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TERM 2 WEEK 4 NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 13 th May	NAPLAN
Friday 14 th May	1HD Assembly 12.40pm
Monday 17th May	-
Friday 21st May	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Tuesday 18th May	-
Thursday 20th May	NAPLAN
Tuesday 18 th May	Science Excursion to Mungga-Iri Jingee Lanyon Unit

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Principal's Message

Wednesday
19th May

Kenny Koala Visit
Preschool

National
Simultaneous
Storytime

Friday
21st May

Rostrum
Semi Final
Presentation

Dear parents and carers,

Students in years 3 and 5 are currently completing the NAPLAN testing (National Assessment Program -Literacy and Numeracy). At Gowrie Primary NAPLAN is used as a snapshot of student and school performance on a given day. It's not the definitive assessment of all that the school does. Gowrie Primary has other comprehensive assessments that measure individual achievement of each student from day to day. Congratulations to all students for doing their best.

Reconciliation Day will be held in Canberra on **Monday 31 May 2021**. This is a public holiday celebrating the culture, contribution and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Day occurs during National Reconciliation Week. The week, and the day specifically, provide an opportunity for all of us to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to recognise the important place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history has in our community.

There will be no school on **Monday 31 May** (Reconciliation Day). School will resume on Tuesday as normal in classrooms on Tuesday 1 June. There will be no Gowrie Gathering on that day.

As Principal of Gowrie Primary, I am very proud of the journey of the school. In particular a positive culture and community spirit. School uniform is a very important part of our journey. Most students are looking fantastic in their Gowrie uniform, which they are wearing with pride. If having school uniform is a problem for your family, please contact me so that I can put the necessary arrangements in place to support your child.

A reminder about safety in the school car park. Please ensure that you follow the one way arrows in the carpark. If the school carpark is full please find alternate parking of the Gowrie Primary site and do not park cars in. Please ensure only people with a disabled parking permit use the disabled spots. We will continue with the drop off and pick up at the front of the school. Safety for all is our priority.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

2021 Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards – nominate now

The Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards acknowledge teacher aides (also known as teacher assistants, student learning support officers, student mentors) who are making a significant difference to the education of students. Nominees are judged on their positive impact on student learning and wellbeing, collaboration with colleagues and the community, and continuous improvement through professional development and training.

The winner and state finalists will be announced during Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week from 30 August to 3 September. Nominations close on Friday 16 July. For more information and to nominate, visit [Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards](#).

Contact Australian Teacher Aide on info@australianteacheraide.com.au.

Celebrating Gifted Awareness Week 22 – 30 May

Thriving as Gifted is the theme for Gifted Awareness Week 2021. Gifted Awareness Week Australia was founded in 2015 to raise awareness of the identification, support and learning needs of gifted children and to celebrate the dedication of individuals and educational bodies who are making a positive difference in the lives of gifted children and their families.

At Gowrie our whole school approach to gifted and talented education includes extension groups in literacy and numeracy, opportunities for students to engage in a variety of enrichment activities in sport, visual arts and music competitions, Yr 5/6 Band, Rostrum Public Speaking competition and opportunities in leadership in the Ministers' Student Congress, School Parliament and the Student Representative Council (SRC). For more details visit [Gifted Awareness Week – 2021 – Thriving as Gifted](#).

Panda Competition 2021: Traditional Chinese Games

Due 19 September 2021

The Panda Competition is conducted every year by the Australia China Friendship Society and is open to students from all schools in the ACT. Students are asked to creatively focus on an aspect of traditional Chinese games. This can be through a drawing or painting, a collage or three-dimensional construction, a poem or other creative individual effort appropriate to the student's age and school grade.

Entries close on Sunday 19 September. For competition and entry details, read [Panda Competition 2021 \(265 kb Word\)](#).

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal

HASS

We are engaged in our History Unit “In our shoes” and we are starting to look at our past and the present. In our classrooms we have set up some learning spaces with items (sources) from the olden days! We are having a lot of fun as we start to explore these items and discussing how time has changed how these items now look! We are also using some of these interesting items in our Writing Groups. We are looking forward to visiting the Lanyon Homestead later in the term. We will be also be looking at our family’s history and reflecting on items and sources that are important to each and everyone of us.



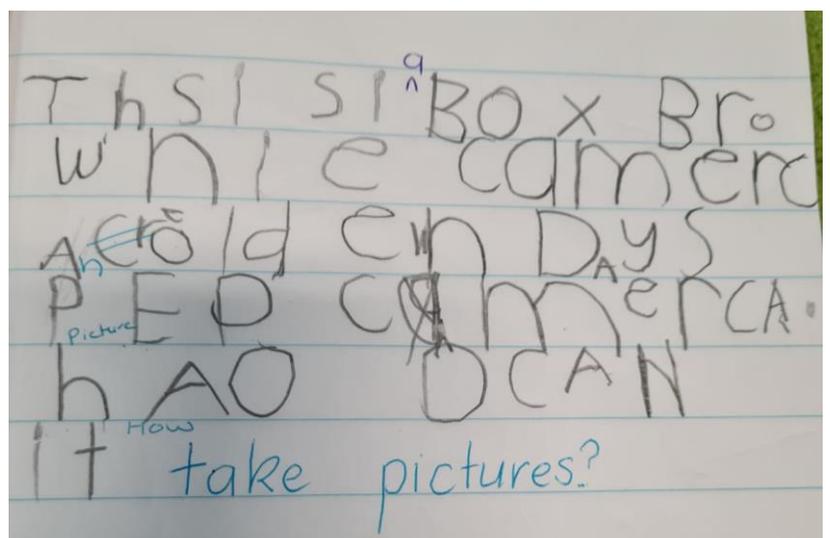
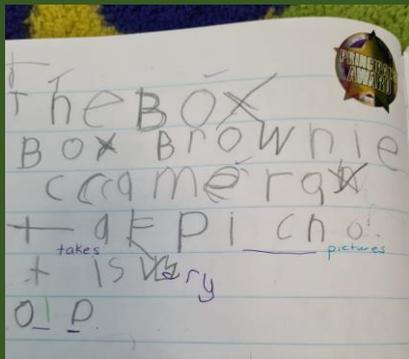
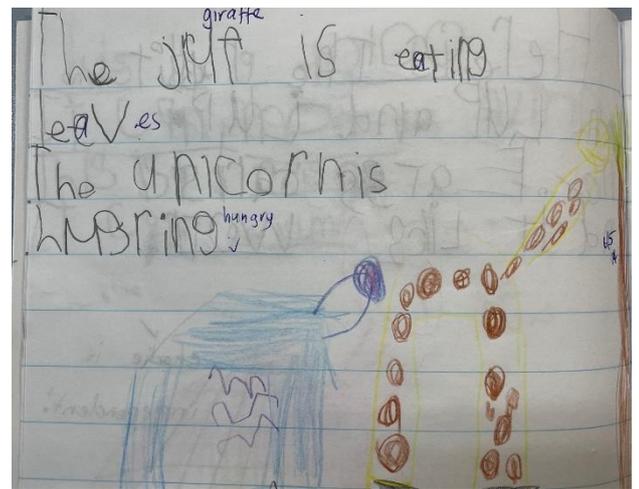
GARDEN AND ATHLLON YARD

We would like to thank our families who have been helping out in the yard and for volunteering their time (now and in the future) to help with weeding, watering and planting. Our fairy garden as you walk along Mulberry Street (the Athllon ramp) is as cute as ever and the Kindy students have been helping us keep our yard tidy. We sure do continue to love and appreciate our outdoor spaces.



WRITING GROUPS

Last week we started our Writing Groups and the Kindy students excelled in their sentence writing. The children are learning to use prompts around the classroom (like the word wall and our sight words) and are sounding out words. We are focusing on writing sentences that make sense. We start our sentences with a capital letter, they finish with full stops and we leave a finger space between our words. Congratulations to all our Writing Wizards!



Talk is turning to two significant events taking place in the library during Weeks 5 and 6.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Week 5 sees Gowrie Primary participating, with more than one million other readers across Australia, in **National Simultaneous Storytime**. Our featured book this year is “Give Me Some Space” by Philip Bunting. All Gowrie students will have the opportunity to read this book on Wednesday May 19th along with Shannon Walker, an astronaut working on the International Space Station!

We are currently running a “Give Me Some Space” competition with lots of great NSST merchandise as prizes. Over the next three weeks, students will play detective in the Non-Fiction section of the library to help Una with her adventures in space.

Scholastic Book Fair

Staying in Outer Space, the Scholastic Book Fair returns to the library from May 24 (Week 6) with the 2021 theme “To the Book Fair and Beyond!”

Purchases can be made online through www.scholastic.com.au/payment (from May 24) or in the library during the following times:

Wednesday May 26 - 3.30pm – 4pm

Thursday May 27 - 8.30am- 9am

3.30pm-4pm

Friday May 28 - 8.30am-9am

Please check the Scholastic Book Fair note coming home this week for further details. Our Book Fair is not only a great way of expanding home libraries but also benefits our school library.

A link on our Facebook page next week will display a full catalogue of books for sale. The link will also be attached to a promotional page coming home next week.

Social distancing and check-in measures will be in place during the Book Fair so please consider online payment to help reduce congestion in the library during this period.

Happy reading,

Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager



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	Hunter C	Raven H
KH	Hudson G	Peyton J
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Liara G	Charlie S
1HD	Ari H	Sonny O
2B	Nichelle A	Xavier B
2M	Charlotte S	James M
LAMBRIGG		
3D	Ethan B	Laila H
3T	Bayden M	Deon S
4S	Jack G-W	Ebony H
4W	Aaliyah O	Harvey M
LANYON		
5/6H	Ishan R	Jeanika C
5/6HA	Kaylah W	Clara W
5/6W	Kai N	Sophie C
4-6M	Sean C	
BRINDABELLA		
K-3L	Jonathan K	
5-6Ba	Andrew L	
ARTS & LANGUAGE		
JAPANESE	Thomas M (KH)	Adele C-J (3T)
ART	Harry E (KH)	Anna G (4W)

Disability information sessions

Information sessions are being held for students with disability on enrolment options and support for transition. These are for students considering enrolment across **all** ACT Public Schools from preschool through to primary, high school and college.

Please register for the remaining sessions on 11 May, 12 May, 13 May and 18 May.

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[Key messaging – information sessions for students with disability on enrolment options and transition \(25 kb Word\)](#)

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[Social media tile – Information sessions – students with disability \(865 kb JPG\)](#)

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[Information sessions – students with disability – flyer \(1.2 MB PDF\)](#)

[Gifted Awareness Week newsletter message \(159 kb Word\)](#)



The P&C uniform shop will be holding a 2nd hand uniform stall on **Friday 4 June**. A limited number of Preschool items may be available on the day.

The stall will be set up outside the front entrance to the school from 8.30am, gold coin donation for any 2nd hand uniform item.