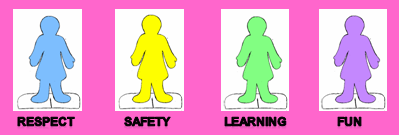
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**Term 3**

**Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday**

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| Week 9 | **Assembly 4/5/6** | **P&C Meeting 7.00pm** | **Lions Club Public Speaking** | **Tennis** | **Journey to the Centre of the Earth** |
| Week 10 | **Footsteps Dance**  **WORK ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** |  |  | **Tennis**  **K-3 Walking Excursion** | **Last Day of Term** |

**Principal’s Message**

We have some good news about the new playground equipment. Work is expected to begin next Monday, 19th September, weather permitting. This work will involve machinery such as bobcats going through the playground, so new out of bounds areas will apply to the students and also to the children at OoSH. I would ask that parents ensure that their children are not in the school grounds and on the new equipment after hours, on the weekend or during the holidays. The concrete footings will need to be properly set before the playground is safe to use.

I would like to thank the P&C members for their hard work over several years, making this new playground equipment possible. A lot of sheep manure has been shovelled, bagged and sold but you will soon see a great result for your efforts.

Also during the holiday we will be having work done to trim the elm and pine trees to improve safety. Again, this poses a danger for unsupervised children out of school hours. Your cooperation is sought. Please remind both your primary and high school aged children that they are not to be in the school grounds during the school holidays unless attending vacation care.

Year 3 and Year 5 students now have their NAPLAN results to give to their parents. Overall, we were very pleased with the results. Areas in which we are doing very well as a school have been highlighted. Also, we have been able to pinpoint areas needing a change of approach and more effort in future. If you would like to discuss your child’s results or general progress, please contact either Mrs Dickson or myself to arrange an appointment.

Janet O’Dea

Lions Club of Gunning Public Speaking

The finals for the Primary School Public Speaking Contest is happening tomorrow at 4:30pm in the school hall. Gunning will be ably represented by Francesca Moor (Year 4), Claudia Guilfoyle (Year 5) and Romella Burke Priestly (Year 6). We wish the girls well.

**Boorowa Expression of Interest for drivers and participants**

Attached to this newsletter is an expression of interest for the Boorowa netball and touch football carnival being held next term. We have entered three teams at this stage, but the number of children we can take is very dependent on the number of willing drivers. The alternative of hiring a large enough bus would impose a cost of at least $25 per student.

If you would like your child to participate on the day, travelling by private transport, or are able to help provide the transport, please return the expression of interest before the holidays.

**K-3 Walking Excursion**

On Thursday 22nd September, both the K/1 and 2/3 classes will be going on a walking tour of Gunning, looking at the history of some of the beautiful buildings we have. They will be accompanied by Ann Darbyshire, who has a wealth of knowledge to pass on to keen young historians. Thank you Ann for giving your time so willingly to help the school and the students.

Gunning DC&HS

Dr Arthur Graf from the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn will be providing a GP clinic at the Gunning District Community & Health Service from Wednesday 14th September 2011. All patients bulk billed. For bookings phone 4845 1166.

McCains School Vegie Patches

Our school is participating in the McCains School Veggie Patches program. Every McCain frozen vegetable and Purely Potato pack purchased by families and teachers can be used to earn our school points towards gardening tools and seeds. Simply cut out the barcodes from any McCains pack and pop them in the box located at the front office.

OoSH Vacation Care

The program for the upcoming school holidays is available from the front office. For bookings please contact Kathy on 4845 1710 or the Pre-school on 4845 1396.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Keep the Woolies dockets coming in, it finishes 18th October, so time is running out. Parents can track the school’s points online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

**Marulan Kite Festival**

Sunday 25th September

There will be a competition with a prize for the winning school and also individual prizes. The task:

* Children are to make a “kite” from recycled materials
* The “kite” doesn’t need to fly. It will be attached to a stake and placed in the ground, around the park
* The “kite” needs to have parts that will move in the wind
* Be creative, use colourful materials
* They could be made at school or home. Individual or group entries
* The stakes will be supplied by the Marulan Kite Festival Committee on the day.

This will be a great day for all. There will be lots of activities & stalls. And lots of kites.

School Holidays at the Goulburn Library

Thursday 29 September: Paint and decorate a terracotta pot (you will receive a small plant to take home). Please wear old clothes. Age: 6-12; cost: $5.00; time: 10.30am – 12 noon.

Tuesday 4 October. Reverse Garbage from Sydney is visiting with 3 workshops. (1) Mini-beast Mobile. Age: 4-7; cost $10.00; time: 10am – 11am. Parents of children under school age will need to stay for the duration of the workshop. (2) Re-use and Re-decorate. Age: 8-11; cost: $10.00; time: 11.30am – 12.30pm. (3) Bicycle Inner-tube Wearables. Age: 12-18; cost $10.00; time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Thursday 6 October. Write to your favourite living author. To assist with the writing, morning tea of mint slice and chocolate teddy bear biscuits will be served. Age: 7-12; cost: $2.00; time: 10.30am – 12 noon.

Workshops fill quickly so to ensure your child’s place, bookings are essential. Payment must be made at the time of booking. For further information go to [www.strl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strl.nsw.gov.au) and check out the events page, come into the library or telephone 4823 4435.

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| **TERM 3** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| Week 9  12th – 16th Sept | **Assembly 4/5/6** | **P&C Meeting 7.00pm** | **Lions Club Public Speaking** | **Tennis** | **Journey to the Centre of the Earth** |
| Week 10  19th – 23rd Sept | **Footsteps Dance** |  |  | **Tennis**  **K-3 Walking Excursion** | **Last Day of Term** |
| **TERM 4** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| Week 1  10th – 14th Oct | **STUDENTS RETURN TERM 4** |  |  |  |  |