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Upcoming Events

Wednesday
1st July
NAIDOC Week
Semester 1 Parent
Teacher Interviews
& ILP Reviews via
Phone (optional)

Lanyon Walk to
Fadden Pines
12pm – 2.30pm

Thursday
2nd July
NAIDOC Week
Semester 1 Parent
Teacher Interviews
& ILP Reviews via
Phone (optional)

Friday
3rd July
SRC Pyjama Day
Last Day of Term 2
NAIDOC Week
Virtual Assembly

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Monday 20 th July	First Day of Term 3 Preschool – Hatching Chicks
Wednesday 22 nd July	Kindy Science Incursion 12pm – 1.25pm
Monday 27 th July	Preschool - Hatching Chicks
Wednesday 29 th July	Kindy Science Incursion 12pm – 1.25pm
Friday 31 st July	Year 3 Virtual Assembly
Monday 3 rd August	Board Meeting 5.30pm P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th August	Kindy Science Incursion 12pm – 1.25pm
Monday 10 th August	School Satisfaction Survey Opens
Friday 14 th August	Year 4 Virtual Assembly
Tuesday 25 th August	Author Visit Samantha Tidy (K-2)
Friday 28 th August	Book Swap
Monday 31 st August	School Satisfaction Surveys Close

Principal's Message

As we approach the final days of the semester, there is a prevailing sense that we have come a long way since the school year commenced and much has been achieved under the most challenging of circumstances. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to our staff and parent community for all they have done in the past few months supporting the students in their learning. Students also deserve our congratulations for their perseverance in managing online learning and the many changes to normal routine. Dealing with obstacles and facing disappointment while still maintaining a commitment are some of the most important lessons in life for achieving continuous improvement and growth. The school recently asked for feedback on the online learning. Thank you to the families who took the time to complete it. It was overwhelmingly positive feedback. We will endeavour to use this feedback to enhance future online learning opportunities.

COVID-19 Restrictions in Term 3

A number of COVID-19 restrictions are planned to be eased in the ACT over the coming weeks. An easing of some of these restrictions should enable a return to a number of school activities that have either been prohibited or restricted under COVID safe guidelines. Further information on these events will be communicated next term.

Importantly, what will remain the same is our focus on maintaining high levels of personal hygiene for students and the requirement for all students to remain home if they have any cold or flu like symptoms and/or are awaiting results of any COVID testing that has been undertaken. I ask that parents continue to inform the school if COVID testing is occurring with your children or within your immediate family and to keep students at home if they are sick.

Carpark

The introduction of the drop off and set down continues to run smoothly. Thank you to all drivers for their patience as we move students safely to cars. As always, the safety of all students is our priority. You may have noticed that the school carpark has somewhat re-opened. Currently it has no lines marked. This will occur later in the year. We are asking as much as possible, families to find alternate parking and limiting this to staff parking. As of term 3, 2020 classes from K-6 will return to the usual school operating hours of **9:00am-3:00pm**. Pick up will therefore return to 3:00 for classes K-2. Preschool times will remain the same. Please see individual preschool communication for minor adjustments.

Kim Holgate

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that Kim Holgate will be taking leave for the rest of the year, leading towards retirement in 2021. Kim will be retiring from teaching after a long and rewarding career. Gowrie Primary was fortunate enough to have Kim for a period of 5 years. Kim is an outstanding teacher, with a genuine commitment to improve student outcomes, both social and academic. We will miss her enthusiasm, passion and supportive friendly nature. Kim's last day will be 3 July 2020.

We wish Kim and her family all the best in her retirement. We sincerely thank her for an outstanding contribution to Gowrie Primary and all the other schools that she has worked in. Kim has made a genuine difference to the many students that she has taught over her career.

I wish all Gowrie families a safe, happy and relaxing break. May these few weeks be a time of rest and renewal.

Stay safe see you all next term

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message


Semester 1 Reports

Parents will receive the modified Semester 1 reports for K – Yr 6 via email on **Wednesday 1 July 2020**. If you have any questions or would like further information about your child's progress please contact your child's teacher directly via email, Google Classrooms, Seesaw or Storypark or alternatively ring the Front Office and the teacher will contact you by phone. For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the [Education Directorate Contact Form](#) or call 6205 5429.


Literacy Support and Extension Program

This semester we have delivered numerous intensive Literacy Support and Extension Programs for students from Kindergarten to Yr 6. The programs have been designed in accordance with the Australian Curriculum and targeted small groups of students for extra support or extension in English.


Forms & Documents


4S Child Photo-Video Consent Form 


Back to the Classroom Flyer 

Year 5 & 6 Literacy Support Program 


Year 3 & 4 Literacy Extension Program 


Year 3 & 4 Literacy Support Program 


Year 1 & 2 Literacy Support Program 

Kindergarten Literacy Extension Program 


Kindergarten Literacy Support Program 

Kindergarten Health Check Parent Information 

Car Park Arrangements 

Preschool Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements 

Student Wellbeing Telehealth Support Service 

SRC Pyjama Day 

The programs will be reviewed for Term 3 with additional extension programs in English and Maths to be developed for next term. Many thanks to the executive team, teachers and learning support assistants who have been planning and delivering these quality programs this term.

The Academy of Future Skills

Our teachers have been busy collaborating with Paula Taylor, Assistant Director, The Academy of Future Skills to develop exciting and highly engaging, hands on Science and STEM inquiry units for Term 3 for K – Yr 6. Paula and the team will support our staff and students with specialist lessons, use of science equipment and digital resources. The students will also be celebrating National Science Week (15 – 23 August) <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>. More information on how to register to participate in Q&A webinars with science experts or to participate in the satellite flyover event will be made available next term.

SEACT Science and Engineering Fair 18 – 20 September

Open to all P-12 students and school groups in the ACT. Projects can be entered as a whole class, small groups or individuals in either Engineering or Investigations categories. Over \$14,000 in prize money is available to be won! Registrations will open in Week 1. More details can be found at <https://seacct.act.edu.au/>

Nominations are open for the 2020 Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards

Nominations for the 2020 Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards are now open. The awards are an opportunity to recognise the amazing work teacher aides do in schools, including the way they have supported teachers and students with remote learning during COVID-19. The winner will be announced during Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week from 31 August - 4 September. Nominations close on **Friday 3 July** and can be made through the [Australian Teacher Aide website](#).

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the term with our virtual NAIDOC Week Assembly and our whole school Pyjama Day on Friday! Wishing you all a safe and happy school holidays and look forward to seeing everyone ready for an exciting Term 3 ahead!!

Angela Georgopoulos

Deputy Principal

Gowrie News

SRC News

Pyjama Day

The SRC are proud to support Gowrie Pyjama Day. Come dressed in your comfy PJ's on Friday 3rd of July, the last day of term. Children are encouraged to wear their pyjamas, dressing gowns and comfy socks.

Slippers are permitted in the classroom but closed in shoes that are suitable for school must be worn in the playground.

Library News

Usually it's the books creating the excitement in the library but recently it was the acquisition of a range of brightly-coloured furniture. The old desks and chairs have been replaced with sets of vibrant tables and chairs and our relaxed reading space now offers a range of inviting lounge chairs and ottomans for student use.



For much of Term 3, the spotlight will be shining on Gowrie Primary's history with a display featuring items from the school archives. The **G BAG (Going Back To Gowrie) Competition** will encourage students to learn more about their school's past by using the resources to answer a range of trivia questions. The school uniform, houses and buildings looked quite different in 1983, not to mention the canteen menu (a boiled egg for 20c!!)

Happy holidays and keep reading,

Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager

Year 2 News

Welcome to week 10. Firstly, we would like to congratulate all students on their resilience during a most unusual semester, they have bounced straight back into their learning this term.

Our guided reading rotations continue to be one of the highlights of the day as the children continue to work on their fluency and comprehension with challenging texts. Home readers are still available at this time so please feel free to send in home reading folders.

The year 2 teachers met with experts from the Centre for Innovation and Learning to map out our term 3 science unit. If the students are anywhere near as excited as the teachers are then it will be an amazing unit. This unit has many links to maths and we have commenced working with units of measurement with a particular focus on length.



CHIEF MINISTERS READING CHALLENGE

Dear Parents/Carers,



Just a quick message about the Chief Minister reading challenge. If your child would like to continue participating in the challenge from home, please write down all the books that they are reading. If you need a new recording sheet to list the books your child has read, please let your child's teacher know. Preschool to year six students are required to read 30 books before the 31st of July. This can include picture and chapter books, their home readers and books from sunshine online. The challenge is all about encouraging students to read more books and to support students in discovering a joy for reading different genres. You can hand the list of books to your child's classroom teacher or the front office. Happy reading everyone.



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	Amelia R
KH	Tyler H
GULLA GULLA	
1PH	Annaliyah B & Eamon R
1F	Charlotte S & Alex U
2B	Harrison T & Shyliyah O
2M	Summer H & Ari S
LAMBRIGG	
3D	Joshua R & Charlie R
3T	Madison M & Alana C
3/4W	Sarah M & Clara W
4S	Olivia C & Celeste F
LANYON	
5/6W	Connor P & Evie I
5/6M	Kaelan S
BRINDABELLA	
K-2L	Aiden H
4-5B	George B
ARTS & LANGUAGE	
JAPANESE	Lincoln T & Olivia V
ART	Lily R & Ishan R

Community News



CarersACT



Do you need help to attend a specialist medical appointment via Video-Conference?

Telehealth is a new way to attend a specialist medical appointment with the Canberra Hospital or the University of Canberra Hospital by using video conference from your own home.

It is a convenient way to see your specialist without the hassle of transport, parking or physical distancing concerns.

TELEHEALTH SUPPORT

At Carers ACT, we understand that technology can be confusing and can feel all too hard. Our Telehealth Support Program is designed to help patients and carers use video-conferencing at home to attend specialist medical appointments.



Try Telehealth

If you want to have your appointment from the comfort of your home, we can help you understand how to connect with your doctor and provide technical support to you before and during your appointment.



First Step

Next time you are booking a medical appointment at Canberra Hospital or the University of Canberra Hospital, ask the clinic if you can have the appointment by video-conference. The clinic staff will let you know if this is a good option for you.

Need Assistance?

If you don't have a computer, or internet in your home, or you are just not confident using the technology, Carers ACT are able to provide the resources and support to you.

Our service can be either over the phone, or in your own home depending on your preference.

Contact the Telehealth support team to access the service.

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