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Upcoming Events

Thursday

25th Feb K-Yr 2
Water Fun Day

Friday

26th Feb 4W Assembly
12.40pm

SRC badge
Presentation

Gowrie Cup

Earth Hour

Mon - Fri

1st – 5th Mar Meet & Greet
Interviews
P – Yr 6

Friday

5th March School Clean
Up Day

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Board

On Monday 22 February we concluded the School Board for 2020. I would like to thank all school board members from 2020 for their time and commitment to Gowrie Primary school. The 2020 school Board consisted of;

- Board Chair – Alice Buck
- Parent Representative – Mike Makin
- Parent Representative – Paul Van Campenhout
- Teacher Representative – Catherine Moore
- Teacher Representative- Angela Miners

The outgoing board member is Mike Makin. Thank you to Mike for all his efforts over the past 2 years. Mike is being replaced by Heather Nicole. We welcome Heather and look forward to working with her at the strategic level of the school.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It has been fantastic this week and also next week welcoming parents back into the school for parent teacher interviews. These initial interviews are an opportunity for families to share information with classroom teachers that will assist in a successful year of schooling.

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 23 February Gowrie Primary held the school swimming carnival. It was a joy watching the students participate and support each other in their house groups. So many students participated and always gave their best. Thank you to the organising teachers, in particular our PE teacher Evan Winterburn for a very well organised carnival.

Monday
8th March
Canberra Day
Holiday

Wednesday
10th March
Recycling Hub
Excursion
4S and 4W

Covid Update

Information around Covid has remained the same so far in 2021. Restrictions involve gathering size, density and physical distancing.

- Gatherings on school sites must not exceed 500 visitors. Students and staff of the school do not count in the 500 person limit
- Visitors must not exceed one person per two-square-metres in indoor or outdoor spaces
- And all visitors should keep 1.5 metres apart from one another where possible, unless they are from the same family group.

Gowrie Gathering

Gowrie Gathering has re-commenced every Monday. It is so nice having the Gowrie student community back together. Gowrie Gathering will remain in place and begin promptly at 9:00am. If parents choose to attend, they must adhere to social distancing requirements.

School assemblies

School assemblies have also re-commenced every even Friday of the term. Unfortunately, due to the size of the hall and Covid restrictions only parents of the class presenting and or those who are receiving awards will be able to attend. Parents will be notified in advance if they have an option of attending.

Gowrie Primary will continue to use the **Check in CBR** app for all visitors who attend internal spaces. We will also continue with the hard copy sign in / sign out book in the front foyer. All visitors/ volunteers must utilise one of the sign in procedures.

Simon Smith
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

Gowrie Action Plan for 2021

As part of our school improvement process, Gowrie staff will once again be deeply focused on improving literacy and mathematics outcomes for students in the school.

In mathematics there will be a focus on assessment and authentic learning approaches to teaching and learning, to help to empower and engage students in this subject area. Developing a consistent approach to the teaching of writing across the whole school will be our literacy goal for this year. Working collaboratively, both at home and at school, will assist in ensuring really positive outcomes for all children at Gowrie in both mathematics and writing.

Student Support

Gowrie Primary is committed to effectively supporting all students in our school, actively engaging with parents and carers to provide inclusive, accessible and high-quality education for all students. We are required to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all of our students have the support they need to successfully access and participate in the school curriculum, programs and activities on the same basis as their peers. To do this we consult with parents and carers to understand their child's educational needs and the adjustments required to support them.

Learning Support Unit – Autism (LSUA) and Learning Support Unit (LSU)

From 2021, Gowrie is fortunate to be able to offer a learning support unit as well as our two LSUAs to cater for a range of complex student needs. Students are eligible for this program if they meet the ACT Student Disability Criteria for Intellectual Disability or Autism. There is a cap to the number of students who may access this program.

Inclusion Support Program (ISP)

Inclusion Support Program funding is provided to the school by the Education Directorate in order to cater for the student's level of need. Entry into ISP may occur throughout the child's school years and involves consultation with school staff, school psychologist and often external medical professionals. A Student Centred Appraisal of Need (SCAN) meeting is organised as a result of entry into the ISP and all stakeholders are involved in this process. ISP funding is allocated as a result of the SCAN meeting outcomes. An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) with targeted goals is created at the SCAN meeting and determines the prioritised learning for the individual.

Support at Preschool (SAP)

Support at Preschool (SAP) is a referral process whereby schools can seek observation and advice to make adjustments required to support the inclusion of children with disability or developmental delay. SAP teachers work to develop the understanding and skills of all staff within a preschool setting to support children with delays in their development or with disabilities to participate fully in the preschool group.

English as Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D)

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) is the study of English by students whose first language is a language or dialect other than English, and who require focused educational support to assist them in attaining proficiency in Standard Australian English. Sharon Weickhardt is our EALD coordinator who supports our students who have been identified as EAL/D, as well as their teachers and learning support assistants.

Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) is a working document designed by teachers in collaboration with stakeholders, which informs the planning, delivery and evaluation of an educational program. The first face-to-face ILP meetings this year will take place in weeks 4 or 5 in term 1. Following this meeting, teachers will make regular contact, by phone or in person, to provide progress updates.

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal

Gowrie News

Forms & Documents

ACT Child Development
Service Occupational Therapy
Drop In Clinic Timetable 

ACT Child Development
Service Physiotherapy Drop
In Clinic Timetable 

ACT Child Development
Service Speech Therapy Drop
In Clinic Timetable 

Preschool News



We have been exploring a range of concepts during shared stories at group times. Exploring ideas through storylines and characters is a wonderful way to introduce children to a range of concepts in a developmentally appropriate way. Some of the concepts that we have discussed this year include different types of emotions, concepts of diversity, the importance of being kind to others and how we can develop and foster friendships with others. We are able to develop a range of literacy and social skills during shared and modelled reading activities at preschool.



We are becoming familiar with the outdoor learning environment as we play and investigate the playground. The sandpit is a very popular area of the yard and the children have been excited to help plan the tools and equipment that we set up each week. They are working alongside each other and are working cooperatively with their peers as they get to know each other.



Dark Sensei comes down to spend some time with the preschoolers every Monday and Friday afternoons. The children have the opportunity to work with the Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) Program which is a digital play based language program developed specifically for preschool aged children. Dark Sensei introduces the language concepts to the children during a shared group time and then the children have the opportunity to explore the activities on the Ipad to reinforce the language learning.



The playdough table has been a hive of activity and the children have been working carefully to create some amazing treats and meals with the cooking equipment! The children are working with their fine motor skills whilst they interact, share and communicate with their new friends at preschool. There are so many wonderful skills that we can learn and develop whilst engaging in play based activities.



The children have been developing trusting relationships with the educators and staff at Gowrie Primary School. We are developing a sense of belonging and growing our community as we settle into the program and learning environment. We are really looking forward to a year filled with amazing learning adventures with the children!



We are learning how to be an active participant in our preschool family. We have spent time looking at the Gowrie COUNTS values and Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) that are embedded in our school culture across preschool to year 6. We spent time talking about what the values mean and what they might look like in our environment and in our behaviours when we are at school. We brainstormed a list of ways that we can be happy and safe at preschool while we play, learn and grow together this year.

Lanyon News

It has been a positive start to the year up in Lanyon. Students seem eager to get back into learning and have settled into new *Lanyon Routines* such as Open Learning with ease. Students have also demonstrated their determination to step up and be leaders of the school. Last Monday we held Sports House Meetings across the school and we were extremely impressed with the amount of Year 6 students who nominated themselves for a House Captain role and were blown away by the quality of their speeches. All candidates spoke with confidence and were well prepared.

Congratulations to all students who nominated including: Sophie L, Connor Ch, Isabelle G, Amaya W, Taylah W, Ishan R, Connor P, Xavier L, Rowan G and Evan D. Below are our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2021:

Burrai			
House Captain: Haydn Janek	House Captain: Laycie Kowalick	Vice Captain: Amber Williams	Vice Captain: Riley Volke
			

Mirri				
House Captain: Lily Kidd-Gallichan	House Captain: Alfred Ashmore	Vice Captain: Caleb Smith-Greentree	Vice Captain: Summer Britten	Vice Captain: Charlie Reid
				

Dyara			
House Captain: Claire Galicia	House Captain: Owen Goodale	Vice Captain: Amelia Wiggins	Vice Captain: Mylo Hammond
			

Lanyon Parliament is an established practice in Year 5/6, where the whole unit meets fortnightly to present bills and vote on ideas to improve our school for the benefit of everyone. It is a time for students to have their say and practise their public speaking skills and is completely run by students. During weeks 1 and 2 this term, students nominated themselves for special leadership positions within Parliament and presented a speech to persuade their peers that they would be good for certain positions. Congratulations to all students who presented a speech for a special role and/or nominated for a role including: Haydn J, Owen G, Summer B, Lucy F, Keeley I, Amber W, Molly G, Cheyenne, Xavier L, Ishan R, Johnny, Josie, Amelia B and Hamish S. The quality of speeches was exceptional!

Lanyon Parliament			
Prime Minister: Sophie Luchterhand	Deputy Prime Minister: Claire Galicia	Speaker: Olivia Viccars	Deputy Speaker: Kiyah Smith
			
Clerk: Taylah Wood	Deputy Clerk: Amelia Wiggins	Sergeant -at - Arms: Laycie Kowalick	
			
Hansard Reporter: Rowan Glover	Hansard Reporter: Connor Chromicky	Hansard Reporter: Shyla Kowalick	
			



Congratulations to all students who are participating in the Student Representative Council for Gowrie Primary this semester. The students have already attended their first meeting and are keen to be involved in school events. They have made posters to promote 'Clean Up Schools Day' on March 5th and will help to run this event. Students are to be responsible for their badges and to wear them with pride while they are part of the SRC.



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	Brianna D	Cameron R
KH	Kaitlyn T	Tyrell B
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Cooper V	Olivia P
2M	Danielle C	Owen S
LAMBRIGG		
3D	Catherine B	Jakob K
3T	Gemma	Marwan H
4S	Molly B	Tomek D
4W	Ava P	Hamish P
LANYON		
5/6B	Cameron T	Isabelle G
5/6H	Haydn J	Olivia D
5/6HA	Alfred A	Lachlan R
4-6M	Bryce A	
5/6W	Isla	Mylo
BRINDABELLA		
K-3L	Will G	
5-6Ba	Mahrosh	
ARTS & LANGUAGE		
JAPANESE	Charlie S	Isabelle G
ART	Blake N	George B

Community News



**SAVE THE DATE
CANBERRA!**

Tuesday, March 9

parentline

Did you know that Parentline relies on the time of volunteers and successful fundraising to keep our doors open? You can support our free service that supports parents and carers of children of all ages through the Hands Up for CBR Giving Day on Tuesday March 9 Support our campaign at <https://giving.handsacrosscanberra.org.au/.../parentline-act> Call us on 6287 3833 for free counselling and support