



Gowrie Primary School



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18 Nov	Book Fair Year 5/6 Seasons For Growth Program 2 – 3pm Preschool Tours For New Families 1 – 3pm Book Club Out
Thursday 19 Nov	Book Fair Kindergarten/Rosella Transition 10am
Friday 20 Nov	Kindergarten Assembly
Monday 23 Nov	Kindergarten Tours For New Families 2 – 3pm
Tuesday 24 Nov	Rugby Clinics K - 6

TERM 4 WEEK 6 NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

The end of the year is fast approaching. The Gowrie Primary staff are working very hard to continue comprehensive learning for all students and at the same time making plans for 2021. We are finalising teacher placements and student classroom placements. If you have anything you would like to discuss for 2021, please contact Angela or myself.

Classroom placements for 2021 will be communicated differently to previous years. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 will receive an email from the school in late January. The email will contain the class and classroom teacher of your child/children. We are expecting to communicate this information on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Again, if there are any concerns please see Angela or myself. School for students in Year 1 to Year 6 resumes Tuesday February 2, 2021. Kindergarten resumes Monday February 1, 2021. Further information around Covid - 19 restrictions and Day 1 2021, will be communicated as soon as possible.

We are pleased that the Year 6 graduation will be occurring on Wednesday 16th December 2020. The ceremony will be held in the school hall from 9am. Unfortunately, with Covid- 19 restrictions we must limit the ceremony to two visitors per student. The ceremony will be available to watch, the same as our assemblies, live streamed. The dinner will be held at the Canberra Southern Cross club for staff and students.

We are currently welcoming visitors from the Gowrie Preschool into our Kindergarten classrooms. The students are continuing their transition to Primary school, through participating in visits and Kindergarten activities. It is very exciting for the entire school to be working with our students of the future.

Your students will soon be receiving an end of year school report. This will include an A-E grade in subject areas. Please remember in reading the reports that a C is grade level. I encourage you to pay particular attention to the reporting outcomes as these are generated at the appropriate grade level against the Australian Curriculum, measured at the conclusion of the year. Please also acknowledge the efforts of your children in all areas.

Wednesday 25 Nov	Year 5/6 Seasons For Growth Program 2 – 3pm
	Preschool Tours for New Families 1 – 3pm
	Book Club Due
Thursday 26 Nov	Kindergarten Tours For New Families 2 – 3pm
Tuesday 1 Dec	Rugby Clinics K-6
	Canteen Christmas Special Lunch Day
Wednesday 2 Dec	K- 6 End of Year Concert (Virtual)
	Year 5/6 Seasons For Growth Program 2 – 3pm
Thursday 3 Dec	Year 6 Fun Day
Friday 4 Dec	Virtual Talent Show
	Home Readers Due Back for Stocktake
Monday 7 Dec	Library CLOSED Wk 9 & 10
Tuesday 8 Dec	Rugby Clinics K-6
Wednesday 9 Dec	Preschool Concert (Virtual)
Monday 14 Dec	Semester 2 Parent/ Teacher Interviews (optional)
Wednesday 16 Dec	Graduation Assembly & Dinner
Thursday 17 Dec	K – 2 Movie Excursion
Friday 18 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4
	Staff/Student Match

Forms & Documents

Graduation Events and Fun Day 2020 

Preschool Information for 2021 Students 

Kindergarten Information for 2021 Students 

Scholastic Book Fair 

K- 2 Limelight Cinema Excursion 

Lanyon Personal Development Information for Parents 

As Principal of Gowrie Primary, I am very proud of the journey of the school. In particular a positive culture and community spirit. School uniform is a very important part of our journey. Most students are looking fantastic in their Gowrie uniform, which they are wearing with pride. If having school uniform is a problem for your family, please contact me so that I can put the necessary arrangements in place to support your child.

As mentioned previously Mel's canteen is running very successfully from Tuesday to Friday. A gentle reminder to families about a suitable amount of money to send to school for over the counter sales.

Enjoy the remainder of the week.

Simon Smith
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Preschool and Kindergarten Tours

Due to COVID-19 we will not be hosting Preschool and Kindergarten Information sessions this year. Instead each family has been provided with an Orientation Pack to support their child for the new learning environment. Tours of the preschool or Kindergarten for new families are currently being conducted. If you would like a tour of the school, please book as soon as possible as places will be limited.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who have supported this year's Book Fair! The students have had a great time previewing all the books available and writing down their wish list! All payments can be made online. We wish to give a special thank you to Wendy Wheeler, our Library Resource Manager for coordinating this special event. This initiative will raise much needed funds to buy more resources for our library!

First Nations Bedtime Stories Challenge

The First Nations Bedtime Stories Challenge will take place from 16 to 20 November 2020. It is a unique way for all people to learn from and celebrate First Nations cultures. Join schools and communities from across Australia for a week of learning and sharing. Watch five Dreaming stories over five days, told to you by First Nations elders and knowledge custodians from Central Australia. Do it on your own, at home with your family, or at school. It's all online and it is free at <https://www.firstnationsbedtimestories.com/>

Calling all waste warriors! Enter the Recycling Truck Design Competition

ACT school students with a creative flair and passion for sustainability are invited to take part in a competition to design the artwork to feature on a new recycling truck and a mixed-use collection truck. The artwork must illustrate the importance of recycling or the importance of waste avoidance to help conserve our precious natural resources.

Download an entry form at

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/design-comp> and submit your artwork by 6 December 2020. The winners will receive an iPad mini.

Kindergarten Health Check program for vision and hearing

Angela Georgopoulos

Deputy Principal

The SRC are proud to announce another competition for Gowrie Primary. Gowrie is a PBL school which means we focus on **Positive Behaviours for Learning**. To help us promote positive behaviors that help us be the best learners we can be Gowrie needs a PBL mascot. Students are invited to design a mascot who is an Australian animal and loves to help the environment. Entry forms are with teachers and the entry box is at the front office. The competition closes on November 30th and we look forward to seeing all of the creative and interesting entries from our Gowrie kids.

The SRC are committed to caring for our environment. We have been recycling cans and are pleased to announce we have made \$79.10.

Congratulations to all the entrants in the spooky story competition. There were a frightening amount of quality entries and it was a chilling experience reading them all. All of the entries will be displayed in a book in the library. The winners from each unit were: -

Athlon - Amelia R
Gulla-Gulla - Danielle C
Lambrigg - Amber D
Lanyon - Owen G
Brindabella - Mia L
Teachers choice - Darcy R

Attention

Gowrie

**PBL Mascot Competition
2020**

Design a mascot to represent Gowrie Primary. Your mascot must be:-

- an Australian animal
- care about protecting the environment
- promote the Gowrie values

Great prizes to be won and join the teachers on the naming committee!

**See your teachers for entry forms.
Entries to the mascot box in the front office.**

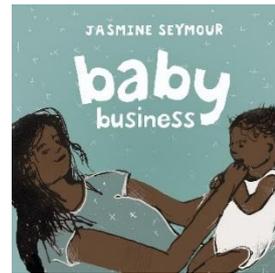
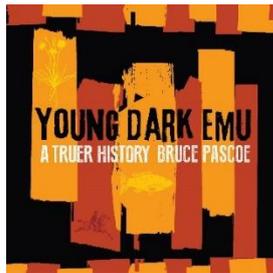
**Due - Monday 30th November
GO GO GOWRIE GREEN**



Thank you, Rowena, for all of your wonderful work around our school!

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week was our focus last week, with the library displaying a range of fiction and non-fiction books celebrating Indigenous heritage and achievements. Many of these books have only been published within the past year and are not only filled with important teachings but beautiful illustrations. Two books within our NAIDOC Week Display were winners in the recent Children's Book Council of Australia Awards celebrated during Week 2.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Lots of excited students have been browsing the Scholastic Book Fair this week, with books appealing to all ages and reading abilities.



Look out for the purple Wish List Payment slip your child brings home this week. Go to

www.scholastic.com.au/payment to arrange payment and highlight the books you've purchased. Your child then returns the slip to school and can pick up the books from our display (if available) or they will be ordered.

Don't forget our Book Fair is not only a great way of expanding home libraries but also benefits our school library. The school hopes to sell 300 books this year.

A full list of the books available for purchase can be found at <https://bit.ly/P23969> GPS

Happy reading,

Wendy Wheeler

Library resources Manager



Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of this fortnight's Merit award recipients. Certificates will be given out in assembly on Friday.

CLASS	AWARDED TO
ATHLLON	
KG	Lincoln S & Thomas K
KH	Sonny O & Beilla T
GULLA GULLA	
LAMBRIGG	
3T	Ronin M & Imogen B
3/4W	Noah R & Azara B
3/4M	Gus F
4S	Cheyenne A & Marley H
LANYON	
5/6H	Ashlyn N & Ava T
5/6W	Taylah W & Connor P
5/6M	Dean V
BRINDABELLA	
K-2L	Jonathan K
ARTS & LANGUAGE	
JAPANESE	Yasmin N & Amaya W