



Jeffries Street
GOWRIE ACT 2904
Telephone (02) 6142 1960

Principal: Simon Smith

GAZETTE Week 2, Term 4



Call Us



Visit Our Website



Contact Us



Newsletter Archive



Facebook Page

Calendar	2
Principal's Message	3
Merit Awards.....	5
Important News.....	6
Brindabella News	7
School Survey	8
P&C News	9
Community News	10

Calendar

October / November

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10			

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

We are all very excited about the return of our students to onsite learning. As detailed in our previous communication, there are many procedures from the directorate that will be put in place to ensure all of the children and school staff are as safe as possible.

To minimise congestion and avoid mixing of cohorts we will stagger the afternoon pick up times and allocate specific exits for the children.

Morning Drop-Off

We will have some staff at the front of the school to greet students from 8.45am. We encourage families to drop their children off as close to 9am as possible to avoid mixing of cohorts. Students will be greeted at the front of the school by Gowrie staff and will be asked to move to their courtyard until the bell rings.

If convenient, we would like to encourage families to utilise the back car park (Findlay Place off Castleton Crescent) as a pick up or drop off point as it has a number of car parks and allows families to manage social distancing if necessary. Front of the school drop off will be drive-through only, please stay in your car and Gowrie staff will support students to walk to their courtyards if needed.

K-2 families

To help us plan for a smooth pick up time, could you please let your child's teacher know the pick up point for the afternoon (ie. front of school, back gate, or pre-school if you also have a child in the preschool). Students with older siblings will be able to meet each other at the pick up point at 2.50pm.

Afternoon pick up

Each area of the school will exit from different gates to avoid mixing of cohorts as below:

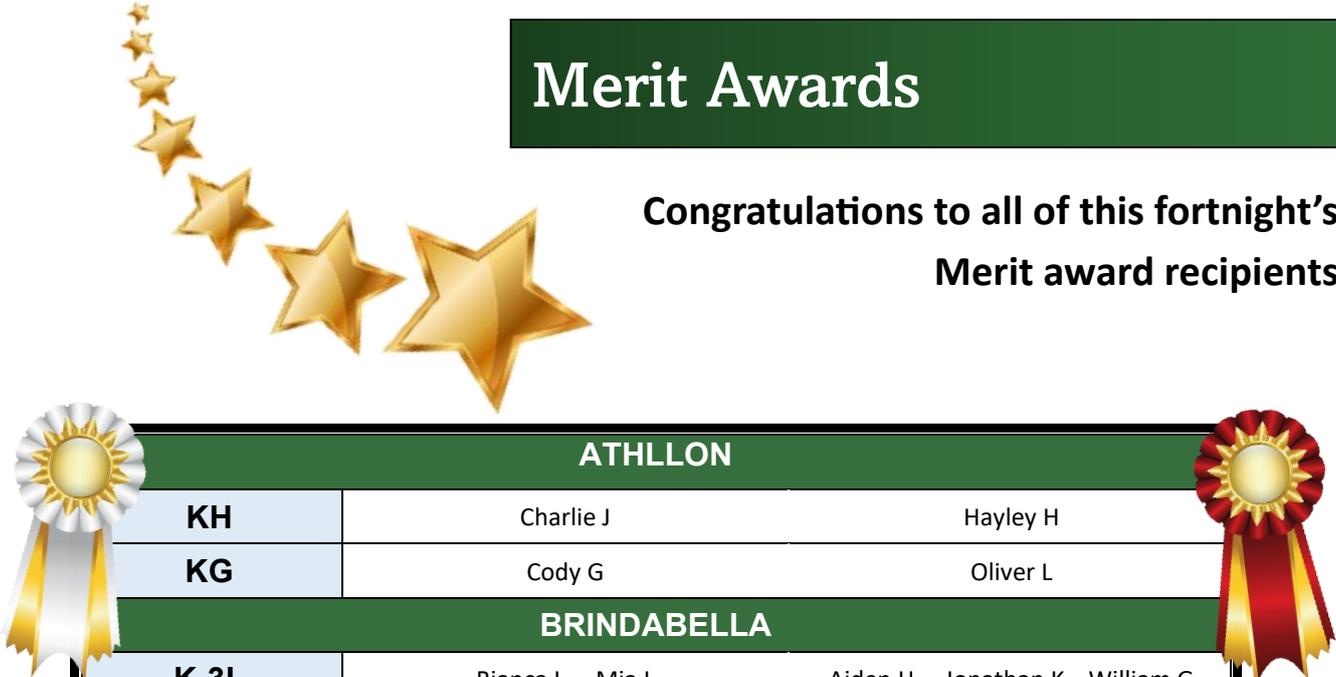
Collection Time	Cohort	Pick up area	Siblings
2.40pm	Brindabella	Front office	Siblings to meet at front office
2.45pm	Pre-school	Drive through pick up from preschool gate	Older siblings to meet preschool siblings near preschool gate
2.50pm	K-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Side gate next to old hall (near art room) OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back gate (Castleton Crescent) 	Older siblings to meet younger siblings at the pick up point.
2.55pm	3-4	Gate near bike racks	
3.00pm	5-6	Side gate (Between bike racks and admin building)	
		After School care students will enter the old hall through the front office at 3.00pm	

Please click the link on the map below to see a 'zoomable' version.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of this fortnight's
Merit award recipients



ATHLLON	
KH	Charlie J Hayley H
KG	Cody G Oliver L
BRINDABELLA	
K-3L	Bianca L Mia L Aiden H Jonathan K William G
5/6Ba	George B Grace F
GULLA GULLA	
2B	Annaliyah B Mason F Billy B Joon V
2M	Ellie H Owen S Danielle C Lottie S
LAMBRIGG	
3D	Ethan B Sophie M
4S	Charlotte L Kalyrah C
4W	Charlie R Mackenzie S Ava P Ronin M
LANYON	
5/6HA	Cameron M Clara W
5/6H	Laycie K Taylah W
5/6W	Kai N Sophie C
4-6M	Bryce A Connor C Caleb S-G
OTHER	
ART	Annaliyah B (2B) Sophie M (3D)
LANGUAGE	Brianna D (KG) Jerry K (1F) Harrison T (3T) Ryan F (2M)

Important News

Remember to pack your water bottle for the school day



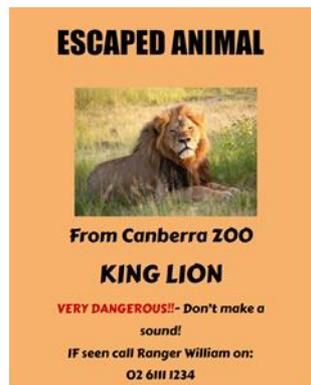
Brindabella News

Information Texts

In Brindabella we have been learning about Information texts this term. We have been learning the difference between facts and opinions and the structure of different types of information texts.



Bianca



William



Kai and Avah



Aiden

Our design skills were put to the test when creating posters. Lost dogs and escaped animals were searched for and Jonathan made this wonderful poster that I'm sure you will all agree is very relevant.



School Survey

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 ACT public school experience. The 2021 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey was scheduled to start on 13 August 2021 but was postponed due to the ACT COVID-19 lockdown. This will now be available online from 18 October to 12 November 2021.

We are choosing to run the survey, even though we are in transition from lockdown, because it provides extremely valuable data that will be used to inform government policy and underpins school improvement practices. This information helps us to identify what we do well as a school and where we can improve.

Wellbeing data for both students and staff collected in this year's survey will assist us to understand the impact of lockdown on emotional wellbeing, relationships, engagement and other factors that contribute to good learning and developmental outcomes. This will enable the Education Directorate to support staff and students more effectively in the event of future lockdowns and will contribute to further research.

The Student survey for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be administered by your child's teacher as an online task and takes 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey also includes additional questions that form part of a longitudinal study being conducted in partnership with researchers at the Australian National University (ANU). As per our previous letter, if you do not want your child to do the survey please contact the Front Office.

An email about the Parents and Carers survey, including a unique link to access the survey, has been emailed to you on the morning of 18 October 2021. One email has been sent to each household, using the email address of the highest priority person listed in your school contact details. 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 the '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.

How will privacy be managed? All personal information will be handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2014. Details about how personal information is stored and used are available in our Privacy Policy (available at education.act.gov.au). No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

Thank you for your time. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Support our fundraiser

and never go to lost property again!



Fundraising Code:

GOWRIE

Enter our fundraiser code at the checkout
and we will earn 20% commission
or 5% commission on sale items.

Order online at www.stuckonyou.com.au



stuck
onyou

putting the fun back into
fundraising

Community News



What services are provided at the Child and Family Centres during term 4, 2021?

- Parenting support and programs via phone and Microsoft teams
- Case management and case coordination
- A range of universal and targeted playgroups for children under school age
- Children's Behaviour and Emotional wellbeing clinic

We would like to encourage parents from your school to ring the Child and Family Centre and speak with an intake worker, if they wish to talk about issues concerning their child or family.

<https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/children/childandfamilycentres/programs-and-services>

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

International
DYSLEXIA
Association



#DyslexiaAroundTheWorld
#UntilEveryoneCanRead

BEGA VALLEY | BELCONNEN | CALWELL | COOMA | CORROBOREE
EURO COAST | GINNINDERRA GOULBURN-MULWAREE | GUNGAHLIN
JINDABYNE | LANYON | MURRUMBATEMAN | QUEANBEYAN
SOUTHERN TABLELANDS | TUGGERANONG | WESTON CREEK | WODEN



REGISTER NOW



ARE YOUR KIDS INSPIRED BY THE
OLYMPIANS? MAYBE THEY COULD WEAR
THE GREEN AND GOLD IN 2032!



LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RUNNING,
JUMPING AND THROWING
IN A FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

FOR KIDS FROM 5 TO 16 YEARS WITH
CENTRES ACROSS THE ACT AND
SURROUNDING REGIONS.

ATHLETICSINTHEACT.COM.AU

CONTACT US: (02) 6247 1296 OR ADMINISTRATION@ACTLAA.ORG.AU.