Dear Parents,
What a busy week it was last week!
First of all, thank you to those who were able to come along to the Picnic and Information Night. It was lovely to see so many families in attendance, and I hope that you gained all of the information you needed from the sessions. If you have any further questions, please see your child’s teacher who will be more than willing to assist. If you were unable to attend, you should by now have received a note outlining much of the information covered during the Information Night. If you have any feedback on the night, please get in touch as it helps us with our future planning.
A HUGE thank you to the parents who were able to come along and help with both our Swimming Carnival (timers, recorders, transporters, spectators, coffee and lunch deliverers) and Water Fun Day (monitors, lenders of equipment, spectators, and those who helped set up and pack up). Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and would not be possible without your help. I was so impressed by the level of sportsmanship displayed by all students at Gundaroo, who were really upholding our values and representing our school well. Well done to all involved. The team for the District Swimming Carnival has been announced today and the relevant notes sent home.
Next week for myself is looking just as busy as last week, as I am off to Sydney for three days for a Principal’s Induction, followed by a Queanbeyan Principal’s Network meeting on Thursday, and then a Lego Robotics in-service the following Monday. While being out of class is never ideal, these meetings are very important and help with meeting Departmental responsibilities and improving teaching and learning at Gundaroo. Mrs Nicola and Mrs Le Mesurier will be in replacing me on these days.
Have a great week,
Nigel Trethowan.
Have an Ipad??
Children love to play on ipads and they can also be a fantastic tool to help your child learn. The following apps are FREE and can be a fantastic resource to help with your child’s education:

- Eggy Words
- School A to Z
- Rocket Speller

Save these dates in your shiny, new 2016 diaries!
Please note the two following dates in your shiny new 2016 diaries.

Saturday 12th March - P&C Fundraiser - Catering morning tea for the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club of the ACT at Gundaroo Park.

Saturday 19th March - Bush Dance at Gundaroo Public School

More details regarding how you can be involved to come out soon!

It’s Not OK to Be Away!
Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. Did you know…

Being 10 minutes late, once a week adds up to:

- 100 minutes per term
- 400 minutes per year (over one full day)

One missed day per week adds up to:

- One term each year
- 1 1/2 years by the end of Year 6
- 2 3/4 years by the end of year 12

Of course, children often come down with illness, in which case it may be best to keep your child at home. If this is the case, please check with your child’s teacher to see if there is any work that they need to catch up on, and don’t forget to let Liz in the office know.

Birthdays!
Verity K - 16th Feb
Kathleen D - 20th Feb
**P&C AGM and February Meeting**

**ALL WELCOME**

The P&C’s AGM will be held on **Tuesday the 16th of February**, 7pm at the school.

At this meeting the executive committee for the upcoming year will be elected. All positions are open for nomination and include:

- President
- 2 x Vice-Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Please come along, support your school and consider nominating for one of these positions.

If you would like to know more about the AGM or about any of the positions being elected, please feel free to contact Bronwyn Blake (P&C)

P: 0439 718580
E: blakesos@hotmail.com

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**A Crunch & Sip tip!**

Choose fresh fruits and vegetables over dried and tinned varieties for Crunch & Sip. Dried and tinned fruits contain more sugar than fresh fruits so only have those occasionally. Muesli bars, roll ups and fruit leathers have far too much sugar and not enough actual fruit so they are not allowed for Crunch & Sip.

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**Photos?**

If you happen to have any photos from last week’s Swimming Carnival, we’d love to see them! Unfortunately our teachers were busy with organisation on the day and were unable to take any.

If you have some that you’d be happy to share, please send them through to Liz in the Office.

Thank you.

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**Student Learning Resources**

As you would be aware, we are no longer using text books in class. However, we have decided to continue our online subscriptions to Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs. Additionally, the school pays for many of the books and stationery your children use. We ask for your support in helping to cover some of the cost of the resources used this year.

Please see the note attached to this newsletter for payment details.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Trethowan.

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**Talking Tickets**

“Our opinions become fixed at the point we stop thinking.”
Gundaroo Social Soccer 2016

Gundaroo Social Soccer will be running again in 2016.
We are seeking expressions of interest from parents and community members who would be willing to assist each Saturday.
Volunteers are required to help organise the day, coach, and lead activities.

Junior Bullocks

We are seeking expressions of interest for players, 10 – 12 years old who would be interested in playing in a Junior Bullocks team in the Canberra competition.
Volunteers are also required to assist with coaching and managing this team.

Please contact Bec
becharris@y7mail.com
or
Tony
ecoboy@ecoway.com.au or on 0416584267

What is the Bush Dance?

Back in 2012 the P&C decided to introduce an event nearer the start of the year. It was intended to be an event that would bring the families of the school together so new families could meet people and existing families could catch up. The idea of the Bush Dance was born.

It is a fun night for the whole family in a safe environment (school grounds), so the kids can run around and catch up with their friends. Supper is included in your ticket as is the opportunity to sample the entries in the Great Gundaroo Bake Off.

See Next Week for Bake Off details – categories, how to register

Save the date for the 2016 Bush Dance: Saturday 19th March

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 12/2/16

MUSIC CORP
The school phone book will be going out in the next couple of weeks. This is only to be used by the parents at school and is a handy resource when planning play dates, birthday parties etc.

If you would **NOT** like your phone number and address in the school phone book please indicate below or let Liz know in the office. If you opted out last year then it will stay the same.

Family: 

[ ] __________________________________________________________________________

I would not like my phone number/address in the school phone book.