 51% of first preference votes, was to split the donation:
- $5000 to GOSH’s own (existing) funds to create a larger, much needed GOSH room and build a new storage shed which will have school-time use as a multi-purpose art/craft room.
- $13,000 to purchase a piece of climbing equipment for the playground
- $2000 to remain in the account as a safety buffer for both projects

Once again, thank you to all those who have participated in this process.
Please join us at the monthly P&C meetings for progress reports. Both projects will be implemented in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education. We hope to have them realized by the end of the year.

Thanks everyone.
P&C
Vacation Care at GOSH

Dear Parents,

GOSH will be providing vacation care again these school holidays. Please complete the booking form attached to this newsletter or send an email to gundaroogosh@gmail.com to book. All bookings will be confirmed by email.

Hours of Operation:

GOSH will be open from 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday from 21st September to 2nd October 2015. As Monday 28th September 2015 is an ACT public holiday, GOSH will only be open if we receive the required number of bookings.

Fees:

$50 for a full day and $25 for a half day (maximum 4 hours).

Please note: If a booking is made less than 24 hours from start of booking then a $10/day/child or $5/half day/child surcharge will apply.

In the case of weekends if a booking is made between 5pm Friday and 7am Monday for that Monday then the surcharge will also be applied.

Cancellations:

To assist GOSH staff with catering and activity planning, we require 24 hours notice in writing for any cancellations. If a booking is cancelled with more than 24 hours notice there will be no charge. If a cancellation is received less than 24 hours from the start of the booking time 75% of the full fee will be charged. In the case of weekends, booking cancellations made after 5pm Friday for the following Monday will be charged 75% of the full fee.

Short notice cancellations must be made by leaving a message on the GOSH phone: 0427 410 537.

Failure to attend or advise the service before 9am on the day that a confirmed booking is not required will result in the full fee for the day being charged.

Please bring:

- Morning and afternoon tea for your children.
- Drink bottle (water only)
- Sun hat
- Appropriate footwear

Kind regards,

GOSH