What’s on at Gowrie:

Thursday  26 March  **Easter Bun orders due today**  
**NOTE:** No late orders accepted

Friday  27 March  Assembly 12.40 – 1.25pm Kinder  
**MOVIE NIGHT** Gates open 6.00pm

Monday  30 March  3 Way Conferences commence  
World’s Greatest Shave  
2.00pm New Hall

Tuesday  31 March  Easter Hat Parade Assembly 9.00am

Wednesday  1 April  Collection of Easter Buns

Thursday  2 April  World Autism Day – Uniform Free  
Wear BLUE to school

Friday  3 April  Good Friday

Monday  6 April  Easter Monday

Friday  10 April  Last Day Term 1

**TERM 2**

Monday  27 April  ANZAC Day holiday for ACT Public Servants – YMCA care available

Tuesday  28 April  P-Yr6 ANZAC Assembly – 2.15pm

**ANZAC Day Assembly on Tuesday 28th April at 2.15pm**

**REMINDERS**

- Kinder Health Screen Envelopes – thank you to those kinder families who have returned these forms. Could all outstanding forms be returned to the Gowrie Office as soon as possible.
- Could all Emergency contact, permissions, email and Facebook notes be returned to the Gowrie Office by Friday, please.

**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

We are an Approved Service for Child Care Benefits

**NOTES HOME:**

- Movie Night Reminder  
- Student Banking  
- Easter Bun Order form  
- Scholastic Book Club orders  
- 3 Way Conference appointment form  
- Winter pre-order Uniform note  
- Preschool Winter Jumper Order form

**2015 TERM DATES**

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**GOWRIE GAZETTE**  
**Term 1, Week 8**  
**25th March 2015**
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN results for Gowrie
A few weeks ago information regarding the NAPLAN results for 2014 for Gowrie was reported in the Canberra Times. Gowrie’s outstanding results for yr 5 are to be celebrated. They achieved significantly above the national average results in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy. The yr 3 student results were below the national average, and these results will be analysed by staff and targets incorporated into our annual operating plan to improve student learning outcomes. While the NAPLAN tests provide the school with valuable diagnostic information, it only represents a snapshot of how yr 3 and yr 5 students perform on the day. Here at Gowrie, we aim to develop the whole child – academically, socially, physically and emotionally and use a variety of indicators and tools to assess progress. Further information on NAPLAN results for 2014 can be viewed on the ACARA website, (www.naplan.edu.au).

Open Day – Enrolments for 2016
On Wednesday 29 April we will have an Open Day for prospective families from Preschool to Year 6. All parents and carers who anticipate enrolling their child at Gowrie Preschool or K to Year 6 are cordially invited for a tour and short information session from 9.30 – 10.30am and again from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. If you know of any families in the Gowrie community with an interest in enrolling for next year, please invite them to contact the front office for details. Please remember Gowrie Primary School is required to prioritise enrolments from within our priority enrolment area (PEA) and families outside our PEA might have to be placed on a waiting list.

Preschool Enrolments 2016
Gowrie Preschool sessions are two and a half days per week. Children must be four years of age on or before 30 April of the entry year to enrol in a preschool program. All enrolments for Gowrie Preschool for 2016 are conducted online. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Education and Training Directorate website. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with either myself or Deputy Principal to discuss the school curriculum and tour the facilities at Gowrie Primary. This will give the parents and prospective students a feeling for our school and the community. Please phone the Front Office on 62057822 to make an appointment.

Movie Night
I am looking forward to meeting families at our first P&C fundraiser – an outdoor movie experience and BBQ on Friday evening from 6.00pm. If you haven’t already purchased tickets they will be available on the night so please bring your blankets and chairs and join us on the lawns outside Athlon Unit.
Cricket Pitch
After some years of development and fundraising the cricket pitch is being built. Previous money raised by graduating students, as well as current students, will be used to supplement P&C and school funds to finish the long awaited pitch. The pitch itself has been dug, and concrete will arrive soon to lay the base. Following the concrete a special rubber surface and Astro-turf with lines will be overlayed to complete the job. Upon completion Gowrie will invite special guests to officially open the cricket pitch with our students (both past and present). An official thank you to the companies and individuals involved with creating the surface will be announced soon.

Kind regards,

Gareth Richards
Principal

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WORLD AUTISM DAY
World Autism Day will be celebrated at Gowrie Primary School during week 9 on Thursday 2nd April. All students will be participating in a whole school Art Mural that will be displayed in the Athllon playground. This is a Uniform Free Day and students are asked to wear BLUE in support of people in the community living with Autism Spectrum Disorder. No gold coin donation is expected. Photos of the day will be published in the week 10 Gazette.
MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ACT Primary Concert Band 2015
We were very excited when we received a letter from Nadia Blackley, Principal – Instrumental Music Program (IMP) regarding the ACT Primary Concert Band for 2015. Each year students are selected to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Band made up from ACT public primary school Yr 6 IMP students. We would like to congratulate Ryan C and Kasinda J for their selection into the ACT Primary Concert Band for 2015.

Caroline Chisholm High School PRIME Program
Chisholm High School is offering nominated Yr 5/6 students from the cluster primary schools the opportunity to attend the Primary Ignite Maths and Engineering (PRIME) enrichment program focusing on mathematics and in term 2 the focus will be on engineering. The program will be held once or twice a term at the high school with experienced high school staff. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who excel in these areas to be extended and meet other like-minded students. Congratulations to Angus and Ryan C for their selection into the program!

Staff Professional Learning
Over the past few weeks teachers and learning support assistants have been meeting with their supervisors to undertake their Professional Pathways and Performance Management discussions. Staff have been attending a variety of professional learning opportunities to enhance teaching and learning including Sue Larkey – Autism, Case Conferencing, Supporting Students in Preschool and English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) training. Our executive teachers have been attending the Murrumbidgee Learning Academy (MLA), meeting other executive teams in Tuggeranong with a focus on the Response to Intervention (RTI) model and differentiated instruction at the classroom level.

External Validation 2015
Every four years schools are required to participate in an external validation process. Schools undertake a review of their progress over the four years and produce a Summative Evaluation Report. This year Gowrie will participate in this process and will complete self-evaluations using the National School Improvement Tool and the Safe Schools Audit Tool. Gareth and I have been attending a series of training sessions on the implementation of the Validation process and the National School Improvement (NSIT) Tool.

I will be leading the Validation Team to collect evidence and data over the last four years and prepare for the external validation panel visit in Term 3 where the summative report, the self-evaluations and associated evidence are presented, discussed and validated. This year staff, students and parents will be asked to participate in surveys and selected tools to gather evidence which will support the preparation of the summative report.
Parenting Seminar – Dr Justin Coulson
Dr Justin Coulson is offering a FREE Parenting Seminar for all parents of Tuggeranong Network Public School students on Thursday 30 April 2015 at Erindale Theatre at 6:00pm. Tickets can be ordered and collected from Richardson Primary School on Ph: 6142 3630. Please see the flyer attached to the Gazette this week for more details.

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal

BOOROOMBA NEWS

Parent/Carer Chats
This week we have been meeting with families/carers to have a ‘chat’ about how the preschool children are going. We are also sharing the children’s portfolios and encouraging parents/carers to look through both preschool classrooms and all the planning books. Please remember that you are more than welcome to browse through both rooms in the mornings and all planning books.

Hats
At the beginning of the year we had 4 spare preschool hats and now we are down to 1. Could children please bring their own hats thank you. We encourage children to leave hats at preschool in tubs. This ensures that all children have their hat for our time in the outdoor environment. Hats must be worn outside for the whole of terms 1 and 4. Even though we are having colder mornings, at this time of year beanies are not deemed to be sun smart for outside play.

Dramatic Play Rooms
We will also start looking at our dramatic play areas and will work with the children on changing these play spaces to inspire different creative and imaginative play. The Frozen Room has been a high light and it still manages to draw the children in, but it’s time for a change! The children will have input into what will be created next! You might like to talk to your child at home about ideas they can share with friends as to what we will change these play spaces to!

Easter Activities and Parade
Easter is around the corner and for many of us this means a time of celebration. We will be doing a few craft activities around Easter and will sing a couple of songs over the next two weeks. The Gecko children will be attending the Easter Parade next Tuesday and will need to make an Easter bonnet (or bunny ears!). The Rosella children are more than welcome to attend with parents and participate in the parade. All preschool children will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets. The SRC will visit the preschool each day to sell tickets. Parents/Carers, if you could please give the money for raffle tickets to preschool staff in the mornings, we will be able to assist the SRC with ticket purchasing.
Preschool Photos
Bec and Angela from the “Grin and Bare It” photography team were very impressed with how settled all the Gowrie preschool children were last week for preschool photos. We had plenty of smiles on the day. Photos will be distributed early next term.

Everyone Counts
As part of focus groups over the last few weeks we have been learning about our “Everyone Counts Values” and the children have been making connections from how we are safe at preschool with our school values. We have now set up a display in Play Room 1 to show case our Preschool Values. The children have also been working in small groups to establish how we are good friends at preschool. We have used books, songs, discussions and photos to develop a deep understanding about friendships and how to be a good friend.

Outdoor Environment
The preschool groups have been taking it in turns to plan the activities for our play and learning in the outdoor environment. The children are also assisting with the setting up of the outdoor play space and they are taking great pride in being advocates of their own play and learning. The children have been exploring the sheds with adults to have a look at all our wonderful resources and they go through the outdoor resource book to choose items to play with. The children have been extremely safe on the bikes, so next term we will look at obtaining a bike licence to ride the bikes around the whole yard and not be limited to the bike path! This will be an exciting time for all. The Adventure Packs came out last week and have been a great inspiration to the children’s imaginative and dramatic play. We have had children looking for tigers but finding leopards, going up snowy mountains to camp, hunting animals and searching for dinosaurs. At the moments items we have in the adventure packs consist of old mobile phones and cameras, maps, compasses, binoculars and walkie talkies.

Gowrie Preschool Teachers & Educators
K – YEAR 2 NEWS

The last fortnight has been very busy in K-2 with students working closely with their classroom teachers to reflect on their learning to date and complete self-assessments in preparation for their three way conferences next week. A huge thank you to all of the parents who have already booked a conference time slot for week 9. If you haven’t already done so, please return your booking sheet as soon as possible to secure your desired time!

To raise awareness and much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation, two very brave Gowrie staff members will be taking part in the ‘World’s Greatest Shave’. Please come along to the New Hall at 2pm on the 30th of March, to support Sheree O’Donnell as she parts with her long locks to donate her ponytail to be made into a wig and Andrew Jacobson who has volunteered to shave his head. If you would like to make a donation to the Leukaemia foundation there is a collection box in the front office, or alternatively you can visit the Leukaemia foundation website via this link: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Shereeodonnell

The SRC will be hosting a ‘Crazy Hair Day’ in support of this important event. Students are welcome to come to school sporting their wildest possible hairstyles and contribute a gold coin donation in support of the Leukaemia Foundation.

The excitement continues on Tuesday 31st of March when we hold our annual Easter Hat Parade assembly. Students are invited to demonstrate their creativity by decorating an Easter Hat to be worn and paraded at the assembly. The Easter Raffle will be drawn during this time and if your child has not yet purchased tickets they are available for sale at lunch time each day this week outside the Hub.

The Kindergarten children are very excited about hosting their first assembly for the year and we hope you will be able to join us on Friday 27th March from 12:40pm-1:25pm.

Kind regards,
K-2 Team
Lyn Cleaver (KC), Sheree O’Donnell (KO), Wendy Marlowe and Lucy Dom, (1/2MD), Julie Williams (1/2W) and Shannon Staszak (1/2S)

1/4H NEWS - Sensational Silkworms

The Sensational Silkworms have been working hard since our last Gazette entry. They have produced some great writing about our inquiry unit “What do the waves wash in?” They are identifying lots of sea creatures and have completed science activities about salt and fresh water not to mention our unique artwork. Please venture through the gate and have a look at our sea mural.
We have set up a Fish and Chip shop, Post Office and Bank in the classroom. The Fish Shop is selling hot chips, fish pieces and chicken nuggets, (but not doing a roaring trade). Hugo and Nicholas are thoroughly enjoying making letters and wrapping parcels in the Post Office. Children in 3/4P have been writing letters with us and they accompanied us to the post box to post them. 3/4P continues to join us for shared reading three times a week as well as help us develop our social skills. Ashley has blossomed confidently during Year 3/4 maths rotations.

Byron Harris has settled into our class beautifully. His social knowledge is a great support to our class and his love for dance and music make him a perfect mentor.

The Dazzling Dragonflies have started a new history unit. We have joined them to learn about things from the past. We are also joining their journal writing session on Monday mornings when Dean and Kyle are writing confidently about their exciting weekends. The boys in 1/4H Sensational Silkworms are all making ‘Good Choices’.

We hope you have a great week, Pip, Serina, Angela and Kim.

Kim Holgate
YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Whilst it is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of term 1, we are definitely not slowing down!

3/4 students are showing much excitement and enthusiasm in their learning over this terms IBIC unit ‘First Contacts’ Australian History. Students have been fascinated about life in 18th Century England for the rich and poor. We have learnt about and practised how to summarise information texts, put ourselves in the shoes of children in the 18th Century England and learnt that children as young as 4yrs old were sent out to work!!!

Next week (week 9) is three way conferences with teacher, student and parent(s). This is a great opportunity to come and set some learning goals with your child/children. During this week, 3/4 students are spending time reflecting on their work habits, writing skills, reading strategies, and numeracy skills; using self-assessment tools to create SMART (specific, measureable, accurate, realistic, time specific) goals. Students will discuss these goals at their conference. Time slots are filling up, so if you would still like to make a time, please return your child’s note by THIS FRIDAY 27th MARCH. If you need an extra note please ask your child’s teacher. Conferences can also be scheduled for a later date.

We now have a lovely blue tub, which is now becoming our Lambrigg lost property, this can be found in the Lambrigg courtyard. Please check there if your child has lost something and always remember to LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING!

Rostrum Public Speaking is coming up early in term 2 and there will be a note going home soon regarding preparation for this. It will be encouraged as a homework task during the school holidays, as it is part of the Australian Curriculum for speaking and listening.

At this stage in the term, we hope students have had a chance to set a homework goal with parents/carers. If any students would like to bring their homework into school, students can schedule a time with their teachers for a conference. During the conferences next week, we will be setting a homework goal with your child/children to develop organised work habits at home.

Kind regards,
3/4 Team
Liz Thompson, Sara Payne and Nicole Linsell.
LANYON NEWS REPORT
The Lanyon students visit the library for two sessions each week. The main purpose is to borrow books for their book boxes to use during “Read to Self” sessions. The students also participate in independent and shared reading and practice a range of reading strategies.

Mrs Duncan loves to share the new books she has ordered.

We are lucky to have such a wonderful library system which would not exist without the amazing people who help us organise it.

Students choose good fit books using the Ipick process. That way they enjoy every book they read.

Students love reading their books to teachers and LSA’s.

Lanyon has great listening skills and they enjoy listening to Mrs. Duncan talk about books.

Students love to read their books with their peers.

Students sharing interesting books they have read.

By Kasinda J and Calais F!

Students helping by re-shelving their returned books and participating in the borrowing system.
When school's out, the Y is in!  

ACT Public Service ANZAC Day Holiday, 
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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to **Ryan Crossling** and **Kasinda Johnston** who have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program’s Primary Concert Band in 2015. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music.

The Primary Concert Band is made up of students from ACT public primary schools in year six IMP classes. There are two Primary Concert Bands in 2015. These ensembles are directed and administered by the Instrumental Music Program and rehearse each school week at the Instrumental Music Program's Centre in Kaleen.

The bands will perform at school, community and directorate events throughout the year.

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**TUTORING FOR CHILDREN WHO STRUGGLE**

We help the children who struggle, or who have lost their confidence to get back on track. We are enthusiastic tutors with plenty of school teaching experience. We work with children from Year 1-10. We offer supportive, fun help for students who need encouragement. If your child is in need of some extra help please give Michael and Suzanne Clark a call on 0400 447 828 or find us at [www.bigimprovements.com.au](http://www.bigimprovements.com.au).

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**World’s Greatest Shave & Crop**

Show your support by coming to school with crazy hair and make a donation to help support the Leukaemia Foundation!

**Volunteers:** Ms. O’Donnell and Mr. J.I

**Where:** Gowrie Primary’s New Hall

**When:** Monday 30th of March at 2PM
Easter Hat Parade & Raffle

Date: Tuesday 31st of March (Week 9)
Time: 9:00am
Location: Gowrie New School Hall

*Note-
The Preschool class attending the parade will be the Geckos. Rosellas are most welcome to attend too, with their parents/carers.

Have fun making an Easter hat at home
and show it off at this year’s Easter Hat Parade!

Winners of the SRC Easter Raffle will also be drawn at this time.

Children may purchase Easter Raffle Tickets from SRC members outside the HUB during lunch breaks in Week 8. SRC members will also visit the Preschool each day to sell tickets during Week 8.

Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1.

Adults may purchase tickets from the Front Office before and after school during Week 8.

Donations Needed!
We are now accepting donations for this year’s Easter Raffle.
Easter chocolates, toys, baskets, cellophane or ribbon can be dropped off at the Front Office during Weeks 7 and 8.
Your donations are very much appreciated!
Hi Gowrie Community!

Thank you to all who attended our P&C meeting last week. Our next meeting will be held on the 12th May from 6:30-7:30pm – pop it in your diaries!

Thought we’d also introduce to you our P&C Office Holders for 2015 and their contact details – we’d love to hear from you!

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The P&C has made the decision to close down our Flexischools account by the end of this term. If you have any money still in your Flexischools account can you please take it out before then.

**Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**

Money and orders due back by 3pm on Thursday 26th
No late orders will be accepted.
Limelight Voucher for the family with the most orders!
Orders available for pick front the front office on Wednesday 2nd April between 2:30 and 5:30.

The Uniform Shop will operate on Monday mornings from 8.45-9.30 during term.
The Winter Uniform Pre-Order forms need to be returned to the front office by this Friday 27 March.
The Lake Tuggeranong Lions Club will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, from 10am at the Tuggeranong Homestead. Cost is $5 per child or $12 per family of three.
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!!
THIS FRIDAY!!!!
27 MARCH 2015

Support Gowrie Primary School!!
BRING ALL THE FAMILY!!!

WEATHER FORECAST IS A CLEAR EVENING.
DRESS WARM, BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND BLANKETS

GATES OPEN AT 6.00 PM THROUGH THE PRESCHOOL ENTRY
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Adult: $10   Children: $5
Family - 2 Adults and 2 children: $25
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