



# Gowrie Primary School



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## Upcoming Events

<b>Friday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Earth Hour  Yr 5/6 Netball Gala Day
<b>Monday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Preschool Parent Speech/Language Workshop 9.15 – 10.15am  Board Meeting 5.30pm  P&C Meeting 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Lanyon Unit Science excursion to Mungga-Iri Jingee

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# Principal's Message

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Hat Parade P – Yr 6 9.15 am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Gowrie Cross Country
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 starts  Enrolments for 2022 open
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	ANZAC day Ceremony
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 4 excursion to Lanyon Homestead

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parents and Citizens (P&C)

A reminder that on **Monday 29th March at 6:30pm** in the school library, 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 it does not mean that 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 a part of the vibrant Gowrie School community.

Please come along on Monday night.

## Preschool Assessment and Rating

We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding preschool. We have recently been notified that we will be undergoing the process of assessment and rating. Education and care services are assessed and rated by their state and territory regulatory authority.

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education and care. The NQS includes 7 quality areas that are important outcomes for children. Services, such as our preschool are assessed and rated by their regulatory authority against the NQS and given a rating for each of the 7 quality areas and an overall rating based on these results.

The seven areas are;

- Educational program and practice
- Children's health and safety
- Physical environment
- Staffing arrangements
- Relationships with children
- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Governance and leadership

We wish the preschool well with this process and thank them for all their outstanding efforts.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to the people that have already donated for 2021 to the school voluntary contributions. The Gowrie School Board is again encouraging parents to support the learning programs for 2021 by making a family contribution that will enable the school to purchase a new audio system for the school hall. The current system has reached the end of its life and the school is currently relying on a handheld portable system. A modern, integrated system will allow us to run school assemblies more effectively, support the children's confidence in public speaking, engage in audio visual learning activities and other critical community engagement.

To do this, we are hoping to reach a target of \$15,000 and the Gowrie School Board has set the following amount for contributions in 2021:

- \$100 for the first Student
- \$ 50 for the second Student
- Donation for any other students

However, financial contributions of any size are welcomed and gratefully accepted.

Payments can be made by direct deposit (bank details below) or in person at the front office during school hours. If a payment plan is preferable, this can be arranged through the front office. The voluntary contribution can be paid in full, or by instalments. Contributions can also be made as smaller payments throughout the school year.

Bank details:

Account Name: Gowrie Primary School

BSB: 032-777 Acc No: 001367

Please identify family name and Voluntary contributions on this payment.

*Please note: The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.*

### **Easter Break**

A reminder that school breaks up on Thursday 1 April for the Easter break. School resumes on Monday April 19.

Happy Easter to all, have a restful break and safe travels to those that are travelling.

Simon

# Deputy Principal's Message

## **Message from the Deputy Principal**

There are always lots of wonderful things happening in our school. During the last fortnight, children and families have been involved in the Clean Up Australia Day event, Athletics Clinics, K – Yr 2 Parent Reading Workshops, Harmony Day Activities, 5/6 Touch Football Gala Day, National Ride to School Day, assemblies, excursions and our new Buddy Program. Thanks to all students, parents and staff involved in organising and facilitating these activities.

## **Big Buddies & Little Buddies Program**

This year we have expanded our buddy program to involve all the students in the whole school. The purpose of this program is to engage students to build a positive learning culture and enhance relationships across the school through a variety of fun activities. This year the Preschool have buddied up with Yr 3 students, Kindergarten and Yr 1 students have buddied with the Yr 5/6 students and Yr 2 students have buddied with the Yr 4 students. All the students this term have been introduced to their buddy and have participated in getting to know you activities.

## **Staff Performance and Development Procedures**

Performance and development meetings occur three times each year for every teacher in the school. The discussion at the meetings is linked to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and the Gowrie Action Plan 2021. Teachers are about to commence meeting with their supervisor for their initial meeting of the year. Administrative and support staff also meet with their supervisor to discuss their Professional Development Plans.

## **Preschool Speech and Language Development Workshop – Monday 29 March**

We invite all Preschool parents and carers to attend our **Preschool Speech and Language Development Parent Workshop – Monday 29 March at 9.15am – 10.15am in the Library**. The session will be facilitated by Kenny Nguyen a Speech Pathologist with the Tuggeranong Network Student Engagement Team (NSET). The session aims to provide information about speech and language development in the Early Years and offers information to parents regarding services available to support and promote speech and oral language skills of their children.

## **P – Yr 6 Easter Hat Parade**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on **Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 9.15am on the Basketball Court**. To meet COVID-19 protocols and social distancing requirements the Easter Hat Parade will be held outside (weather permitting). We look forward to seeing unique hat creations!

The P&C is organising the Easter Raffle, so start collecting eggs & decorations to donate. The more donations we receive the more great prizes to be won! Please add this date to your diary and come along and celebrate this special event!

Angela Georgopoulos  
Deputy Principal

# Athllon News

It is hard to believe that we have been at school for almost a whole term. Kindergarten have had a wonderful term 1 full of learning and excitement.

KG's Curious Cats and KH's Fanciful Foxes have been:

Thinking about books and learning to read a book 3 ways:



We have started our Maths groups and have been exploring positional language. We had a great time on our Obstacle course going around, over, under, in, and on top of different objects.



HASS- We have been exploring our local community and went on our neighbourhood walk.



Buddies: We have met our 5/6 Buddies and spent a wonderful day for Harmony Day together.



Brianna weaving with her buddy



Carly and her buddy weaving together for Harmony DAY



We have been learning to be Safe, Respectful, and responsible learners (PBL Behaviours) and we are earning pom poms in our Kindy Perfect Playground Pot. We have also been learning and demonstrating our Everyone Counts Values, everyday.



# HARMONY DAY



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# Community News

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## 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)



Raffle tickets can also be purchased with cash.

The front office will be happy to assist you.

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