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REMINDEERS

- 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 14th March 2015.

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
MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Meccano Program
A huge thank you to Jim Mills, Trish Reeve and Brett Garritty for volunteering to support the implementation of the Meccano Program at Gowrie. Bob Greene from the ACT Volunteers in Schools Program will explain the program and train our volunteers. The program will begin on Thursday at 2:00 – 3:00pm. If you are interested in joining these volunteers, please ring and leave your details at the front office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Swimming Carnival
Last Monday K – 6 students had the opportunity to participate in the school Swimming Carnival at CISAC. This carnival is important in the school sporting calendar as it allows Yr 3 – 6 students to participate in a variety of events and post times that may qualify them to compete in district and ACT carnivals later in the year. The K – Yr 2 students had a wonderful time enjoying the whirlpool and a variety of fun water activities, while the Yr 3 – 6 students enjoyed novelty events and the waterslide. Thank you to Sharon Weickhardt for her outstanding skills in organising the Swimming Carnival this year and to the teachers and parents who attended. Your enthusiasm and support of our students is always appreciated!

PIPS testing
All students in kindergarten were involved in the PIPS reading and numeracy in week 3 to assess their current competence in both these areas. This year was the first time the testing was completed through an online portal. Thank you to Lyn Cleaver, Sheree O’Donnell and Angela Batchelor for implementing the testing. Strategic programs will be developed for students following examination of the results. Parents will also receive a printout of the results.

Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Meetings
This week I spent time meeting with parents and teachers to develop Individual Learning goals for some of our children across the school identifying SMART goals. These goals are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound. Staff are working to develop a process where every child in the school has a personalised learning goal. I will keep you informed as we continue to develop this process to ensure a continuing improvement in outcomes for all our students.

Preschool Sub-committee Meeting
I attended the first Preschool Sub-committee meeting for 2015 which was held on Monday 6 March. Congratulations to the parents who were nominated for the following roles:

Chair: Stephanie Pasfield
Secretary: Mel Oxman
Treasurer: Casey Thompson
Fundraising coordinators: Tina Critchley and Rebecca Lowes
Book Club coordinator: Lyn Dawson

Thank you to Karen Williams who attended the meeting and her continuing commitment to support the fundraising efforts at preschool. Please come along to the next preschool meeting in early term 2 and be part of the wonderful preschool community.
Three Way Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
This year the K – Yr 6 parent, student and teacher conferences will be held in Term 1, Wk 9. The Three Way Conferences provide an opportunity for sharing achievements, reflecting on progress, and planning goals for the next phase of your child’s learning as well as strategies to support your child’s learning in the areas of literacy and/or numeracy. Parents will soon receive an invitation to attend the three way conferences. We look forward to seeing you there!

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
To support families of a child with a disability or special needs and to assist in the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the Education and Training Directorate and outside providers are holding training and information sessions for parents and carers. The following conference may be of interest:

NDIS: Change, Challenge and Choice Conference 23-24 March 2015
With a focus on the ACT, this will be the most comprehensive and practical conference on the NDIS that has been held in Canberra. The Conference will be held on 23-24 March 2015 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra City. You will hear about the NDIS experiences of people with disability, carers, family members and disability service providers from the Victorian, NSW and ACT trial sites, and hear from the NDIS experts. This conference is open for those who are eligible for the NDIS, a family member, carer, disability support worker or disability sector professional. You must register to attend. To register go to: www.ndis-conference.com.au/

Assembly 1/2
I am looking forward to meeting you at our next school assembly on Friday 13 March hosted by our wonderful 1/2 classes. If you would like to volunteer your services to enhance the school curriculum, programs or activities please contact us through the front office.

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal

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Booroomba News
What a busy few weeks we have had at preschool! Time is flying by and the children from the Rosella and Gecko groups have been doing lots of wonderful learning through play.

The children have enjoyed exploring our outdoor learning environment in this glorious weather and have engaged in some exciting dramatic play scenarios! We have had some fantastic fishing adventures, some courageous superhero rescues, exciting camping trips and some scary dinosaur treasure hunts in the big wild forest! The bikes have just been introduced into the play space recently and the children are really enjoying riding around the bike track. We are thrilled to report that there has been some great turn taking and bike safety going on at Gowrie Preschool! It has been a wonderful experience to observe the children in their outdoor play and watch the formations of friendships as their confidence at preschool grows!

At preschool we have an open door policy and welcome parent comments and participation at all times. There are so many ways that we can foster the lines of communication between home and school. We may catch you after the preschool session, call you for a chat or make an appointment time to discuss things with you. As well as these informal catch ups, there are scheduled times that we will have the opportunity to sit and talk with you about your child and their participation in the preschool program. Parent Chats are coming up soon where you will be able to visit us to catch up and see how your child is going at preschool. We should have our first few items in children’s portfolios for you to take a look at too! More information will be coming out soon so stay tuned!

We are lucky to have many support service here in the ACT, some of which are the Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy Drop-In Clinics. These free clinics provide an opportunity for parents to drop in with their child to have any movement or speech concerns assessed by a therapist. For further information about the Drop-In Clinics you can visit http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/therapy_act/drop_in or come in and collect the printed information from us at school. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s development, please feel free to approach us to discuss them and we can work with you to identify services available in our local area.

Next week we will be having our Preschool Photos taken. If you have any questions please pop in and have a chat to the staff. Envelopes may be returned to preschool staff or the front office. Please note that all money is kept at the front office and not at preschool.

We hope you have a wonderful week and we look forward to sharing the new adventures with you that we come across this week!

Preschool Team

K – Year 2 News
It is wonderful to see students actively engaged in their learning. Students are settling well into learning routines. Teachers have been busy collecting and analysing student data and work samples to personalise learning and target each student’s next step of learning in reading, writing and numeracy.
We are just completing our Inquiry unit, ‘Everyone Counts at Gowrie.’ Our core values reflect our belief that “Everyone Counts” and this message is strongly supported across the school. The values taught will underpin learning throughout the school year. Social skilling is an integral part of our teaching program in the early years. Through role play, puppets, song, dance and circle time discussions we encourage children to work harmoniously together throughout the school day. Many structures are in place to ensure that school is a socially positive environment for the children.

Our new Inquiry unit will be, ‘The Past in the Present’ where the students will learn to recognise and appreciate history and investigate differences and similarities between their own lives and life in the past.

Our K-2 students are enjoying their self-selected reading texts. It’s wonderful to see the smiles of excitement as students select their book of choice. They are learning to select ‘Good fit’ books to best suit their reading needs.

Homework begins this week with a focus on reading. The students will choose a selection of books to take home for the week. These can be read by the student, to the student or with the student. The aim is for the students to have a positive experience with books and reading. Homework will be given out each week on your child’s library day and we are asking that it is returned the very next library day.

Year One and Year Two are looking forward to hosting this week’s assembly. We hope you are able to join us.

Thank you,

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)

KB News
Hello families
We hope everyone relaxed over the long weekend and enjoyed the gorgeous, sunny days.

KB is progressing through the term very well with the children working diligently on our focus topic “My life at Gowrie”. The children are gaining a good understanding of school/class rules, routines and procedures.

The class all appear to be enjoying the weekly swimming lesson at King’s Swim School. There have been no signs of anxiety and they are all managing to dress themselves efficiently with little assistance.

Some reminders:
  • ILP meetings are Thursday this week.
  • Library day is Thursdays. Children require their books and a durable library bag.
• It is extremely important that all children revise sight words and do their home readers every day at home to move smoothly to next levels. Please sign your child’s reading log book each night so we can track their progress. Readers are changed weekly.
• Please ensure your child is at school at 9am ready to begin our literacy rotations.
• It is assembly week this week at 12.40pm in the new hall

Angela Batchelor, Sharon Lewis and Serina Jones.

**Year 3/4 News**

During weeks 5 and 6, the 3/4s have been continuing to develop their writing skills. The students are writing some super sentences by adding details to describe their nouns and verbs in more interesting ways. 3/4 have also been ‘tuning into interesting words’, a strategy we all use when we come across a new/unknown word when reading or learning about new topics. The students are all eager to have a go at inferring meaning for these interesting words, and then using a resource to find the actual meaning. The students enjoy being able to use these new words in their writing too!

3/4 math’s groups are also well underway; students are developing mental computation strategies and learning about how the four operations work together. All students have been allocated their Mathletics log on and each group have set specific tasks for what they are learning. We have also started our class math strand working on measurement; and are experimenting with different units of measurement. We are quite good at estimating!

Homework was sent home a fortnight ago along with the semester overview. Students should be setting homework goals with parents for reading, writing and Mathletics; these goals can be written into student homework books and reflected upon by parents and students at a later date. Homework does not need to be returned until the end of term, however if students need to speak to their teacher about homework they may speak with their teacher during a conferencing session one-to-one.

It was fantastic to see so many students having a go at the swimming carnival last week, along with many parent helpers. Huge congratulations to all students who demonstrated fantastic Gowrie manners and values during the day showing just how wonderful our Gowrie students really are!

3/4 Team
Lanyon News Report

Maths
In Lanyon for maths we do different activities including problem solving using the Think Tank program. The students pick a problem card and choose the right operation to solve the problem. We have also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been working on the meaning of each individual shape and have also been investigating corners, edges and polygons as well as many other things. We have also been working on our multiplication process. Each student has selected an individual goal related to times tables and during the maths session they work their way through a range of activities including flash cards with partners. Then the teachers would conference with us to check if we are ready to move onto our next times table goal.

Swimming Carnival
On Monday the 2nd of March Gowrie Primary students went to CISAC for their annual swimming carnival. After everyone had arrived we started the swim test which included climbing into the pool, swimming 25m, treading water for 2min and climbing out of the pool. Based on your ability you would get a red, yellow or blue band. After the swim test we did novelty events where we split into 4 groups and rotated through a variety of interesting and difficult activities that different teachers ran. Then we sat back into our house groups and started a cheering competition. When the races began it was very intense and there was a lot of cheering. It was great to see the kindergarten students at the swimming carnival for the first time. After all the races we had free time and we were able to use the slide and the whirlpool where the water was surprisingly warm.

A big thank you to Mrs Weickhardt for organising the day and to all the staff, parents and house and vice captains for helping the day go smoothly.

Writer’s Notebook
This year Lanyon is working on a Writer’s Notebook. The purpose of a Writer’s Notebook is a book which allows students to express their thinking in words and pictures. So far we have described characters and what we think about them, what we see about them and their emotions e.g. happy sad or mad and all other feelings.

A Writers notebook is feelings and thoughts on a page. There is no wrong or right with a Writer’s Notebook because it is a place for drafts and ideas for stories. You can continue on with whatever idea you want and evolve them into a creative piece of published writing. We look forward to sharing our writing with you over the term.
Throughout the term year 5/6 have been focusing on the Gowrie counts values for peer mediator training. We’ve been participating in role plays to train us in solving minor problems within the playground. The first stage of peer mediator training is finished and you will be seeing us on the playground for the rest of the year. As part of our team building we have been playing a co-operative game called Newspaper Race where you get into groups of three and use two newspapers to get to the other side of the basketball court. The teams with the best cooperative skills won the race.
**Easter Hat Parade & SRC Raffle**

**Date:** Tuesday 31st of March (Week 9)

**Time:** 9:00am

**Location:** Gowrie New School Hall

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 during lunch breaks in Week 8.

**Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1.**

Adults may purchase tickets from the Front Office before and after school during Weeks 7 and 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!

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**GOWRIE P & C ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**Monday 16th March 2015**

**6:30-7:30pm in the Library**

All Parents and carers are invited to attend the next Gowrie P&C General Meeting. Please come along and find out how you can be involved in in Gowrie PS Community.

We are still looking to fill vacant P&C positions for this year:

- **Uniform Shop Manager**
- **Fundraising Coordinator**

Please register your interest by coming along to the meeting or contacting our President Jodie Garrity at jodie.garrity@humanservices.gov.au
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.
It's time to fly high with the Calwell Swans in 2015!

AFL is an exciting fun filled game for boys & girls from ages 4-12 years old!

All First year players receive a FREE UNIFORM!

REGISTER TODAY!

Visit: www.calwellswans.com.au
OR contact Mark at calwellswans@gmail.com

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Play AFL with the Mighty Tuggeranong Bulldogs in 2015!

The club all about fun, community and fair play for kids aged 5 - 12.

Visit: www.tuggeranongbulldogs aflcanberra.com.au
Email: Kristie at bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au

New Player registration $90.
Includes free shorts, socks, drink bottle and backpack.

Returning players! Sign up a friend and go into the draw to have your rego refunded.

Come and have a chat at the Lanyon Shops rego days on Sunday 28 Feb, 1 Mar and 8 Mar 10.00-2.00 or try AFL at our season launch on Saturday 14 March at Gordon Oval off Heidelberg St (behind the Lanyon Vikings Club)

THE MIGHTY BULDOGS!
40 YEARS ON...STILL GOING STRONG!
Save the Date!!
FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015

Support the Gowrie Primary School Movie Night!!
BRING ALL THE FAMILY!!! (nan and pop too)

PG rating - “An epic adventure of a group of hero's with extraordinary powers. When an evil spirit known as Pitch lays down the gauntlet to take over the world, the immortal Guardians must join forces for the first time to protect the hopes, beliefs, and imaginations of children all over the world.”

Gates Open at 6.00 PM
Movie Commences at 7.30 PM
P&C BBQ

Ticket Prices
Adult: $10  Children: $5
Family - 2 Adults and 2 children: $25

Tickets can be purchased on Friday 13th and 20th March between 8.45am - 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm at the front office. Alternatively you can also return this form and the correct money to the front office. Tickets will then be issued. Tickets will not be available for purchase on the night.

Gowrie School Movie Night – 27th March 2015

Name: ________________________________ Phone: ______________

Adults at # _________ $ ________ Family $ _________

Children at # _________ $ ________ TOTAL $ ________

Thank you