



# Gowrie Primary School



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## Upcoming Events

<b>Friday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3D Assembly 12.40pm  Lanyon unit Excursion to Canberra Deep Space Centre 9.30am – 1pm
<b>Mon - Fri</b>	Neuro Diversity Celebration Week
<b>Tuesday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lanyon Science Excursion to Mungga-Iri_Jingee
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Lanyon Science Yr 1 – Yr 2 Reading Workshop 5 – 6pm  Scholastic Book Club orders due back

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# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 29th March at 6:30pm the Gowrie Primary School Parents and Citizens (P&C) group will be meeting.

At this time the Annual General Meeting will be held. This meeting allows for all positions for the 2021 P&C to be declared open. It is vital that these positions are filled to ensure that the Gowrie P&C has a viable future. However, if you attend and I do encourage as many new families as possible to attend, it does not mean you must take on an office bearing position. You can just be a general member.

The P&C meets twice a term on Monday nights. We are currently looking at the option of attending physically or virtually. If you would like to attend virtually, I would encourage you to make contact with myself to discuss how this would be possible.

The P&C is responsible for key fundraising at the school which provides our students with much needed resources. Examples of recent support that the P&C has provided to the school, includes Chrome books, home readers, garden beds, toys for outdoor play, board games. This is just some examples. The P&C is also an excellent way off being apart of the vibrant Gowrie School community.

The positions available on Monday 29th of March are:

## **P&C Committee Positions**

### **President**

- Provides general leadership for the Committee.
- Chairs all meetings and provides President Report, including any issues from parents/the school community.
- Ensures implementation of action items.
- Ensures Committee is acting in accordance with P&C Constitution.
- Where possible, participates in fundraising activities organised by the Committee.
- Confirms and assists Treasurer on payments as required.

Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> March Kindergarten  
Parent Reading  
Workshop  
5pm – 6pm

Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> March Harmony Day

National Ride to  
School Day

Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> March Board Meeting  
5.30pm

P&C Meeting  
6.30pm

Tuesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March Tuggeranong  
Regional Swimming  
Carnival

## **Vice President**

- Provides support to the President and other committee members.
- Takes on President duties should the President be absent.
- Where possible, participates in fundraising activities organised by the Committee.
- Steps in as Secretary, should the Secretary be unable to attend a meeting.

## **Secretary**

- Attends all meetings, takes minutes and keeps a record of all business conducted.
- Ensures Committee is acting in accordance with P&C Constitution.
- Hands over all records, minutes and correspondence to his/her successor.

## **Treasurer**

- Collects any money from school and banks as soon as possible.
- Pays all invoices on time and makes any other payments as authorised at meetings.
- Presents at each General and Committee meeting a statement of accounts showing income and expenditure since the previous meeting together with a bank reconciliation statement.
- Submits an audited annual statement of income and expenditure, receipts and payments, and assets and liabilities to the Annual General Meetings.
- Makes available to the Auditor/s not less than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting all books, receipts, vouchers and monthly statements of accounts.
- Keeps in his/her control all records and other documents relating to the financial affairs of the Committee.
- Hands over all records of accounts, books, receipts and vouchers to his/her successor.

### **Uniform Co-ordinator**

- The primary responsibility of the Uniform Shop Coordinator is to coordinate the smooth running of the Uniform Shop. This includes:
  - o Providing customer service to parents and students.
  - o Placing orders from suppliers and maintain stock control.
  - o Promoting and coordinating back to school uniform sales in preparation for the new school year.
  - o Maintaining accurate price lists & order form.
  - o Handling of second-hand items donated from parents and assessing their suitability for resale.
  - o Attending information sessions where uniform shop involvement is required i.e. kindy information session.

### **Fundraising Co-ordinator**

- Plans and organises all P&C fundraising activities for the year.
- Runs fundraising events with support from other P&C members and volunteers from the school community.
- Ensures any funds are handles appropriately and provided to the Treasurer for banking.

### **Preschool Subcommittee Co-ordinator**

- Key liaison point between preschool and P&C.

If these key positions are not filled at this meeting it is very likely that the Gowrie P&C would have no other option other than to dissolve.

Please consider supporting the school and being involved.

Please feel free to contact myself or Michaela Field (current President) on 0437387679 if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards

Simon

# Deputy Principal's Message

## Message from the Deputy Principal

### Mathematics

One of our school priorities over the next five years is improving the learning outcomes in mathematics for all students in our school. As part of this focus, staff will be deepening their learning about mathematics pedagogies to ensure an explicit connection between skills taught and opportunities for students to apply their mathematical learning in practical real-life contexts.

To help facilitate this challenge, the school will be engaging in a number of large-scale mathematics learning and development programs. Some staff will be working directly with Directorate personnel and leading the *Finding the Balance: the ACT Education Directorate's mathematics and numeracy strategy*. Other staff will be undertaking action research in various ways to enhance mathematics understanding.

### Positive Behaviours for Learning

Gowrie Primary is a Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) school. PBL is a schoolwide behaviour initiative that employs a whole-school systems approach to promote expected behaviours at school. Our core expectations for PBL are: We are Safe, We are Respectful and We are Responsible Learners. These expectations are explained on posters in all of our school settings. Teachers regularly run circle-time conversations with their classes about our PBL expectations to help address issues that arise in class or on the playground. Restorative Practices part of our PBL, is our approach to restorative problem-solving. From time to time, things do go wrong at school and require resolving. Restorative conversations can take place with teachers where students can feel safe and supported.

We also have a reward system that includes positive acknowledgments for individual students. When students are seen carrying out our core expectations (safe, respectful, responsible learners) they will be given an award point which will be recorded on our School Administrative System (SAS). This year, students are already displaying excellent PBL expectations. Keep up the good work!

### **Kindergarten and Yr 1 & 2 Parent Reading Workshop**

We invite all Kindergarten and Yr 1 & 2 parents to attend our popular Parent Reading Workshop in Wk 7. **Yr 1 & 2 parents** are invited to attend the workshop on **Wednesday 17 March from 5:00pm – 6:00pm** and all **Kindergarten parents** to attend on **Thursday 18 March from 5:00pm – 6:00pm**. This practical workshop will support parents to assist their children with reading at home and to provide information about effective reading strategies teachers use to teach reading at school. Hope to see you all next week!

### **Free parent/carer assistive technology webinar**

This one-hour parent/carer webinar will introduce *Read&Write for Google Chrome*, which supports reading and access to curriculum, writing tools and accessibility features such as text-to-speech, dictionary and vocabulary. All students enrolled in an ACT Public School have free access to *Read&Write for Google Chrome* at school and at home.

Registration is via below link:

[Free parent/carer assistive technology webinar – Read&Write for Google Chrome \(241 kb PDF\)](#)

Angela Georgopoulos  
Deputy Principal

## Welcome 2M families

It has been a positive start to the year in 2M. Students have embraced their learning and have settled into the new routines with ease. We have spent time looking at the Gowrie COUNTS values and Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) that are embedded in our school culture. We discussed as a group what the values mean and what they might look like in our environment and our behaviours when we are at school.

We have been very busy learning about places within our world from Earth as a planet, all the way down to their own little space, their bedroom. The geography unit, 'Our Place On Earth' aims to broaden students' focus beyond their immediate and local environment to a wider range of places across the world. We have studied a variety of maps and the children were excited to look up their homes on Google Earth. The next focus will draw attention to the connections between our own familiar place and less familiar places that we have explored.

We have been learning about and implementing a range of CAFÉ strategies during our reading workshops to assist in comprehension, fluency, accuracy and expanding our vocabulary. We have been fortunate to have Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Weickhardt assisting us in our literacy workshops.

Each week we get to know a student a little better through interviewing our 'Star of the Week' and displaying the responses on a poster. The Star is given some special privileges and all the students are looking forward to their turn. So far our stars have been Blake, Blair, Sophie, James and Angus.

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The children enjoyed a water fun day despite the stormy weather and are actively engaged in our weekly gross motor sessions. Mr W, our PE teacher has started training the children for the Cross Country Carnival.

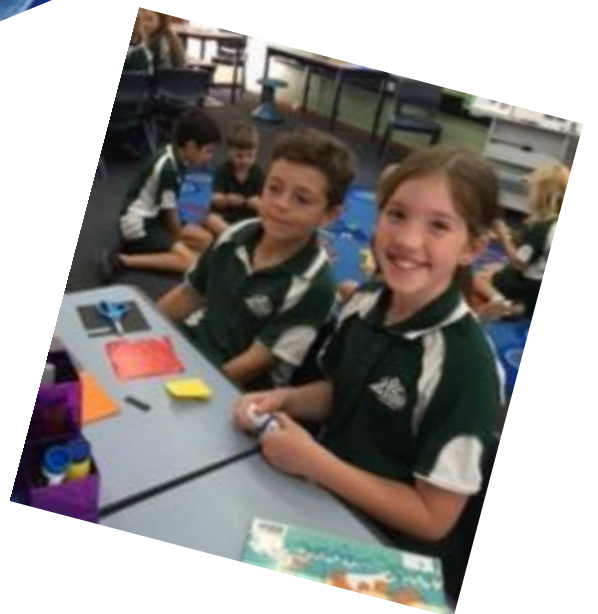
It has been lovely meeting you all and getting to know your children over the past few weeks. If you need to contact me, my email is [angela.batchelor@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:angela.batchelor@ed.act.edu.au) (please note name difference).

Kind regards  
Angela Miners









# Gross Motor Skills







## Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of this fortnight's Merit award recipients. Certificates will be given out in assembly on Friday.

CLASS	AWARDED TO	
<b>ATHLLON</b>		
<b>KG</b>	Essam I	Oliver L
<b>KH</b>	Harry E	Savannah B
<b>GULLA GULLA</b>		
<b>1F</b>	Imogen B	Lincoln S
<b>1HD</b>	Amelia R	Reuben S
<b>2B</b>	Felix N	Oscar N
<b>2M</b>	Brooklyn C	Charlie M
<b>LAMBRIGG</b>		
<b>3D</b>	George G	Izzy G
<b>3T</b>	Billy W	Wesley K
<b>4S</b>	Dean D	Neave G
<b>4W</b>	Anna G	Edith A
<b>LANYON</b>		
<b>5/6B</b>	Ashlyn N	Max T
<b>5/6H</b>	Amber W	Isaac J
<b>5/6HA</b>	Oscar M	Owen F
<b>4-6M</b>	Lucas G	
<b>BRINDABELLA</b>		
<b>K-3L</b>	Bianca L	
<b>5-6Ba</b>	Andrew L	
<b>ARTS &amp; LANGUAGE</b>		
<b>JAPANESE</b>	Amelia R (1HD)	Fraser W (4S)
<b>ART</b>	Darcy M (2B)	Bella P (5/6W)



### Carpark Update

The Gowrie School carpark is currently being repaired after the recent upgrade. We are hoping that it will be open at the beginning of next week.

We apologise for the inconvenience the closure has caused.

## Easter RAFFLE

We will also be running our annual Easter raffle which will be drawn at the Easter hat parade assembly on Wednesday 31 March. There will be a prize per class as well as a major prize draw.

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated. Please drop donations at the front office by Friday 26 March.

- Easter chocolates
- Easter toys
- Easter baskets/gift boxes
- Ribbon
- Cellophane

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 3 tickets for \$2 or 10 tickets for \$5.

**To purchase raffle tickets please order on Qkr! by 5pm Monday 29 March.**

Any questions, please contact Katie via email – [katie.wilkinson185@gmail.com](mailto:katie.wilkinson185@gmail.com)

