

# **GOWRIE GAZETTE**

Term 4, Week 8 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018



# What's on at Gowrie in Term 4!

# **DECEMBER**

Week 8

Weeke		
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	P-Year 6 Gowrie End of Year Concert
		P-Year 2 @ 5.00pm and Year 3-6 @ 6.15pm
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Gowrie Talent Show
		Library Books Due
Week 9		
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	LIBRARY CLOSED Weeks 9 & 10
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Preschool Semester Reports home to Parents/Carers
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	K-Year 6 Semester 2 Report home to Parents/Carers
Week 10		
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.15am
		Year 6 Graduation Dinner
<u>Friday</u>	<b>21</b> <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Limelight Cinema Excursion
		Last Day of School For 2018

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Term 4 15<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>th</sup> December

## 2019 Term Dates

Term 1 4<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 29<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July
Term 3 22 July to 27 September
Term 4 14<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> December

### NOTE:

New students start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February with all continuing student returning on <u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019</u>.

# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE YMCA Program

Before School Care 7:30am – 9:00am daily After School Care 3.00pm – 6.00pm daily

**Contact Numbers** 

YMCA Office: 6242 4040

Mobile (Contact after 2.30pm): 0404 635

730

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# Gowrie Concert Tonight! Preschool–Year 2 – 5.00pm

Year 3-Year 6 - 6.15pm

**Sneak Peak!!** 







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# **EXCURSIONS – Weeks 4-7 Term 4**

- 20/12 Year 6 Fun Day Notes only
- 21/12 Whole School Limelight Cinema Excursion Notes and Payment

# **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

The end of the school year is fast approaching. How quickly 2018 has disappeared! It will be only two more weeks of school before we break for the Christmas holiday period. School ends on Friday 21 December 2018 and resumes Monday 4 February 2019 for Preschool - Geckoes and kindergarten to Gowrie Primary School and Tuesday 5 February 2019 for all other children. Rosellas will commence on Wednesday 6 February 2019.

The last fortnight has been filled with so many fun events at our school: transition visits for our pre-schoolers, Year 6 Mini fete day, special Japanese performance, visit to Parliament House, Bandstrav Performance, Little Athletics clinics and the wonderful End of Year Concert.

In addition, it has been a very busy time for teachers as they have been preparing end of year reports, in addition to teaching each day in the classroom, and for the front office staff who have been collecting money and completing many other administrative tasks. Schools are incredibly busy places and I would like to thank everyone who has had a role in organising and facilitating any the above activities.

# **Volunteers in Schools – Morning Tea**

Last Wednesday, the school held a thank you morning tea, to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of those people who volunteer their time to support children's learning and experiences at Gowrie Primary School. Our volunteers work in the school canteen, the uniform shop, the library, manage the school banking, listen to children read or work on maths in the classroom or elsewhere, mentor our young people and help in a myriad of other ways. Sincere thanks to all for your contribution to our wonderful school.

# **Satisfaction Surveys**

In August parents/carers, teaching and administrative staff and Year 5/6 students were invited to complete this year's School Satisfaction Survey online. We are extremely pleased with the results with an average of 95% satisfaction in most categories. We are now in the process of analysing these results more closely as we consider areas of strength and areas for further development to be included in our 2019 Annual Action Plan. Thank you to all members of the school community for taking the time to complete this annual survey.

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# Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards -

Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT. Nominations close in 8 February 2019 and can be made online at <a href="act.gov.au/cbrgold">act.gov.au/cbrgold</a>

# **Canberra Citizen of the Year Award**

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award.

The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday 11 January 2019 and can be made online at <a href="act.gov.au/cbrcitizen">act.gov.au/cbrcitizen</a>

# **Leaving Gowrie Primary School (P – Year 5)**

We are currently organising staffing and classes for 2019. If your child/ren will NOT be continuing at Gowrie Primary School in 2019 could you please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Angela Georgopoulos

Deputy Principal



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# **LEAVING GOWRIE PRIMARY**

We are currently organising classes for 2019 and require families to indicate if they will not be continuing at Gowrie. A response is **not** required if your child is currently in Year 6 and will be going to High School in 2019.

# **Leaving Gowrie Primary School P-Yr 5 only:**

If your child/ren (not Year 6) will NOT be returning to Gowrie Primary in 2019 could you please complete the form below and return it to the Front Office ASAP.

Child's Name:	Class:
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The Child/ren will be attending: (Please circle)

Other ACT Govt School Non-Govt ACT School Interstate School, Overseas School

# **MERIT AWARD**

CLASS	AWARDED TO			
ATHLLON				
KC	George G and Adele C-J			
KP	Abigail L and Zachary F			
GULLA GULLA				
1/2C	Ethan W and Madison M			
1/2H	Hamish M and Lucy F			
1/25	Amelia B and Ruby H			
1/2W	Larmyah D and Amelia W-W			
LAMBRIGG				
3D	Isaac B and Lily K-G			
3H	Amy V and Evie I			
4H	Geordan A and Justin H-T			
LANYON				
3-6M	Lizzy S			
4/5H	Logan D and Monique B			
5/6H	Alyssa T and Thomas P			
5/6W	Byron H and Sam B			
BINDABELLA				
K-5H	Sean C and Nathan S			
2/3B	Bryce A			
ARTS AND LANGUAGE				
Japanese	Jake A and Indigo M			
Band	Bella W			
Art	Lilibeth O and Callum R			

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# Gowrie Primary School Talent Show

# Gowrie staff and students invite

parents, carers and friends to Gowrie Primary School's Talent Show 2018!

**Date**- Week 8 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Time- 12 pm

Venue- The New Hall

Please come along and enjoy a wonderful display of talent by our students from Kindergarten to Year 6.



Congratulations to the following students who made the Talent Show Final.

# **Talent Show Finalists – 2018**

- 1. Owen G (3D)
- 2. Selinah O and Georgia L (1/2C)
- 3. Lucy F (1/2H)
- 4. Alannah L, Ella M, Alyssa T (Lanyon)
- 5. Molly, Amelia (1/2S)
- 6. Ethan B (KP)
- 7. Emma F (5/6H)
- 8. Kiyah S and Addie M (Lambrigg)
- 9. Ainslie B and Alex M (1/2W)Claire G and Mahlia M (3D)
- 10. Flynn S and Bayden M (KC)

11.Sam B and Saddith R (Lanyon)











# **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

# THE GECKO GROUP...

Oh boy did we have a fabulous time on our excursion to the Canberra Museum and Gallery. Kay was a lovely teacher and we had fun learning about Ned Kelly and how every picture of Sidney Nolan's art work tells a story. We also enjoyed producing our own creative work in the studio. A big thank you to you helpers: Graham, Troy, Angela, Anne, Maureen & Leanne.





A very big thank you to Mrs Sara Harding and our amazing Year 3 Buddies from 3H. We have had a fantastic time with you all during the year and thoroughly enjoyed our Buddy Celebration Picnic in the park. Between the two classes cooking and creating we had fruit kebabs, cheesecakes, chocolate balls and pikelets with jam and cream. Thank you, buddies, for taking care of us, supporting us and being great role models.





This term the Gecko group have been participating in "Partner Reading" after recess. The children are all paired up and have been spending 5 minutes exploring a book with each other to prepare us in building our stamina for "read to self" in Kindy next year. We have some amazing readers and story tellers in the Gecko group!



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This term in the Gecko group we have been seeing ourselves as early writers. We have been participating in a variety of learning experiences, modelled & guided (in focus groups and whole class lessons) and in our play. We have some very clever writers!





This term we have been completing our preschool (and assessment) tasks for the end of the year. This is us working on our cut and paste activity in focus groups.



Merry Christmas everyone! We have been preparing for our Preschool end of year concert and the whole school concert. We have also been having fun making Christmas presents for our families and playing in the "Christmas Room" (dramatic play space).





Thank you to our lovely Gecko families and students for a lovely year. We can't believe it is drawing to a close. Thank you for all your support and smiles this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Gecko group and having a front row seat in all the children's learning and development that has taken place this year! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Cheers, Amanda (Miss Horne) and Leanne (& Mrs Garland, Anna and Maureen).

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### THE ROSELLA GROUP

What a fabulous year we have had in the Rosella Group. We have been on the most wonderful learning adventures, have formed trusting and respectful relationships and have grown together throughout the year. We would like to thank all our wonderful families for their support of the preschool program. We are looking forward to sharing the next few weeks with our lovely pre-schoolers as we come to the end of preschool 2018.

We have been very interested in writing activities at preschool. We have been working at the drawing and writing tables to create some beautiful illustrations and some wonderful stories. We are writing letters of the alphabet and we are using environmental print to support our experimental writing. We proudly shared our 'Lucky Dip Story Drawing and Writing' with Mr Rendell and he was very proud of our efforts too!



We have shared so many fabulous stories as a group throughout the year. Some of the literacy concepts we have explored include concepts of print, roles of authors and illustrators, reading with expression and fluency, predicting and inferring skills and phonemic awareness



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Mindfulness Activities help us to be present in the moment and to 'calm our bodies and focus our minds'. This term we have been experimenting with the Tibetan Singing bowls, hand breathing and listening to the environment around us. We have enjoyed sharing these mindfulness activities and strategies with our Gecko friends.



Exploring, investigating, observing and discovering – we learn so many wonderful skills through engaging in play and social interactions.









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# **Lambrigg NEWS** Gowrie's 2018 Mini-Fete

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# **GOWRIE P&C**

# **P&C Update**

# Online Ordering with Qkr! Is Going Live

The P&C has been trialling an online ordering app for the past few weeks. The Qkr! (pronounced quicker) app will allow parents to order and pay for lunch orders, school uniforms and fundraising events online, at any time. The Qkr! app is quick, convenient and keeps a record of all orders placed. Please see Qkr! flyer for information on setting up an account. (this was emailed out with the Week 4 Gazette)

# Tips for using Qkr!

- 1. Ordering is available up to 2 weeks ahead, please ensure that you select the correct date when ordering
- 2. Please continue to use your reusable lunch order bags, just note that your order has been placed through Qkr!





# UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS for 2019 Weeks 0 and 1

The uniform shop will be manned during these times, any other inquiries outside of these hours can be directed to me via mobile phone or email.

# **WEEK 0**

Wednesday 30 Jan 8.30am -9.00am Thursday 31 Jan 8.30am -9.00am

Friday 1 Feb 8.30am -9.00am and 2.30pm -3.00pm

WEEK 1

Monday 4 Feb 8.30am -9.00am

Friday 8 Feb 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.30pm- 3.00pm

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# **CANTEEN REMINDER**

There are NO Fish Burgers for sale for the rest of the year.

# Week 10 in the Canteen:

- No lunch orders during week 10.
- Counter Sales ONLY Wednesday (19/11) and Thursday (20/11).
- Canteen CLOSED Friday (21/11)

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# **SC-ORE ACT**

Gowrie Primary School was recently represented in the SC-ORE ACT Schools Orienteering competition by a team of four Year 6 students - Jordan D, Ella E, Emma F and Byron H.

SC-ORE is an Orienteering Team Based Challenge for Primary School aged children. Each team included two boys and two girls, and the competition was held over four Thursday mornings before school at four different ACT schools' venues. There were 37 teams competing from schools across Canberra including one from Gowrie.

While the Gowrie team didn't finish in the top placings, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented Gowrie with pride. Their team spirit, cooperation, encouragement of others and their never give up attitude was outstanding. While other runners left at the end of their individual leg, the entire Gowrie team remained until the end of every event and were consistently there at the finish line encouraging all runners across, no matter what school they were from. Jordan, Ella, Emma and Byron truly embodied the school values and showed how "Everyone Counts".











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Congratulations to all of this fortnight's Mathletics award winners. Certificates will be given out in classes on Friday.



**GOLD** 



**SILVER** 

Haydn J Sam R

**Zachary K Amaya W** 



# **BRONZE**

Sam B x 2 Claire G Mylo H **Zachary K** Aimee M

**Amelia B** Suraya B Vincent G x 2 Owen G **Byron H** Cara J x 2 **Bethany L** Josie M **Danica O** Sam R Amaya W x 2 Fraser W x 2 Kale W

Will E **Summer H** Haydn J x 3 **Bayden M Ava T** 

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