Fun Foundation Facts
2nd March 2015

**Buddy Picnic—Wednesday March 4**
Excitement is now building for our Buddy 'Teddy Bear Picnic', this Wednesday. Please meet your child and their buddy at your child's classroom at 12:30, before we go out into the playground for the picnic. The children will be eating their lunch as normal, as the picnic is really about families getting to know the buddies. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Reminders**
- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day, as important communication is often sent home in it. Similarly, children are encouraged to look through their book bags with their parents/carers daily.
- By now, most children have brought take-home book bags, library bags, art smocks, colouring books, tissues. Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is named. Having your child involved in packing their bag nightly will help them to know exactly what they are bringing to school.
- Remember, Great Ryrie Primary is a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please don't send your child to school with any nut based products.

**Cross Country**
Foundation students are involved in GRPS Cross Country on Tuesday March 17 from 9:00–11 am. The children will have a special track on the oval and would love to see you there.

**Foundation Information Night**
There will be a Foundation Information night from 6:45–8pm on Wednesday April 15th. This is the first week of Term Two and the Foundation Team would like to see all parents/carers there.

**Friday Open Afternoons**
The classroom is open from 3:10 every Friday afternoon to share all the fabulous Foundation fun and learning. We encourage family and friends to come along.

**'Ball in the Hall’**
On Thursday April 23rd from 5pm (4:30pm arrival), the children will be 'presented to the GRPS community' at our Foundation 'Ball in the Hall'. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get dressed up and a wonderful chance to meet other Foundation families. See you there!

**Show and tell**
There will be two choices for show and tell throughout March. They will be HOBBIES (either your child's personal hobbies or family past times) or bring in an item that starts with the **SOUND OF THE WEEK**.
Please check your child's book bag for the show and tell roster, which has been sent home. See your child's teacher if you need another.
It will help your children if they can practise their presentations at home before presenting at school.

We would still love to have a family photo for each child to display in the classroom.

**Specialists**
- **Monday:** Library (bring library bag and book to return)
- **Wednesday–Art (March onwards)**
- **Thursday–PE (wear runners) and LOTE**
- **Friday–Music**

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**Full week attendance:** Remember that from Monday March 2, all children will be attending school from Monday to Friday, weekly.

**Sounds of the Week**
‘Nn’ & ‘Oo’– Letterland characters are Noisy Nick and Oscar Orange. Find words at home that begin with these sounds.

**Maths**
We are looking at numbers, focusing on number recognition and matching objects to numbers.

**Reading**
Take-Home Reading began Monday 9th February. This is a time to enjoy reading in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. The books will be easy and encourage your child to retell the story.
The children will receive a calendar page along with ideas to support their reading. Please write the name of the book in daily and sign.

Our new reading program will now begin in Term Two, with a launch to be held at our information night, April 15.