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TERM 3 WEEK 4 NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 5 th August	Pirates of Penzance Excursion
Friday 6 th August	4S Assembly 12.40pm
	Gowrie Cup Presentation
	Chief Ministers Reading Challenge forms due back

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Principal's Message

Wednesday
11th August

Kenny Koala Visiting
Preschool
9.30am

SRC and Band
Photos

Aura Parker
Author visit
K – Yr 3

School Music Bus
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Yr 5 Combined band
at Fadden School
12.30pm – 2.00pm

Friday
13th August

Pyjama Dress Up Day
Yr 6 Graduation
Fundraiser

Monday
16th August
to
Friday
20th August

SCIENCE WEEK
Food Different
by Design

Wednesday
18th August

School Music Bus
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday
20th August

KH Assembly
12.40pm

Dear Parent and Carer's

Hats on/ Sun smart

Gowrie Primary is a recognised Sun Smart school. As such we adhere to the Sun Smart policy. Within the policy it states sun protection is required for part or most of each day between August and May. The end of May is 'Hats Off Day' whilst the beginning of August is 'Hats On Again' for all of us. We will have a 2-week grace period where students will be reminded by staff to wear hats. After this period all students will again be expected to wear hats.

Keep your child home if they are sick

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Restrictions are still in place - including in our schools - and we all need to be vigilant. This includes not sending children to school sick.

If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child is unwell at school, you will be asked to collect them.

It is important that we limit the spread of disease during this pandemic. By doing the right thing you can help keep Canberra COVID safe.

Sign In

Thank you to all visitors for signing in using the QR code found on all entrances to the school. We will continue to ask adults – parents, carers and visitors to use the Check In CBR app when they enter school grounds. The general rule is that if leave your vehicle and enter school grounds, find a QR code and check in.

PA System

Thank you to all families who made payment of the voluntary contributions. Because of these contributions and a significant donation from the **school P&C**, the school has been able to instore a new state of the art sound system in the hall. This includes a drop-down screen, several portable microphones, blue tooth and wireless computer connection. The students and teachers are very grateful. If you would still like to pay your contributions, please contact the front office.

SRC

On Friday the 23rd July at the Gowrie assembly we acknowledged the semester 2 Student Representative Council. These students were voted in by their peers to represent their class and bring forward ideas to enhance Gowrie Primary. Congratulations to all the students selected. I would also like to acknowledge all students who had the courage to nominate for these positions.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

Celebrate Principals' Day 2021 – Friday 6 August 2021

On Friday 6 August 2021, we invite you to acknowledge the dedication and contribution that our School Principal, Simon Smith makes to our school community. During the COVID lockdown periods, we have all developed a new appreciation of the value of schools in our local community and in the lives of our students. Through all the ups and downs, each and every day Principals have gone above and beyond, showing dedication and commitment to supporting staff, nurturing students and leading their school. We ask that you take a moment to consider our Principal's unique place in our school community and take the opportunity to celebrate Principals' Day on **Friday 6 August 2021**, and say THANK YOU!

[School Poster – Principals' Day 2021 \(991 kb PDF\)](#)

Jack Heath – Author Visit

Jack Heath is the bestselling Canberra author of more than thirty action-packed books. He wrote his first novel in high school, and it was published while he was still a teenager. Since then his work has been translated into several languages, shortlisted for many awards and optioned for film and television. His enthusiastic presentations have helped thousands of kids get hooked on reading. Jack visited Gowrie and presented his tips and tricks for great writing to the Yr 4 – 6 students! We are looking forward to enjoying their writing inspired by Jack Heath!!

School Satisfaction & Climate Survey – your feedback can make a difference!

Each year all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 are invited to give feedback through the School Satisfaction & Climate Survey. This feedback helps us to understand the impact that our schools are having on the young people of our community.

The 2021 survey will be available online from 13 August to 3 September. This is your opportunity to have a say about your satisfaction with public education. A letter with a code will be sent to all families with details on how to participate. [Learn more about the survey.](#)

Winter Walk to School Week

Ride, walk, scoot or skate to school during Winter Walk to School Week from **9 to 13 August**. You can incorporate physical activity into your daily commute to school for a healthier lifestyle. You are encouraged to not only participate during the week but to make active travel a lifestyle even during the winter months. Here are some handy tips to help get you started:

- Be prepared – check the forecast the night before.
- Layer up – make sure you're wearing gloves, scarf, beanie and lots of layers!
- Take a hot beverage – have a hot drink in a thermos ready for when you arrive.
- Get a buddy – team up with family/friends/neighbours to walk or ride too. Using a buddy system is not only motivating but creates a safer environment.

ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards 2021

The NEiTA Foundation, through its ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards, has been providing an annual teaching awards program for the past 25 years. This program offers a formal way to Australian and New Zealand communities to publicly recognise and applaud their inspirational educators, teachers, principals and centre directors. The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards are unique; they are the only national teaching awards where nominations are made by parents, students, and school communities—making these the 'people's choice' teaching awards. Nominate an inspirational teacher at

<https://www.asg.com.au/about-asg/neita>

Nominations close on 18 August 2021.

Angela Georgopoulos

Deputy Principal

2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **13 August to 3 September**. 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 and carers will receive:

- A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the Front Office.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, 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>

Gulla Gulla News

Term 3 has brought the beginning of our science unit 'Water Conservation'. We have been learning about the water cycle and are able to explain how water moves through the stages of evaporation, condensation, precipitation and accumulation. We have made our own visual representations of the water cycle, showing how the sun plays a crucial role in the system. We have also been talking about how water cycles through plants and animals. We collected leaves and put them in clear airtight bags. We have demonstrated 'transpiration', where leaves sweat and lose moisture to the environment. We could see water collecting inside the plastic bags. This week we are excited to make terrariums to demonstrate the water cycle in a closed system. We will be able to see evaporation and condensation in action!



This term's writing focus is information texts. The students in year 2 have chosen an animal of special interest to them and are currently working hard on researching the appearance, diet and habitat of their animal. We have been looking at a range of information report examples and are now able to recognise the features and purpose of this text type. Each student will publish their own information book to share their knowledge about their chosen animal. We have also been enjoying working on creative writing with our amazing year 4 buddies.



In maths we have been consolidating our ability to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. The students enjoyed constructing shapes with paddle pop sticks and playdough.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting events throughout the term. The junior school expecting a virtual author visit in the near future and our swimming program will be a fun and valuable break from routine.

Brindabella News

Olympics comes to Brindabella

With the Olympics finally underway in Tokyo, Brindabella students have been learning about the history of this event, countries who participate, athletes, and the various sports included.



Our literacy blocks have been focused on research skills and writing information reports, on countries and athletes.

We have been participating in our own version of the Olympics with modified events and even had an opening ceremony lighting the Olympic Cauldron



Each student is participating as the country they have researched. We are looking forward to see who brings home Gold, Silver and Bronze in their events.



At Gowrie Primary we have students who suffer from Anaphylaxis. Some students are allergic to various food products. Others, particular insects such as bee stings. As a result, Gowrie Primary is a nut aware school! Please be mindful of all students and don't send nuts or nut products in student's lunches.



LOST INSTRUMENT

If anyone has found a clarinet, could they please hand it into the front office.

It was in a beige bag and has the students name it.



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	Oliver L	Hamish M
KH	Sofia A	Boston S
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Eloise C	Cedric R
1HD	Indi A	Daniel T
2B	Edmund G	Isla O
2M	George D	Avah L
LAMBRIGG		
3D	Lucas N	Phoebe N
3T	Lia D	Blake H
4S	Alex M	Joshua R
4W	Toja G	Charlize H
LANYON		
5/6B	Jessica P	Lukah S
5/6H	Olivia C	Lizzie R
5/6HA	Isaac A	Logan N
5/6W	Mylo H	Hamish S
4-6M	Caleb S-G	
BRINDABELLA		
K-3L	William G	
5-6Ba	George B	
ARTS & LANGUAGE		
JAPANESE	Owen F (5/6HA)	Haylie G (1HD)
ART	Mylo H (5/6W)	Blake H (3T)



Step Into the Limelight art exhibition is still on until Sunday the 8th of August @ M16 Gallery 21 Blaxland Crescent Griffith.

www.m16artspace.com.au

Come along to support our Gowrie contribution to this exhibition that celebrates public education.





Father's Day is fast approaching, a time to honour and thank those special dads and father figures in our kids' lives, for all that they do.

The Gowrie P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall on Friday 3rd September. For preschool students, the stall will be held on Wednesday 1st September.

This will run a little bit differently to the Mother's Day stall. There will be no pre-ordering or pre-payments. One gift can be chosen per student, to ensure everybody has an opportunity. While payment is not required, cash donations of up to \$5 per gift to cover the P&C's costs, will be gratefully accepted on the day.

- ✓ **One gift per student**
- ✓ **No need to pre-order**
- ✓ **Cash donation on the day (up to \$5)**

We look forward to helping the students select a fun gift to help make Dad's day special!

We always welcome volunteers. If you are able to assist with running the stall on either day, please contact Natalie - natalie.roseworn@gmail.com



Keep our kids safe at sporting events

Play by the rules when parking at ovals and sporting venues.

Parking inspectors will be patrolling local sporting events throughout the year to keep our future athletes and Olympians safe. Break the rules and you risk a fine.

Don't park on footpaths, across driveways, no stopping zones, no parking zones, bus zones or in disabled parking spaces.

Can't find a park? Be a sport, park legally and venture further afield.

You'll be keeping us all safe and it will be good for your fitness too!

Please also remember to treat our parking inspectors with respect.

Like umpires on the field, they are enforcing the rules to keep us all safe. To report unsafe and illegal parking call 13 22 81 or visit [Illegal parking](#).