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GAZETTE Week 4, Term 1



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Calendar

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week 4 of the term. Students and teachers have settled very well into their classroom learning given the very trying circumstances. We thank all families for their overwhelming support.

Parents and Community (P&C)

On Monday 21 February, the school held its annual general meeting for the P&C. At this meeting all executive positions were declared open. The P&C had interest in all positions. Final results and contacts will be published next week when voting concludes. Thank you to all who attended the meeting. It is very exciting to hear the ideas and positive drive that the P&C has for Gowrie Primary for 2022 and beyond.

On behalf of all students and staff I would like to thank all the executive position holders for 2021. It was again a difficult year, however the committee worked hard to ensure improved student outcomes. A special thanks to Tina Hansen who has established and run the school uniform shop for 6 years. Tina has successfully sourced and supplied quality uniforms for all students. As a result of Tina's work over the years the school always looks school proud wearing high quality school uniforms. Thank you, Tina for all your efforts and we wish you and your family well in the future.

COVID-19 –

Information for families

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

- If your child tests positive with a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT):
 - they should isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance on the [COVID-19 website](#), and
 - register their positive RAT result with ACT Health using the [online form](#), and
 - tell your child's school if your child was at school during the time they may have been infectious.

- Registering a RAT result using the [online form](#) means ACT Health can contact you and provide further information and support if required.
- If your child has tested negative with a RAT but has ongoing COVID-19 symptoms, they should have a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should follow the guidance for people with [COVID-19](#). If the PCR test is negative, they may return to school when they are well.

Household (high risk) contacts

- If your child is in quarantine because someone in your household has COVID-19, they cannot attend school during the quarantine time period. They are required to quarantine as a household (high risk) contact.
- As a [household \(high risk\) contact](#), it's important that your child stays in quarantine for the full 7 days, even if they have returned an initial negative COVID-19 test during this time.
- Once your child has completed their quarantine period, they can return to school, if they:
 - do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, and
 - have had a negative exit quarantine test. Information about children and COVID-19 is available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#)

COVID-19 vaccines COVID-19

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years of age

- Children aged 5 to 11 can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Children will get 2 paediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine, 8 weeks apart.
- Walk in appointments are currently available the AIS COVID-19 vaccination clinic. The AIS Arena COVID-19 vaccine clinic is open every day from 8am and 8.30pm (last walk-ins at 7.30pm).

- If you'd like to make an appointment, please call the vaccine booking line on (02) 5124 7700, between 7am to 7pm, daily (online bookings using MyDHR are unavailable for children's COVID-19 vaccinations).
- If you'd like to book your child in for their COVID-19 vaccination at a GP or pharmacy, use the Vaccine Clinic Finder:
<https://covidvaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>
- If you are unsure about vaccinating your child, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional to make an informed decision about their health.
- More information and resources about COVID-19 vaccinations for children can be found at: www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinechildren

Boosters

- Boosters are recommended for everyone aged 16 and over who received their second dose more than three months ago.
- A booster dose will give even more protection from severe illness with COVID-19.
- Appointments are readily available at ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinics by calling 5124 7700 or going online and using [MyDHR](#).
- You can also get your booster from your local GP or pharmacy using the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination Day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community – Sunday 27 February 2022

ACT Health will be hosting a vaccination clinic for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their families on Sunday 27 February from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Boomanulla Oval, Goyder St, Narrabundah.

Anyone aged 5 years and above can get vaccinated on the day. Vaccinations are free and bookings are not required.

Please share this information with your community. More information is in the attached flyer, or visit ACT COVID-19 website page [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Aboriginal Advisers at covid19heccloaboriginalandtorresstraitislander@act.gov.au.

- [Flyer Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination Day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community – Sunday 27 February 2022 \(3.8 MB PDF\)](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. I hope you enjoy reading some of the positive contributions of students and staff in the remainder of the Gazette.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

Professional Learning at Gowrie

Gowrie is continuing to participate in the Early Years Literacy Initiative. We are working with the ACT Education Directorate and Literacy consultant Christine Topfer to enhance our knowledge and skills in the 10 Essential Literacy Practices.

These focus on:

1. Deliberate efforts to foster literacy motivation and engagement within and across lessons
2. Read alouds of age-appropriate books and other materials, print or digital/Intentional, research-informed instruction using increasingly complex texts
3. Small group instruction, using a variety of grouping strategies, most often flexible groups
4. Activities that build phonological awareness/activities that build reading fluency and stamina with increasingly complex texts
5. Explicit instruction in letter-sound relationships/Discussion of the ideas in texts and how to construct text meaning across texts and disciplines
6. Research-informed and standards-aligned writing instruction
7. Intentional and ambitious efforts to build vocabulary and content knowledge
8. Abundant reading material and reading opportunities in the classroom

9. Ongoing observation and assessment of students' language and literacy development that informs their education

10. Collaboration with families in promoting literacy

A huge thank you to all staff for their dedication to the continuous improvement of their pedagogy and professional knowledge and the outcomes it has for our students.

Individual Learning Plans (ILP) Parent/Teacher Interviews

During Term 1 parents are invited to our ILP Parent/Teacher Interviews during Wk 4 and 5 from Tuesday 22 February to Thursday 3 March 2022. As part of our ongoing commitment to delivering the best for each student and to ensure open channels of communication we will be holding individual interviews with Preschool – Yr 6 parents who meet criteria for an ILP to meet with their child's teacher and to discuss their child's strengths, share relevant information and create goals to meet their child's needs. All students in our Learning Support Unit (LSUA) are required to have an ILP. Invitations have been sent to parents.

BASE Early Years Assessment Program – Kindergarten

All students in kindergarten will be involved in the BASE Assessment from **Tuesday 15 March to Friday 25 March**. It will assess their competence in early literacy and numeracy skills. The testing will be completed through an online portal. A parent brochure will be sent out to all kindergarten parents explaining the program.

Have a great week!

Angela

Deputy Principal

Merit Awards



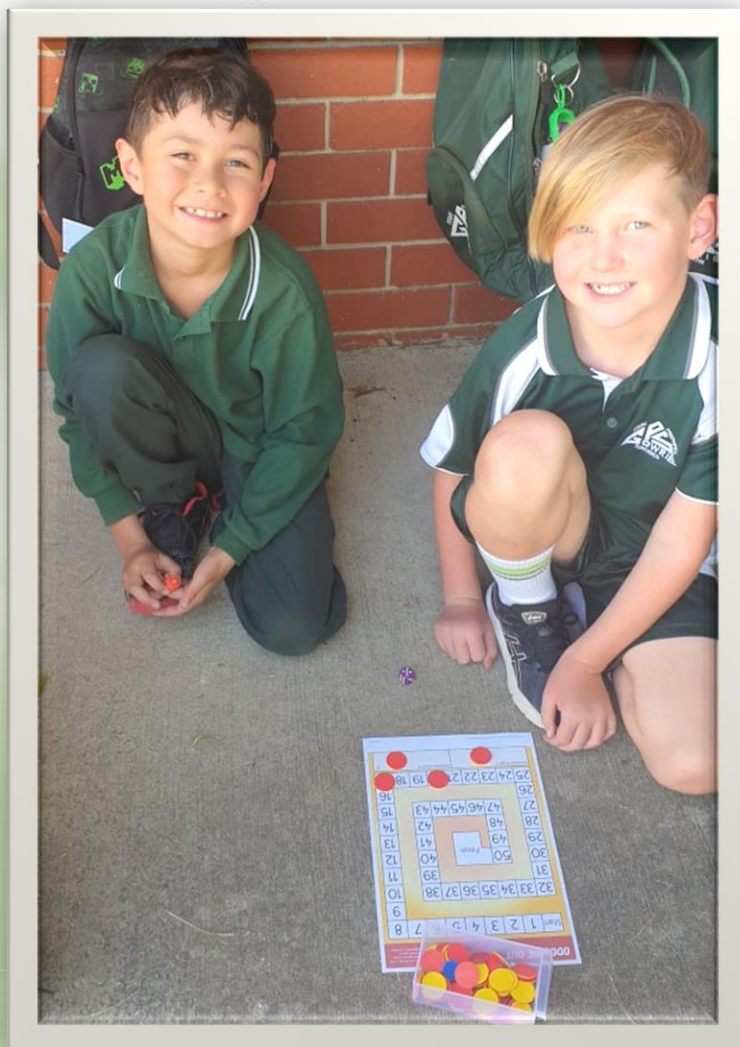
**Congratulations to all of this fortnight's
Merit award recipients.**



ATHLLON		
KG	Mihajla K	James S
KH	Taryn M Alfie S	Jasper G Emilia J
BRINDABELLA		
K-2L	Ezekiel L	
2-4B	Kai L	
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Evelyn C	Josh N
2B	Will C	Alek S
2M	Amelia R	Lincoln S
LAMBRIGG		
3W	Danielle C Felix N	Joseph K Darcy M
4D	Georgia W	Billy W
LANYON		
5/6H	Neave G	Lukah S
5/6M	George B	
5/6T	Alex M	Marley H
5/6W	Jeanika C	Mackenzie S
OTHER		
ARTS	Rory W (3H)	Fraser W (5/6H)
LANGUAGE	James S (KG)	Imogen B (2M)

3W News

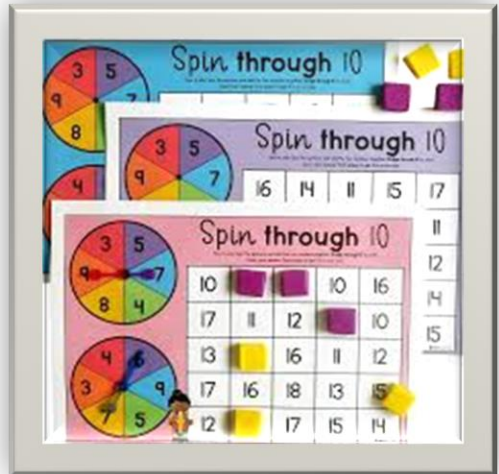
3W have been enjoying the outdoors environment whilst completing Maths activities.













Important News



Have you moved home?

Got a new phone number?

Changed your email address or

Have a new emergency contact person?

If you need to update any of your contact details, please let us know by email –

gowp@gowriepps.act.edu.au

Thankyou in advance.

Attention Kindergarten Parents!



Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a **FREE** health check



VISION CHECK



HEARING CHECK



HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



FIND — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



SIGN — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



RETURN — To your school by 1 March 2022

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.



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