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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 29th July	Year 1 Science Inquiry Incursion 9.30am – 11.00am
	Kindy Science Incursion 12.00pm – 1.25pm
	Scholastic Book Club Out
Thursday 30th July	Free Dress Day Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser
Friday 31st July	Virtual Assembly Year 3
Monday 3rd August	Board Mtg 5.30pm P&C Mtg 6.30pm
Tuesday 4th August	Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion 12.00pm – 1.25pm
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Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers

I'm excited to welcome all our staff and students to Term 3. As we start the new school term, it's important to acknowledge the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing and this will be reflected in the way our school operates in Term 3.

On the advice of the Chief Health Officer, the ACT Government has paused its easing of restrictions and as a result we will remain at Step 2.2 of the COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap for Schools until health advice changes.

Restrictions in ACT public schools will remain as they were during the last two weeks of Term 2 and include:

- Students across all years will continue with on-campus learning.
- Students vulnerable to COVID-19 will continue to be supported with remote learning.
- Schools will continue to limit the number of adults on school grounds – parents and carers should avoid entering the school building where possible.
- Where scheduled events are planned (such as one on one parent-teacher interviews and small assemblies) parents can attend the school, however physical distancing and hygiene requirements must always be adhered to by adults.
- Records will be kept of visitors entering the school.

We will keep you informed of any changes to the easing of restrictions and what they will mean for our school.

Cleaning of high frequency touch points such as door handles will continue across the school both during the day and out of school hours, and we will continue to provide sufficient soap, paper towel and hand sanitiser for students and staff.

The ACT Government has updated a COVID-19 Public Health Direction, which legally requires anyone who has been in affected locations identified by NSW Health to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date they were in the following locations, even if they do not have any symptoms. At this time, these locations are:

Scholastic Book Club Due

Kindy Science Incursion
12.00pm – 1.25pm

Monday
10th August School Satisfaction Survey Opens

Tuesday
11th August Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion
12.00pm – 1.25pm

Wednesday
12th August Year 1 Science Inquiry Incursion
9.30am – 11.00am

Friday
14th August Virtual Assembly
Year 4

Monday
17th August National Science Week

Lolly Jar Guessing Competition (Year 6 Fundraiser)
ALL WEEK 5

Tuesday
18th August Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion
12.00pm – 1.25pm

Wednesday
19th August Year 1 Science Inquiry Incursion
9.30am – 11.00am

Tuesday
25th August Author Visit
Samantha Tidy
K-2

Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion
12.00pm – 1.25pm

Wednesday
26th August Year 1 Science Inquiry Incursion
9.30am – 11.00am

Friday
28th August Book Swap
Virtual Assembly
Year 2

1. **Batemans Bay Soldiers Club** – Monday 13 July, Wednesday 15 July to Friday 17 July
2. **Crossroads Hotel in Casula** – between Friday 3 July to Friday 10 July.
3. **Planet Fitness in Casula** – between Saturday 4 July and Friday 10 July.
4. **Picton Hotel in Picton** – on Saturday 4 July, Sunday 5 July, Thursday 9 July or Friday 10 July.

You can find more information and updates on the ACT Government [COVID-19 web page](#).

If your child/children have been in any of these locations, you will need to follow the health advice and self-isolate for the required period. Please contact the school to let us know if your child won't be attending school.

We understand that this is a challenging time for our school community and that children may experience increased anxiety. It's important we all take time to focus on our wellbeing and the wellbeing of our families during this time. The Education Directorate has compiled a range of useful wellbeing resources for students and families which can be accessed via this [link](#).

Canteen

I am pleased to announce that Gowrie Primary, will again be opening the School Canteen. The Canteen will be open on Wednesday's, Thursdays and Fridays. The planned opening date of the canteen is Wednesday, Week 4, 12 August.

The canteen will be privately run by Mel Donnell. The canteen will be called Mel's Canteen. Mel currently is already serving 3 other schools in Canberra. She has created a very exciting menu for us here. Further information on how to order will be forwarded shortly.

Thank you again for all your support through this difficult time.

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message

SEAACT Science and Engineering Fair 2020 18 -19 September 2020

The 43rd annual Science and Engineering Fair is now open. All students from preschool to year 12 can design and develop their own science inquiry projects or as part of a group or as a whole class activity. The Science and Engineering Fair is an engaging and authentic way to immerse your students in problem-based learning while also covering the Australian Curriculum for Science and/or Technologies. All entries are due on the weekend of **18 - 19 September 2020**. They can be completed and submitted digitally through the SEAACT website or physical projects can be delivered to Alfred Deakin High School. Projects will be judged according to year level and ability. Finalists will be invited to attend a prize ceremony at CSIRO Discovery where cash prizes will be awarded to students who have developed outstanding inquiry projects. To find out more, visit the SEAACT website.

Fred Hollows Humanity Award for Year 6 students

The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for nominations for the annual Fred Hollows Humanity Award, which recognises Year 6 students who demonstrate compassion, integrity and kindness towards others. Previously a student from the ACT was nominated for teaching himself AUSLAN to communicate with a profoundly deaf classmate. All nominees will receive a certificate and be recognised at a virtual presentation ceremony, with a special guest, later in the year. Each state and territory will also recognise a Junior Ambassador who will be able to extend their humanity by allocating \$5,000, donated by the award's charity partner Specsavers. Parents, teachers, principals and members of communities around the country can nominate a child who is making a difference at the Fred Hollows <http://www.hollows.org/fredhollowshumanityaward> before Friday 11 September.

COVID-19 translated resources and support services

Reaching people who speak a language other than English with vital public health information is essential to protecting our school communities as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The ACT Government has partnered with SBS Australia to deliver essential information about COVID-19 in Canberra, available on the [COVID-19 website](#).

SBS also have a Coronavirus Information Portal. This includes [videos in 59 languages](#) explaining essential health information, and a growing suite of [infographics and posters](#) in more than 60 languages, clearly communicating and breaking down key COVID-19 messages. The site provides up to date information as well as links to news and reporting from across the world including radio and podcasts. Visit the Connect in Canberra [webpage](#) to find a list of services and programs currently available to support ACT multicultural community and please support the community by widely sharing information about the availability of these resources.

Community Services Directorate's Winter Wonderland Activity Packs

Are you feeling the chill of Winter yet? Get cosy and ring in the cold months with our Winter Wonderland Community Activity Packs, sponsored by Carers ACT. Included are many fun, winter-y activities as well as educational content on the critical role of carers in our community, such as:

- Make your own snowflake
- Know your neighbour
- Carers ACT Information Sheet

Every person can make a contribution to our community, so share your Winter Wonderland creations with us at @communityservicesACT. You can find the link to the pack here:

<https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/connect-in-canberra/canberra-connected-community-resource-packs>

Intentions for the 2021 School year

We are in the process of planning for next year. If your child will NOT be attending Gowrie Primary School in 2021 please email gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au. (This excludes year 6 students.)

Angela Georgepoulos

Deputy Principal

Congratulations to everyone who participated in 'Pyjama Day'. Everyone enjoyed dressing in their cosy clothes for the day from students to teachers.



The SRC will continue to support the school to be green. SRC students are on the lookout for the tidiest unit to receive the Green Truck to display in their classrooms.

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted as their class Reps for Semester 2: -

Eloise Craig - KH
Indianna Blayden - 2B
Mitchell Jaques - 2B
Suraya Boyce - 3D
Azara Broomhill - 3/4W
Cheyenne Archer - 4S
Josie Makella - 4S
Sean Campbell - 3/4M
Bianca Londero - Brindabella
George Botting - Brindabella

Thank you to those students who have decided to continue in the SRC for Semester 2.

Free Dress Day

There will be a Free Dress Day on Thursday 30 July for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Graduation.

Free Dress
Day Thursday
30th July
Gold Coin
Donation

School Satisfaction Survey

2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- a letter about the student survey asking whether their child may participate during class
- time; and
- an email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey.

Parents who do not receive the emailed link may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese. Email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Reading Challenge

The Chief Ministers Reading Challenge ends this Friday. If students could please bring back their reading recording sheet by Friday. I hope students have enjoyed reading different texts and genres. It is a great way to celebrate the love and joy you get from reading different texts.

Year 2 News

In year 2 we are SUPER excited to begin our new science unit where we will be investigating pulleys and levers which a theme of castles overlaying the unit. We have staff from the Centre for Innovation and Learning sharing their expertise in this area weekly. We can't wait to share our experiments with you.

In literacy we are commencing a unit on persuasive writing. We will be looking at the way advertisements are used to persuade shoppers and creating our own items to sell. I wonder if we can convince you to buy our products.

Our home reading program continues so please continue sending in your home reading folders and contact your classroom teacher if you require a new folder. Home reading is a great way for our students to practise their phrasing and fluency when reading to family members.

2B said farewell to Mr Benjamin Vance who was completing his internship with Mr Bond. Mr Vance was a real asset to our unit and will be missed. We wish him all the best with his final semester of university.





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	Ari H & Isla W
KH	Cedric R & Haylie G
GULLA GULLA	
1F	Avah L & Will C
1PH	Erica R & Isla O
2B	Marwan H & Catherine B
2M	Gemma D
LAMBRIGG	
3D	Anthony N & Ella M
3T	Jack G-W & Noah J
3/4W	Neave G & Lewis L
3/4M	Lachlan R
4S	Hannah W
LANYON	
5/6H	Ava Tr & Lana R
5/6W	Hunter V & Mahlia M
5/6M	Dean V
BRINDABELLA	
K-2L	Kai L
4-5B	Grace F
ARTS & LANGUAGE	
JAPANESE	Ari S & Olivia C



Mathletics Awards



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

 **GOLD** 

Oliver B
Danielle C
Sophie L

 **SILVER** 

Ethan B x 3	Alana C x 2	Dean D	Edmund G
Oliver B x 2	Danielle C x 2	Zach F	George G
Billy B	Gemma D	Lucy F	Anna G
George B	Jozeph D	Mason F	Isabelle G
Eva B	Patrick D	Claire G x 2	Laila H
Lily K-G	Joseph K	Sophie L	Euan M
Oscar M	Darcy M	Oscar N	Lucy O
Lucy P	Hamish P	Charles R	Alex R
Kaelan S	Amelia W-W	Angus W	



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Starts

Sunday 16th August

3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 + 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

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