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## GAZETTE Week 4, Term 2



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# Calendar

## May/June

## 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		18 NAPLAN online	19 NAPLAN online	20
23 Book Fair	24 Book Fair  Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival	25 Book Fair  National Simultaneous Storytime	26 Book Fair  National Sorry Day	27 Book Fair  Kindergarten Health Checks
30 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday	31	1 Yr 2 Calthorpe's House Excursion	2 Yr 1 Calthorpe's House Excursion	3 Yr 3 National Capital Authority Excursion
6	7 Yr 1/Yr 2 Storytelling Incursion 9am – 3pm	8	9 Pupil Free Day	10

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

## Pupil Free Days

As many of you will have already seen in the media, the ACT Government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two staff planning days during term 2. These days will provide public school teachers with some extra space to complete student reporting and lesson planning. Consultation with our School Board and P&C have assisted us to consider needs across the school community and family commitments. Therefore, our school will hold staff planning days on:

- Thursday June 9 2022 (week 7)
- Tuesday June 21 2022 (Week 9)

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and will be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. If your child will be attending school on one or both of these days please **register with us via email: [gowrieinfo@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:gowrieinfo@ed.act.edu.au)**. If you have any further questions about our staff planning days, please reach out via phone or email.

## Snow Australia Interschools

This year we have a Gowrie Primary student participating in the Interschool skiing competition held at Perisher 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

If you are interested in your child participating, please follow the link for further information.

<https://www.interschools.com.au/info-hub/about-interschools/>

If you require further information from the link please contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Simon

# Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

## Preschool P&C – Literacy Resources

We would like to sincerely thank the P&C for their generous donation of \$1000.00 towards our literacy resources for preschool. As part of the Early Years Writing Initiative, we are concentrating on the 10 Essential Literacy Practices. At preschool we are focusing on Essential Practice 1: Engagement and Motivation for Authentic Purposes. We are building on books and materials that are connected to children's interests and reflect children's cultural experiences as well as offering daily opportunities for writing during play-based learning.





### **Review of Gowrie Preschool Philosophy - Reminder**

Everyone involved and invested in the preschool should have a voice in the development and review of the statement of philosophy. We would like to encourage families, children and educators to be involved in the process. Our current preschool philosophy is displayed at Gowrie Preschool. Please send your comments or ideas to the preschool educators or send an email to the school at [gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au](mailto:gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au). Your participation is most appreciated.

*Angela*

# Merit Awards

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

ATHLLON		
KG	Evelyn H	
KH	Holly A	Ethan T
BRINDABELLA		
K-2L	Ezekiel L	
2-4B	Aiden H	
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Boston S	Kaitlyn T
1HB	Hudson G	Hayley H
2B	Tyler H	Isla W
2M	Juno K	Alex R
LAMBRIGG		
3H	Arlo C-L	Rory W
3W	Annaliyah B	Angus W
4D	Sophie M	Ashton T
4W	Catherine B	Logan P
LANYON		
5/6M	Lucas G	
5/6T	Marley H	Hamish P
5/6W	Dean D	
OTHER		
ARTS	Carlton S (K-2L)	Isaac H (KG)
BAND	Yr 5 – Oliver B	Yr 6 – Shyla K

# Library News

The school community is ready to “Dive Into Reading!” with the Scholastic Book Fair returning to the library next week.

A link to the full catalogue of books for sale is attached to an abridged catalogue coming home this week.



Purchases can be made online through [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment) (from May 23) or in the library during the following times:

**(Bookings required to support Covid-safe practices)**

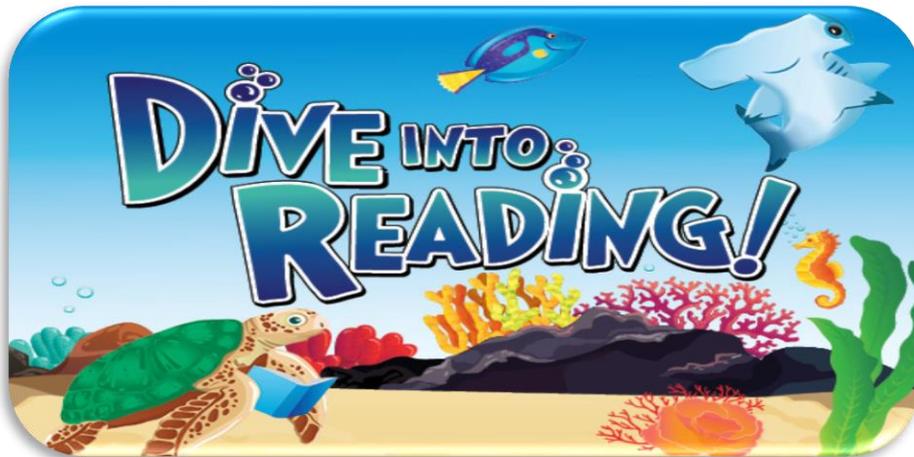
Wednesday May 25 - 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Thursday May 26 - 8.30am- 9am 3.00pm-3.30pm

Friday May 27 - 8.30am-9am

A link to the booking timetable can be found in last week’s emailed Book Fair note.

Purchases from our Book Fair are not only a great way of expanding home libraries but also benefit our school library.



Also next week, we are looking forward to reading Josh Pyke’s “Family Tree” along with one million other Australians. National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday May 25 gives us a great opportunity to once again celebrate a wonderful Australian author.



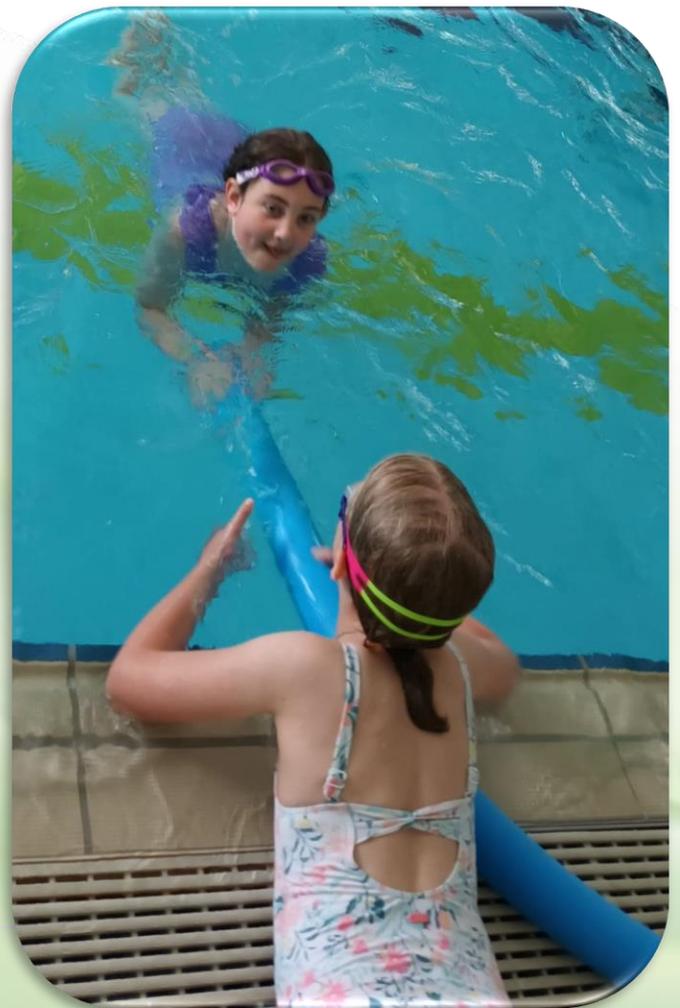
Happy reading,  
Wendy Wheeler  
Library Resources Manager

Please find below the QR code to access the online catalogue or click [here](#):



# Year 3 Aqua Safe Lessons













## **How do I enrol for 2023?**

Enrolments for the 2023 school year will open on 26 April 2022 at 6am. You can submit an enrolment application using the online enrolment form from 26 April 2022.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/publicschool-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

## **Who makes enrolment decisions?**

Enrolment decisions are made by the Principal of the school, with policies, procedures and support provided by the Education Directorate.

## **When can my child start school/preschool?**

If your child turns four on or before 30 April, they can start preschool the first day of term 1 that year. If your child turns four after 30 April, they can start preschool the first day of term 1 the following year. If your child turns five on or before 30 April, they can start Kindergarten the first day of term 1 that year. If your child turns five after 30 April, they can start Kindergarten the first day of term 1 the following year. Use the handy calculator to work out when your child can start school.

## **I am applying late for Preschool 2022. Do I need to call other schools to find out if there is capacity?**

No, you do not need to call other schools. Please submit an application to your preferred school who will assess the application, taking into account available capacity at the time of applying. If your preferred school is unable to offer a place, they will forward to the PEA school, or the nearest school with available capacity. You will then receive an offer of place.

### **Can I put my name on a waitlist?**

Schools do not maintain waiting lists. If we are unable to offer a place, your application will be forwarded to a school with available capacity and an offer will be made from that school. Regardless of where a student attends preschool, they will continue to be guaranteed a place at their local school for kindergarten onwards.

### **Will I need to reapply for kindergarten if my child is currently attending Gowrie Preschool?**

Only pre-schoolers living outside of the suburb of Gowrie with no siblings attending Gowrie Primary school will need to submit an enrolment application for kindergarten.

### **Students Graduating Year 6.**

If your child is graduating Year 6 in 2022 you will need to submit an application to your preferred high school who will assess the application, taking into account available capacity at the time of applying. If your preferred school is unable to offer a place, they will forward to the PEA school, or the nearest school with available capacity. You will then receive an offer of place.



# Congratulations

Congratulations to these students who have been selected to represent Gowrie PS as the Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival next Tuesday. Please return your notes this week. Contact [andrew.heffernan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:andrew.heffernan@ed.act.edu.au) for more info.

Jeanika-Lee C

Flynn S

Amelia R

Xavier B

Connor F

Eloise P

Isla O

Min v C

Joshua R

Hamish P

Lucy F

Brooklyn C

Evie W

Summer H

Neave G

Billy W

Noah S

Isla G

Aaliyah O

Owen F

Euan M

Amelia W W

Yasmin N

Charlie M

Noah R

George G

Harrison T

Chloe F



Kalyrah C

Hamish S

Isaac J

Eloise C

Ethan B

Danielle C

Noah J

Alex M

Peighton D

Jordan D

Isla O'N

Wyatt K

Anna G

George D

Oliver E

Asha D

Felix N

James M

Celeste F

Seth W

Charlie S

Good luck

# Gowrie Primary School

Election Day Cake  
stall & BBQ

From 9am

Saturday 21st May 2022

Generously supported  
by Gowrie Friendly Grocer



# ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022**

**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



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# Get on and Rock! At your school!



The Music Bus brings music education and fun to your school.

## ABOUT THE MUSIC BUS

The Music Bus visits over 300 schools a week, bringing music into the lives of over 5,000 students across Australia.

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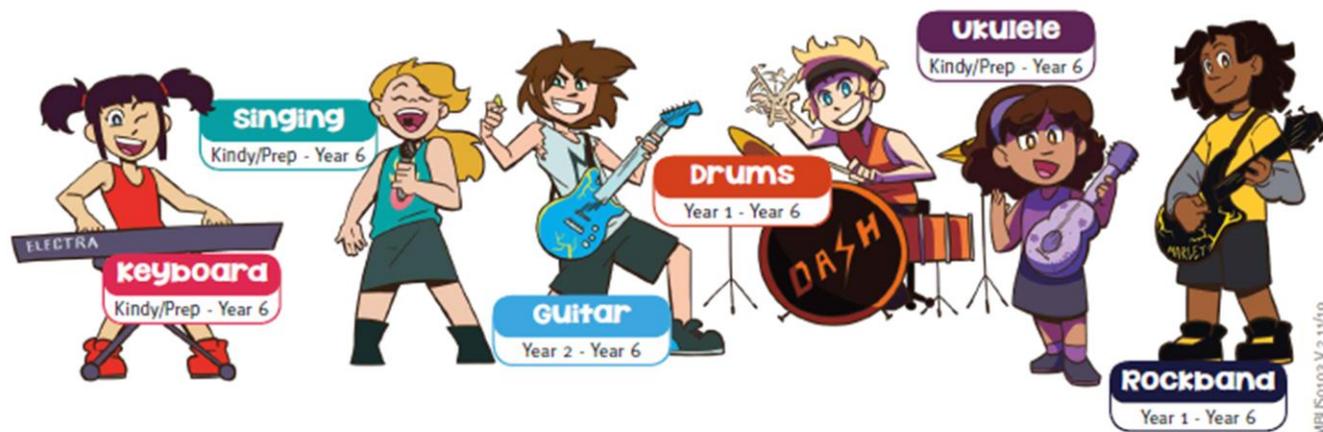
Made up of weekly half hour lessons, The Music Bus is fun, engaging and will inspire your child each and every week.

## our programs

The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well-known songs to engage students at all ability levels. High quality instruments are provided and our experienced teachers use extensive backing tracks, developing confidence, rhythm and teamwork.

**Cost: \$20 per weekly 30 min lesson (Drums \$22)**

\*Lessons paid by the term on commencement



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## Why we're different

- 1. We come to your school:** We offer all students, regardless of background or prior experience, specialist instrument lessons right on school grounds. That means less travel time for busy families.
- 2. We're affordable:** Our lessons are around half the price of private tuition. We also supply all the instruments during class, taking the burden off having to buy one right away.
- 3. Learning is fun:** The customised curriculum is set in a fun environment, focusing on music reading, playing, arranging and performing to help build skills and self-esteem - with lots of fun competitions and awards throughout the term.
- 4. Glowing reviews:** The award winning Music Bus program has received positive feedback from the Dept of Ed and NSW Creative Arts Department - not to mention from countless parents and Principals in your community.

## Benefits of Music Education

Numerous studies have suggested that studying music stimulates parts of the brain that are linked to maths and cognitive abilities, which may give your child an advantage in the classroom.

Learning an instrument can be a great way of enhancing kids' social skills. Learning in a group can help encourage youngsters to interact with their peers by working towards common goals and listening to each other!

Research has shown that listening to and playing music can stimulate brain development and improve memory which will increase their learning abilities.

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If you like what you hear and would like to book lessons for your child contact us today.

**BOOK NOW – phone 1300 168 742 or visit [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au)**

Not at your school yet? No problem - get in touch regardless and we can help you get started!

Note: Music Bus lessons are also available at Vacation Care, OOSH and Home School.

**BOOK NOW!**