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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 12th Aug	Lanyon Science Incursion 9am-11am
	Year 1 Science Inquiry Incursion 9.30am – 11.00am
Friday 14th Aug	Virtual Assembly Year 4
Monday 17th Aug	Lolly Jar Guessing Competition Year 6 Fundraiser (ALL WEEK)
	NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK
Tuesday 18th Aug	Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion 12pm – 1.25pm
Wednesday 19th Aug	Lanyon Science Inquiry Incursion 9am – 11am

TERM 3 WEEK 4 NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of week 4 the school continues to be positive, with students engaged in their learning. A highlight of my day is visiting classrooms and the playground and observing the students following the Gowrie Values of Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner.

The **COVID-19** situation in the ACT remains positive, with zero cases and an announcement late last week that there would be an easing of some further restrictions for Canberra businesses. These restrictions don't directly impact on schools. There has been no change to current COVID-19 restrictions in schools. Schools will continue to limit the number of adults on school grounds, but where scheduled events are planned such as one-on-one parent/teacher interviews or small assemblies of less than 100 people, parents can attend the school. It remains important that records are kept of visitors entering the school so contact tracing can occur if required. Any further changes will be considered in line with COVID-19 restrictions across the broader Canberra community and on the advice of the ACT Chief Health Officer.

Today we opened the school Canteen for the first time in over 12 months. The Canteen will be open on Wednesday's, Thursdays and Fridays. The canteen is privately run by Mel Donnell. The canteen is called Mel's Canteen. Mel currently is already serving 3 other schools in Canberra. She has created a very exciting menu for us here.

The Drop Off and Set down areas in the school car park continue to run smoothly. I would like to thank everybody for their patience and efforts to ensure that the system is smooth and efficient. As always student safety is our priority.

Finally, a reminder to all students, that any valuables including mobile phones and any other electrical equipment, should be handed to the front office staff on arrival to school and collected at the conclusion of the day. This will ensure the safety of all equipment throughout the day. However, we encourage students to leave their electronic belongings at home. The only exception to this is if students have specific permission/ arrangements with their classroom teacher for educational purposes. We also encourage students to leave toys at home to prevent the loss or damage of them.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Simon

Year 1 Science
Inquiry Incursion
9.30am – 11.00am

Monday
24th Aug

Questacon
Incursion K-6

Tuesday
25th Aug

Author Visit
Samantha Tidy
K-2

Wednesday
26th Aug

Year 2 Science
Inquiry Incursion
12pm – 1.25pm

Lanyon Science
Inquiry Incursion
9am – 11am

Friday
28th Aug

Year 1 Science
Inquiry Incursion
9.30am – 11am

Book Swap
Virtual Assembly
Year 2

Monday
31st Aug

School Satisfaction
Surveys Close

Tuesday
1st Sept

Year 2 Science
Inquiry Incursion
12pm – 1.25pm

Wednesday
2nd Sept

Lanyon Science
Incursion
9am – 11am

Year 1 Science
Inquiry Incursion
9.30 am – 11.00am

Monday
7th Sept

Board Meeting
5.30pm

P & C Meeting
6.30pm

Deputy Principal's Message

Tuesday 8th Sept	Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion 12pm – 1.25pm
Wednesday 9th Sept	Lanyon Science Inquiry Incursion 9am – 11am Year 1 Science Inquiry Incursion 9.30am – 11am Preschool Play and Chat Virtual
Thursday 10th Sept	Learning Journey & Art Show 3pm – 5pm VIRTUAL
Tuesday 15th Sept	Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion 12pm – 1.25pm
Wednesday 16th Sept	Lanyon Science Incursion 9am – 11am Year 1 Science Incursion 9.30am – 11am
Thursday 17th Sept	Crazy Hair Day Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser
Friday 18th Sept	Before You Know It You'll Be A Poet Performance K-6 Incursion 12pm SEEA Science & Engineering Fair
Tuesday 22nd Sept	Year 2 Science Inquiry Incursion 12pm -1.25pm

Author Visit

Book Week for 2020 has officially been moved to October this year however at Gowrie we will still celebrate with an Author Visit. The K – Year 2 students will have Canberra Author Samantha Tidy visit them on Tuesday 25 August. Samantha is the author of *The Day We Built the Bridge and Our Bush Capital*. A big thank you to Wendy Wheeler, Library Resources Manager for her organisation of this incursion.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – Free & Frequent Rewards

Regular staff meetings throughout the year are used to identify and refine our expected behaviours in all areas of the school to ensure that we are working collectively as a school community to instil the positive behaviours in our students of We are Safe, We are Respectful and We are Responsible Learners. This term we are focused on our free and frequent reward system on our playground. Students receive a ticket on the playground from the duty teacher for displaying positive behaviours and this is added to a box at the Front Office where a tally is kept. If the students receive more than 300 positive tickets the students are rewarded with extra playtime at the end of the term.

Week in term 3, with our author visits.

Science and STEM Inquiry Units – Term 3

Paula Taylor, Assistant Director, The Academy of Future Skills has developed exciting and highly engaging, hands on Science and STEM inquiry units for Term 3 for K – Yr 6. Paula and the team are mentoring and coaching our staff and students with specialist lessons, use of science equipment and digital resources. The students will also be celebrating National Science Week (15 – 23 August) <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/> and students are encouraged to enter the SEEA Science and Engineering Fair due 18 – 19 September 2020.

National Science Week - Young Stars program - Measuring gravity across the ACT, with kids aged 6+

The 'Young Stars' program is running a free community science experiment in National Science Week on Saturday 22 August, 1-3 pm, for kids aged 6+ living in the ACT. Since 2016, the program has brought together more than 50 kids to explore the worlds of astronomy, astrophysics and science on ANU Campus.

During Science Week, Young Stars will host an online DIY experiment to Measure gravity across the ACT using simple pendulums. To register for this exciting family event please go to the [Measuring Gravity event link](#). All apparatus for the experiment will be provided to registered participants. Please note, parental supervision is required to avoid hazards related to small parts.

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

Gowrie News

Forms & Documents

Year 5/6 Numeracy Extension Program 

Kindergarten Health Check Information 

Lanyon CIL Excursion Permission Note 

Preschool Hatching Chicks Term 3 

Readers Cup Competition – Expression of Interest 

Gulla Gulla News

1HP and 1F have had a very exciting start to term 3. We have started our new inquiry unit on science, where we are learning about light and sound. We are very lucky to have Mrs Taylor visit us and help us conduct experiments. So far, we have experimented making various sounds with maracas. We have explored pitch by making our own box guitars and began to learn about sources of Light.

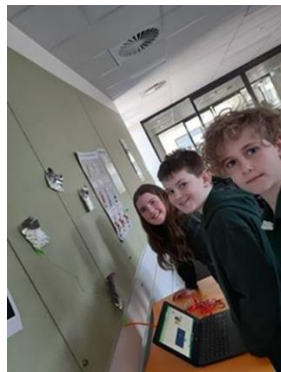
We have changed our spelling groups to be across the two year one classes and have been focusing on differentiated sounds for each group. Everyone is very excited to get a chance to have different peers in their group.

In maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. We use lots of hands on manipulatives such as counters to make learning interesting and engaging.



Lanyon News

Year 5/6 Students learning about electrical circuits using 'Makey Makeys' at Munnga-Iri Jingeer centre for innovation and learning.



Week 4 sees the Library shine a spotlight on Canberra and why we're so lucky to live here. Classes have enjoyed reading Samantha Tidy's picture book, "Our Bush Capital". Its rhyming verse is accompanied by beautiful illustrations, reminding us of the iconic places which make Canberra unique.



Gowrie's History Trivia competition G BAG (Going Back At Gowrie) is in full swing with interested students reading up on the school's past from the weekly display in the library. So far students have answered questions on the school's original uniform, canteen and buildings. This week it's all about the staff, some who've been at Gowrie Primary for more than 15 years!

Happy reading

Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager

In Brindabella this term exciting things are happening. Mrs Lawrie has broken her back and is having Wednesday's off. This means that K-2L are in their peer classes on a Wednesday doing exciting things like science and maths.

In our classroom, we have been focusing on narrative writing. We have looked at the structure of writing narratives with a focus on fairy tales.

First, we read the Gingerbread Man. We looked at the action words (verbs) and nouns. We rewrote the story together as a class and designed our own gingerbread men.

On Friday, we cooked gingerbread and had our foxes eat it all up in a roleplay of the story.



We moved onto the three little pigs, walking about the structure of the story. Who the characters were, what happened first, what happened next, and how the story ended. We loved role playing this story and discovering how the characters felt.



This week we started to write our own fairy tale. It's called the Princess and the Troll. We will draw the pictures and make it into a book for our class.

Here is the story written by our class.

The Princess and the Troll

Once upon a time, in the Kingdom of Brindabella, there was a good King called Ray.

He had a daughter, a beautiful princess named Amy.



One day, Amy decided to walk in the forest and got lost. She ran into a big, green ugly troll with sharp teeth and a spiky club. This troll was angry.

“What are you doing in my forest?” He asked, and he locked her in a cave.

King Ray was sad. He asked Sir Terry to help.

“I can't face the Troll on my own,” he said.



In a twinkle of stars, the Good Fairy Galinda appeared. “I will help you,” she said, and waved her magic wand.

She turned two little mice into brave wolves.

The first one, David was black with red eyes and a white tail. The other wolf, Charlie was orange, with pink eyes and a black tail.



Sir Terry, Charlie and David went into the forest. They defeated the Troll and saved the princess. When they returned to the Kingdom of Brindabella, they all ate pink ice-cream

And they all lived happily ever after.

The End.

-Ali, Anna, Narella and Maureen (K-2L)



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	Toby S & Daniel T
KH	Liara G & Cooper V
GULLA GULLA	
1F	Noah S & Felix N
1PH	Patrick D & Joon V-C
LAMBRIGG	
3D	Cara J & Min V-C
3T	Kalyrah C & Dean D
3/4W	Alex M & Deklan S
3/4M	Darcy R
LANYON	
5/6H	Amber W & Daigo T-E
5/6W	Lizzie R & Charlet B
BRINDABELLA	
K-2L	Jonathan K
4-5B	Andrew L
ARTS & LANGUAGE	
JAPANESE	James M & Amelia W-W