What's On At Gowrie!

FEBRUARY

February 9th-16th
School Board Nomination

February 13th
5/6 Assembly NEW TIME 12:40pm

February 18th
School Photos

February 16th
Book Club orders due

February 18th
Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.00pm

February 19th
Preschool Open Classroom 9:00am

February 23rd
Open Classrooms (Meet and Greet) K-6

February 23rd
8:30am – 9:30am

February 23rd
P&C AGM meeting 6.30pm

From week 2 the Gazette will come home fortnightly on the even weeks of term (2, 4, 6, 8, 10).

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE – YMCA Program

Before School Care 7:30am – 9:00 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 ***

~CANTEEN IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE~
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to all returning and new students, parents and carers, staff and community members to Gowrie Primary School in 2015. It has been terrific to see so many smiling faces as students and teachers alike re-engage in learning across the school setting. It is a very exciting time and I look forward to beginning and developing partnerships with students, parents, carers, community members and staff to enable the very best learning outcomes for all students at Gowrie.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself as the new Principal at Gowrie Primary School. I appreciate the feelings of confusion within the community as Gowrie has turned over three Principals in the last twelve months but would like to assure you that both myself, Gareth Richards, and Angela Georgopoulos (newly appointed Deputy Principal) are here to stay.

Students, staff, parents and the greater community have made both Angela and I very welcome and we look forward to building positive relationships and adding strength to our Gowrie community.

The front office team in 2015 will comprise Ms Meryn Cashmere, Mrs Sharon Ives and Mrs Alison Newhouse who will join the team from week four. Mr Frank Maynard will continue in his role as Building Services Officer (BSO).

The executive team will comprise Ms Angela Georgopoulos (Deputy Principal and executive teacher for preschool and special needs education), Ms Wendy Marlowe (Executive Teacher - Professional Practice and K/1/2), Mrs Sharon Weickhardt (Acting Executive Teacher - 3/4) and Mr Andrew Jacobson (Executive Teacher - 5/6). This talented group have been supporting and working with our staff throughout last week as we participated in professional learning and planning as a whole staff.
The current staff arrangements for 2015 are as follows:

**2015 Staff - Gowrie PS**

Preschool  Ms Amanda Horne / Mrs Rene Garland

Geckoes / Rosellas
Athllon Batchelor  Ms Angela Batchelor

LSUA (KB)
Athllon Holgate  Mrs Kim Holgate / Ms Pip Douglas

LSUA (1/4H)
Yamba  Mrs Fiona Barron

LSUA (4/6B)
Learning Support  Ms Kim Tucker
Centre (K/6T)
Kindergarten KC  Mrs Lyn Cleaver
Kindergarten KO  Ms Sheree O'Donnell

1/2MD  Ms Wendy Marlowe / Mrs Lucy Dom
1/2W  Mrs Julie Williams
1/2S  Ms Shannon Starzak
3/4L  Ms Nicole Linsell
3/4T  Ms Elizabeth Thompson
3/4P  Miss Sara Payne
5/6W  Mrs Sharon Weickhardt
      Ms Kirsty Noad

5/6W  Mr Andrew Jacobson
      Ms Kristy McCumiskey

Japanese/Band  Mrs Leanne Thomas
Art  Mrs Sue Collings
Library  Ms Gill Russell
      Mrs Sylvia Hodgkinson

EALD / Release  Mrs Rene Garland
LSUA  Ms Pip Douglas

**Learning Support Assistants**

- Ms Leanne Brown [Preschool Educator]
- Ms Angela O'Hare
- Ms Narelle Rundle
- Ms Sharon Lewis
- Ms Wendy Wheeler
- Ms Jayne Jones
- Ms Serina Jones
- Mrs Amanda Walmsley (LSC)
We will be seeking parent/carer/community representation on our school P&C and School Board in the coming weeks. If you require any information regarding nominations please see the front office staff.

As we progress into first term we will look to reactivate our school canteen. Unfortunately it will not operate until further notice. On a more positive note the YMCA offers a before and after school care program at Gowrie Primary. Please contact the YMCA for more information on their website or drop in to visit the friendly team for enrolment forms.

Students are supervised by the school staff from 8.40am on the playground and should not be on the grounds unsupervised before this time. The school is again operating the Breakfast Club from 8.40am at the Canteen for any students wishing to participate. If your circumstances require additional care before 8.40am then the YMCA before school care program can provide this support.

I welcome your feedback and suggestions and value the partnerships we share in education. All the very best for the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Gareth Richards
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am very excited about my appointment as Deputy Principal at Gowrie Primary School. During my first few weeks at Gowrie I have had the opportunity to meet with various members of the school community and have been impressed with the commitment of teachers, parents and students who are passionate about further enhancing the teaching and learning at Gowrie and creating a vibrant school environment for all. I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Gowrie for their support and lovely manners of all the students since my arrival.
Community Calendar
This week you will receive the community calendar for term one. Please make note of all our important dates for term one especially our whole school photos on Wednesday 18 February and our Meet and Greet Open Classrooms K - 6 on Thursday 19 February where teachers will give you a detailed overview of their teaching program for 2015.

Lunchtime Clubs
This week with the newsletter you will receive an overview of the lunchtime clubs and activities that are being offered during term one. Clubs will begin in week two. Please place the flyer on your fridge and remind and encourage your child/ren to attend clubs. If you or your child have some great ideas about new clubs we could offer in the future, please contact your child’s teacher.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal

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Beginning of the Year...

What a beautiful start to the preschool year the Gecko and Rosella children have had. They have been exploring their environments and already playing together. We cannot believe how quickly they are settling into preschool routines.

Over the next few weeks we will continue to establish routines and rules for safe play and moving throughout the different environments during the day. Once the children are confident with these routines we will focus more on creating areas of interest for children to learn and explore.

Please remember to read the information on the display boards, the outdoor term calendar and the easel for important information relating to what’s happening! Our planning books are up and running and are situated on the tubs (for the outdoor environment) and near the carpet area (for the indoor environment). You are always welcome to look through these books and add your comments and suggestions.

Spare Clothes...
We also encourage all children to have a spare set of clothes and underwear to leave in their school bags. If families have any spare clothes, under wear and shoes they would like to donate to the preschool “spare clothes” collection, these will be accepted happily!

Water bottles and hats...
Just a friendly reminder to make sure your children have their water bottles and hats every day. Hats stay in tubs until the end of each term, when they go home for washing. Please remember we only drink water at preschool.

Snack Boxes...
Please remember that only small containers, snap lock bags and brown paper bags (all labelled with your child’s name) go into the snack boxes (on Wednesday and on full days). Large lunch bags/boxes remain in school bag’s.

Wednesday Routines...
On Wednesday’s the groups will be alternating between Play Room 1 and Play Room 2 each week. Please check the display board closest to Play Room 1’s entry to check what room your child is in. We will start our visits to the school library later in the term.
Thank You...
We thank Owen’s dad, Chris, for providing us with an additional CD Player. This was kindly donated to us by Chris and the Good Guys Team. We are extremely grateful to have another CD player to use.
We would also like to thank Jai and Maxine for donating books and flash cards to our collection of resources.

School Photos next Wednesday...

Please note that our participation in school photos next Wednesday is purely for record purposes. We do not receive copies of the preschool class photos. We have the “Grin and Bare It” Photography company coming in Week 7 to take our class photo and individual portraits. More information will go home in the next few weeks regarding our preschool photos.

Preschool Open Morning...
Next Wednesday from 9 – 10am we will be providing preschool parents with opportunities to come and join us for a play and chat in the outdoor environment. A hand out will be provided to further explain what we do during our preschool day! It will elaborate on the types of activities we do, our focus groups and our planning books. We hope you can pop in to spend some time with us and have a play with your child.

Preschool Team Teachers/Educators
We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new and returning families for 2015. The teachers have been very impressed with how well the children have settled into their new class groups for this year. Last week all classes were very busy, getting to know each other, discussing class/school rules and getting down to some very productive work. Thank you to parents for assisting your children in being organised for the beginning of the school year.

Our Open Classrooms morning will be held on Thursday 19th February between 8.30 and 9.30am. We invite all parents and carers to come along to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, receive information about your child’s class for this year, and ask any questions. Following on from this will be an information session on how to help your child with reading for those parents who are interested. This will be held in the teacher’s conference room from 9.30 -10.00am.

The PIPS (Performance Indicators for Primary Students) testing will be administered to all Kindergarten students in weeks 3 and 4 of this term. Please inform your child’s teacher if you know in advance of your child being absent any time during this period, so we can ensure they complete the assessment. Results from the PIPS assessment will be sent home to parents at the end of term two.

A reminder to bring in your child’s stationery book pack ASAP, as the students have already begun to use the books and stationary supplies.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher at any time if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. We hope to see many faces at our Open Classrooms Morning.

K-2 Team
Lyn Cleaver (KC - Clever Caterpillars),
Sheree O’Donnell (KO - Brilliant Beetles)
Shannon Staszak (1/2S - Brainy Bees)
Julie Williams (1/2W - Dazzling Dragonflies)
Lucy Dom & Wendy Marlowe (1/2MD - Amazing Ants)
Welcome Families,
KB have settled into the 2015 school year very well with only a few tears. The children are working to produce some lovely quality work already and are following class rules and routines nicely. The children have been participating in many assessments to assist with future goals and outcomes we anticipate will be achieved.

The staff in our room this year are Angela Batchelor (teacher) and our learning support assistants are Sharon Lewis (Mon-Thurs) and Serina Jones (Fri).

Here are a few reminders to remember:
- swimming is on Tuesdays and children need to have a booster seat which can be left at the school and wear swimmers under uniforms.
- each morning at 10am we have healthy snack. This can be a piece of fruit, a vegetable, yogurt or cheese. No unhealthy choices will be allowed at this time.
- drink bottles need to have water only.
- home readers and sight words will be coming home this week please take the time to help your child with their reading each night.
- library day for our class is Thursday, please provide a suitable bag.
- PIPS testing of all Kinders starts in week 3. A note will come home explaining what this is and the process involved.
- please take the time to check the Communication book that travels between home and school each day as it may contain important information you need to know. We ask parents to initial under any staff entries so we know you’ve seen them and we will do the same.

I will be absent from 18\textsuperscript{th}-24\textsuperscript{th} February inclusive and Rachael Lee will be taking the class for that week. Rachael is an experienced special needs teacher who will do a great job.

We look forward to working in partnership with you for the 2015 school year.

Angela, Sharon and Serina
KB staff
Ashley, Kyle, Hugo, Nicholas and Dean have had a fabulous start to the year. Their eagerness to learn has delighted Angela and I. We have started the year learning the processes to complete tasks independently. The boys are happily working through their visual schedule by finding their correct folders, completing the work inside and commencing the next task. It makes Angela and I very proud to see the achievements they have made in a week.

In our classroom we have an ice-cream parlour to purchase ice-creams and ice blocks. The boys have learnt scripts to purchase the food as well as serve in the shop. Dean particularly enjoys the shop role play. I think the boys are also enjoying eating the ice-cream with chocolate being the definite favourite.

Part of the program in our class is to develop an awareness of events happening in our community. Presently, we are learning about the customs of people during Chinese New Year. The boys are reading lots of books and making decorations for the Chinese restaurant in the room. Ashley is Managing the restaurant, serving customers, Nicholas is budgeting well, Hugo is perfecting his chop stick skills while Kyle enjoys drinking tea.

This week our Year 3/4P Buddies came up to read with us and investigate the room. Our class enjoyed showing them how to investigate the beach and sea area, purchase ice creams and play co-operatively in the construction and transport areas. It was a successful afternoon for all the students.

I would like to thank Angela for her support and guidance during my first week at Gowrie, I'm excited to be here and we have a fantastic class of boys to work with.
Welcome all 3/4 Lambrigg families to the 2015 school year. All 3/4's look like they've had a great holiday and are already getting into their learning! Throughout the first week, we have already been hard at work in the classroom setting up routines and structures. The students are really enjoying their daily reading program 'Read to Self' which gives students the chance to practice their reading stamina and independence. We have also discussed how to pick a good fit book using the acronym IPICK (I - I choose a book, P - purpose, I - interest, C - comprehend and K - know all the words).

Each week, all 3/4 classes will be going to the library to change over books and find new Good Fit Books for read to self times. Students are also encouraged to bring any books to school that they have at home for read to self time.

There are still a few students who do not yet have a book pack. If possible, students need to have book packs at school by the end of this week as they need certain materials for their learning. If there is any problems with this, please speak to their your child’s teacher as other arrangements can be made.

This year, the assembly day and time has been changed to Friday's at 12:40pm. To let you know in advance, year 3/4 will be hosting the week 4 assembly on Friday 27th February. It would be fantastic to see as many parents/carers there as possible as the students showcase some of their learning at this assembly.

We believe in consistent communication between teacher and parents and therefore, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your child. Below are our email addresses if you would like to arrange a time to talk about your child’s progress.

3/4P - Miss Sara Payne
sara.payne@ed.act.edu.au

3/4L - Miss Nicole Linsell
nicole.linsell@ed.act.edu.au

3/4T - Miss Liz Thompson
elizabeth.thompson@ed.act.edu.au

We look forward to a fantastic year with Lambrigg 3/4's!

Kind regards,

Sara Payne, Nicole Linsell and Liz Thompson
Year 3/4 Teachers
Welcome to Lanyon news report where the students bring the news to you. It has been a great first week and the students are all looking forward to a challenging and exciting term.

Last week in Lanyon the students began to form Lanyon committees. There are many different committees for students to be a part of including catering, sports, school environment, student support and technology. Committees are Lanyon students’ way of giving back to the school. Please remember to bring your book pack supplies to school because the students have started to use them for their work. If you don’t have your supplies it will be difficult to complete your work.

Lanyon is hosting the first assembly of the year on Friday 13th of February at 12:40 in the new hall. We look forward to seeing you all there. There will be several very exciting things happening and you will get to hear some important messages.

Gowrie meet and greet will be held on Thursday the 16th of February 8:30-9:30am. Please come up to visit Lanyon as the students and teachers would love to show you what the students have learnt so far.

Kasinda Johnstone and Calais Fisher (on behalf of the Lanyon Gazette Committee)

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**WE CAN EMAIL YOUR GAZETTE TO YOU!!!**

If you would like to be put on our mailing list for the Gowrie Gazette could you please provide us with your email address:

Name: _________________________________

Student Name: _________________________  Class: ______

Current Email Address: ________________________________
IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL?

WINTER COMP! [March-August] Saturday mornings at Calwell Netball Courts.

Gowrie Gumballs have been playing Netball at the Calwell Netball courts for the last 3 years. We have had a mix of both boys and girls. Is your child interested in playing this winter?

We would like to get enough players for two teams if possible! Boys & Girls! If there is enough interest we may put in a 3/4 team and a 5/6 team.

Please register your interest at the front office.
If you have any questions please call Tania on 0403 193 534

HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Friday 13th February 2015
National Hockey Centre, Lyneham
5pm-7pm

Saturday 14th February 2015
Tuggeranong Hockey Centre,
Tuggeranong
10am-2pm

For more information:
Call—6257 2374
Visit—www.hockeyact.org.au
OPEN
Gowrie Primary School 2015
School Board Elections

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Gowrie Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the school board. No Prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- President
- 1 x Parent Representative
- 1 x Teacher representative

Nomination forms can be picked up from Gowrie Primary Schools front office during normal business hours 8.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday or request one to be emailed or faxed to you.

Nominations must be submitted to the front office between 11am, Monday 9 February 2015 and 11.00am, Monday 16 February 2015.

Nominations can be submitted by:

- Hand delivery to the schools front office
- Emailed to gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au
- Fax: 62057825
- Mail: Gowrie Primary School Jeffries St Gowrie 2904
ALLERGIES AT GOWRIE
Gowrie is a “Nut Aware” school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year Gowrie has a number of students who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts and tree nuts (cashews, pistachios, hazelnuts and almonds). We are asking that you consider this when packing your child’s lunch and recess.

Spreads such as Nutella and Almond Paste could set off an anaphylactic reaction in some students which may require the use of an EpiPen and an ambulance being called. Please read labels on muesli bars and look for nut free items where possible.

Thank you for your support in this matter

Meryn Cashmere
Gowrie School First Aid Officer

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club is back with new format brochures. Extra brochures are available at the front office.

Our school and preschool earn 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders that can then be used to order books for the Library or classroom resources to benefit all the children. Book club orders are due back Wednesday 18th February.

If you have any queries regarding book club please leave your details at the front office and I will contact you.

Lyn

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is up and running again for 2015 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from the school canteen.
In week 4 uniforms lists will be sent home. If your child/ren need any new uniforms this form will need to be returned and paid for by the end of week 6. The uniforms will be then be ordered through suppliers and ready for collection by the end of term 1.
We want you for the CCS Board!

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of CCS, you should nominate for a position on the CCS board. No prior experience necessary.

The following positions are vacant

- 2 staff member positions
- 1 parents and citizen member positions
- 2 student members

One of these people elected will also have the opportunity of become the CCS School Board Chair.

Once nominations are open you will be able to pick up a nomination from the CCS Junior and Senior Campus front office during normal business hours (9am to 3pm Monday to Friday), or request one to be emailed or faxed to you.

Nominations must be submitted to the front office between **11am Monday February 2nd 2013 – 11am Monday 16th 2015.**

You can submit your nomination by:

- Hand delivery to the box at the CCS Junior campus or senior campus front office.
- Email to info@chisholm.act.edu.au
- Fax to 02 6205 7290

For more information contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Josie O’Connell on 61423533
If you’re aged between 5 to 14 years old and want to play footy in 2015 then...

In 2015 the Tuggeranong Lions continue our ongoing commitment to provide the boys and girls of Tuggeranong and surrounding areas with a family oriented, friendly, and fun Aussie Rules footy environment.

If you’re looking for a great experience this winter, meeting new friends and learning new skills then visit our website.

For information on the 2015 season including registration, training times and fees visit our website or contact us.

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Alison Newhouse
Gowrie School First Aid Officer

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**Piano Lessons available at Gowrie Primary**

Hi, my name is Giselle Roberts and I teach piano at Gowrie Primary School. I am a qualified music teacher who has been teaching piano using the traditional method for over 25 years.

I am also a certified teacher of the ‘simply music’ piano method which is an Australian-developed ‘playing based’ method that has beginning students playing great-sounding pop, blues, classical and accompaniment pieces from their very first few lessons!

I have only a few vacancies for private lessons for Term 1, so please get in touch with me soon if you would like to enrol your child in lessons.

For further information, please contact

**Giselle Roberts** B.Ed (MUS), AMUSA, LMUSA

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groberts@grapevine.com.au.

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