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## GAZETTE Week 6, Term 1



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# Calendar

## March/April

## 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		9	10	11
14 Canberra Day Public Holiday	15	16 Scholastic book club Orders due back	17 Kindergarten Health Check	18 National Ride2School Day  National Day of Action against Bullying – Kindness Culture
21 Harmony Week – Everyone Belongs  Neurodiversity Celebration week	22 Speech/Language Parent Online workshop – Kenny Nguyen 10am	23 Harmony Dress Up Day	24	25 Earth Hour
28	29 Learning Walk	30	31 School Photos – Kindergarten - Yr 6	1
4	5	6	7	8 Last day of Term 1

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Canberra Day Long week end fast approaching, students and teachers are looking forward to having Monday 14 March at home. If you are travelling, please travel safely and have a restful weekend. Enjoy some quality family time.

## **International Women's Day**

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day was celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

The international theme for this year is #BreakTheBias, designed to encourage everyone to consider what biases exist in our communities, workplaces and schools, and how we can break them.

Thank you to all women that have contributed so much.

## **Public Health Alert: protect against mosquito bites – message for school newsletters**

The ACT Health Directorate has alerted the Canberra and surrounding community to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) has been detected in samples from pigs in commercial pig farms at locations in regional New South Wales, northern Victoria and southern Queensland, indicating the virus is likely circulating in the mosquito population.

Please see the following link with further information.

[Public Health Alert: protect against mosquito bites.](#)

## **New ACT health instructional video: How to do a saliva rapid antigen test**

[How to do a saliva rapid antigen test](#) is ACT Health's latest instructional video, available on the COVID-19 website page – [About COVID-19 testing](#). This page includes video instructions about how to do a nasal rapid antigen test.

It is expected that many of the upcoming batch of RATs to be delivered to schools are likely to be nasal tests rather than the saliva test.

## **Stranger Safety**

This is reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the Australian Federal Police website for tips on [Child Safety](#) or the [Safety4Kids](#) non-government website for useful information and links. The [Constable Kenny website](#) also has a number of tips for parents.

## **House Captains**

Over the past weeks students in year 6 have had the opportunity to stand for School House Captains. This involved writing and recording a speech. The speech was then shared with all classes throughout the school. Students across the school then voted on the person who they thought demonstrated personal qualities including, leadership, sportsmanship and kind and caring.

Congratulations to all students who nominated.

The successful House Captains for 2022 are;

Mirri - Lukah Smith and Amelia Boyce

Dyara – Selinah Oeur and Cheyenne Archer

Burrai – Olivia Carrington and Celeste Fitzpatrick

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Simon

# Deputy Principal's Message

## Message from the Deputy Principal

### Speech and Language Development Parent Workshop (online)

The Tuggeranong Allied Health Team is delivering a **Speech and Language Development** workshop. The session will be facilitated by Kenny Nguyen - Speech Pathologist. 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. A flyer with more details had been emailed to families. Please follow the link to book in to receive your Microsoft Teams Link.

### Kindergarten health checks

Canberra Health Services offer all children in kindergarten in the ACT a health check at their school during the first year of fulltime education (kindergarten). These checks include an ACT Health questionnaire answered by parents/guardians, as well as a health check provided by a Registered Nurse that includes vision, hearing, height, and weight. Nurses send the results of the health check to parents and to the student's GP if one is nominated. This year, kindergarten health checks will take place at Gowrie Primary on Thursday 17 March.

### BASE Early Years Assessment Program – Kindergarten

All students in kindergarten will be involved in the BASE Assessment from **Tuesday 15 March to Friday 25 March**. It will assess their competence in early literacy and numeracy skills. The testing will be completed through an online portal. BASE captures baseline data at the beginning of the year, supplies data on the expected and actual progress of a student at the end of the year, and provides the classroom teacher with concrete evidence on the spread of abilities within a class. The assessment is repeated at the end of the year and measures student growth and progress across the first year of formal schooling.

### COVID-19 vaccination social scripts: a resource for families who have children with autism

Amaze and the National Disability Services have developed social scripts that outline the process of getting a COVID-19 vaccination. These social scripts provide autistic people with an opportunity to prepare themselves for their vaccination and reduce anxiety. Social scripts are stories and images that explain new experiences and social environments.

While the social scripts have been developed for autistic people, anyone who is feeling anxious about the process of getting a COVID-19 vaccination can use and benefit from the resources. For more information and to download the scripts, go to [COVID-19 vaccination social scripts - Amaze - Autism resource](#).

Have a great week!

*Angela*

Deputy Principal



# Merit Awards

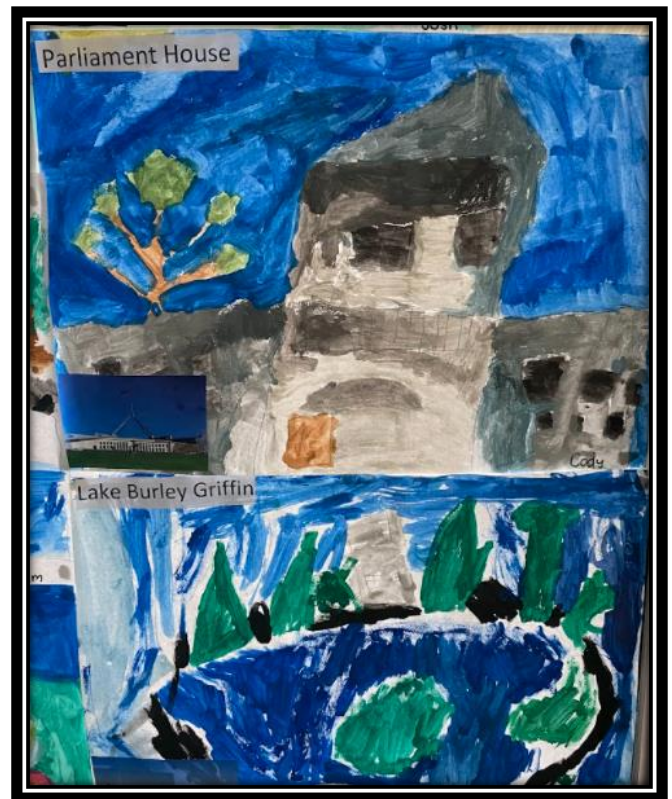
**Congratulations to all of this fortnight's  
Merit award recipients.**



ATHLLON			
KG	Hayden G		Cassie M
KH	Oliver P		Lily W
BRINDABELLA			
K-2L	Ezekiel L		
2-4B	Arlo C-L		
GULLA GULLA			
1F	Sofia A		Brianna D
1HB	Hunter C	Carly M	George H   Olivia R
2M	Arjen G		Ari H
LAMBRIGG			
3H	Erica R		Julian R
4D	Luke H		Shyliah O
4W	Cheston B		Indianna B
LANYON			
5/6H	Oliver B		Molly B
5/6M	Lachlan R		
5/6T	Tomek D		Hannah W
5/6W	Suraya B		Alana C
OTHER			
ARTS	Luca H (4D)		Lucy O (5/6T)

## K-2 News – Year 1

In year one we have been investigating where we live. We started at our house and have expanded out into our streets and suburbs and are now looking at significant landmarks around our great city. We have used rich texts such as Possum Magic and Our Bush Capital to expand our understanding of where we are from. The year one students have produced some quality artworks of their favourite Canberra landmarks.

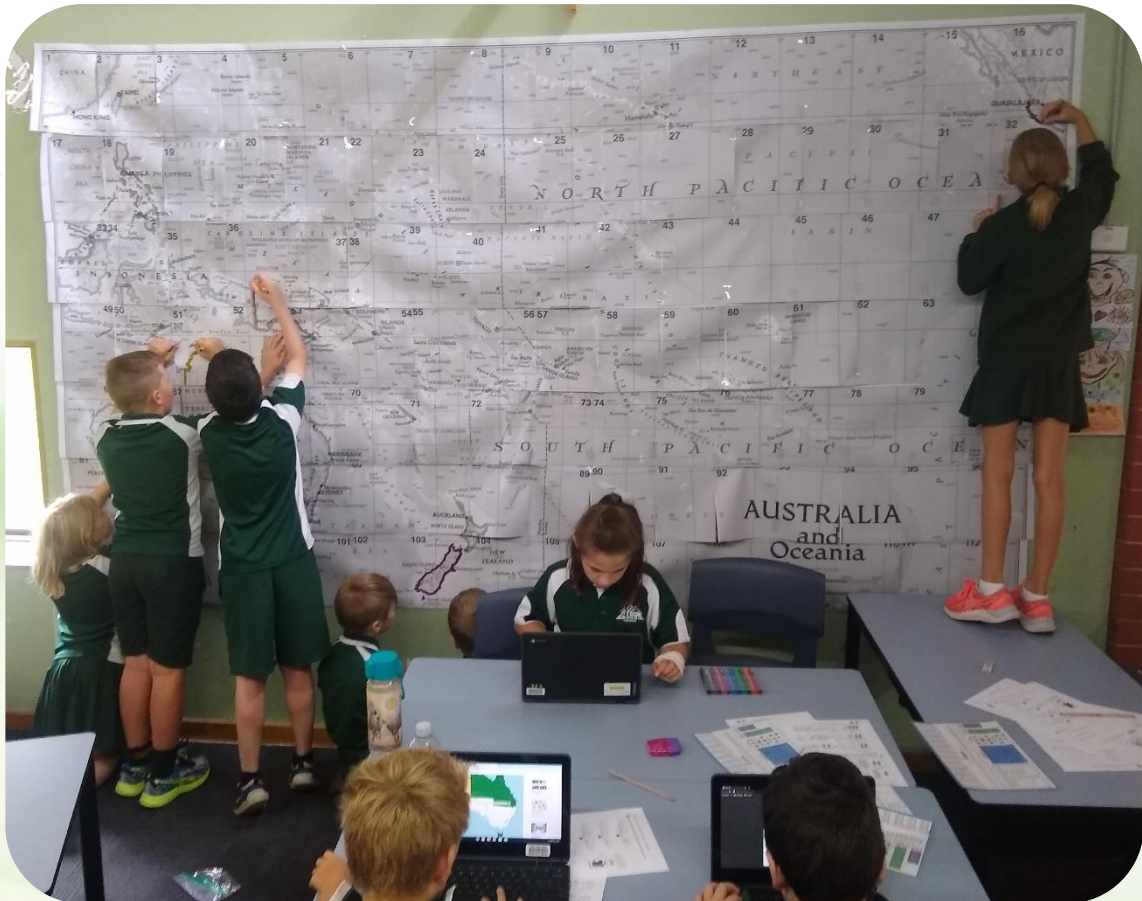


## Athllon Yard update

All students from K-2 have daily access to play in the Athllon yard. Here the children can play co-operative games and we have many amazing resources for the curious minds to dig, build and create. It is wonderful to observe all children playing safely and responsibly in the yard. We are always looking to for additional resources and donations in particular Doll House, play food, sandpit toys, plates, saucepans etc for the cubby house, large cars and trucks, dolls and doll clothes, doll pram, markers and paper, and boxes for storing paper and markers for drawing on the back patio, cushions, picnic rug/blankets and construction items – the larger the better.



In year 3 we are continuing to grow our knowledge of Australia and its neighbours. After piecing together a large map of Oceania, we took turns to colour in our map while others practiced naming countries on their Chromebooks.



Students in Lambrigg have been enjoying creating with Visual Art.



# Visual Arts



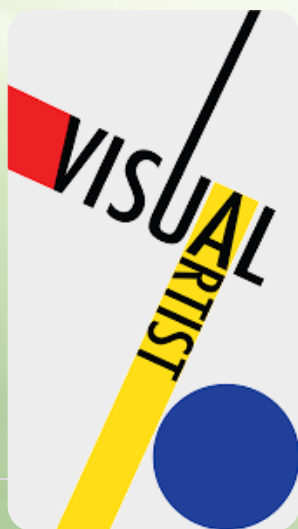
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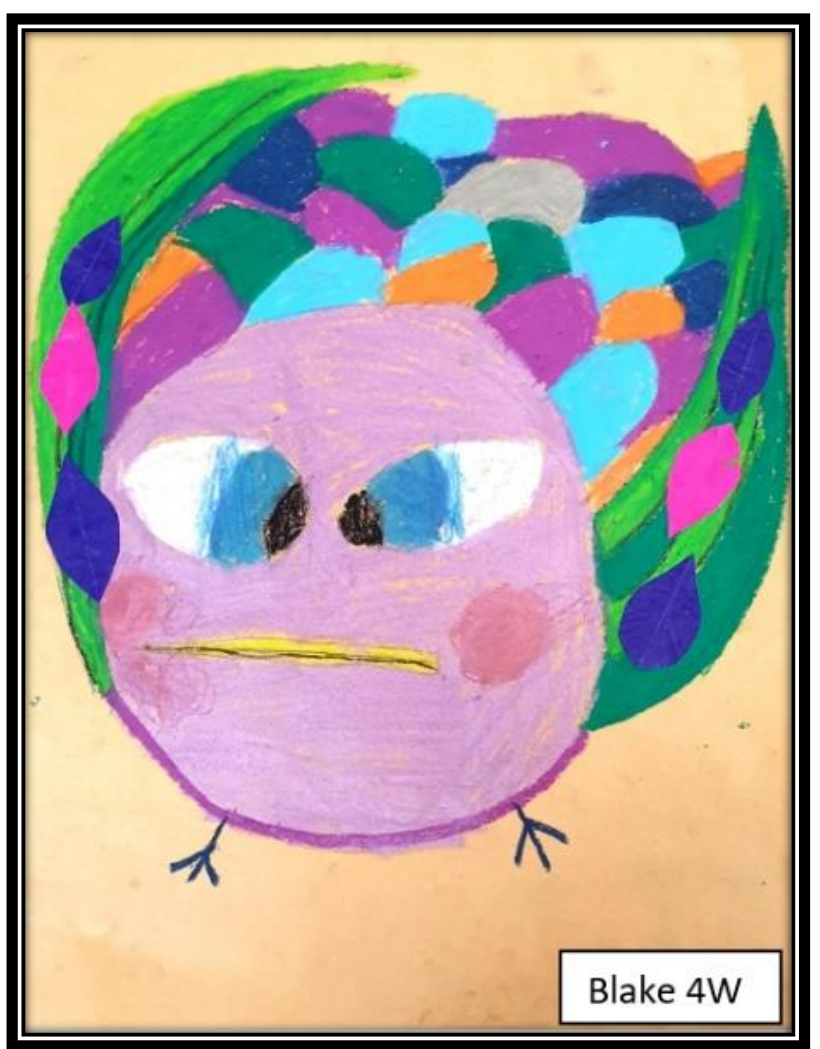


Yasmin 3H



Yasmin 3H





Blake 4W



Elodie 3W



# Lanyon News

## Lanyon Parliament

The Lanyon students have elected their Parliamentarians for 2022. Many students prepared speeches to nominate themselves for a leadership position. Congratulations to every student who spoke. The students below were successful in winning their Lanyon Parliament roles.

Lanyon Parliament plays a big part in the 'Student Voice' of our school. In Parliament, students have an opportunity to make changes within the school to help them with their learning.

Speaker:  
Selinah Oeur



Lanyon  
Parliament

Deputy Speaker:  
Amelia Whitaker-Walsh



Sergeant at Arms  
Joshua Reid



Lanyon  
Parliament

Clerk:  
Hamish Sawbridge



Prime Minister:  
Sophie Collis



Lanyon  
Parliament

Deputy Prime Minister:  
Jordan Davis



Amelia Boyce



Hansard Reporters



Lanyon  
Parliament

Vanessa Julian

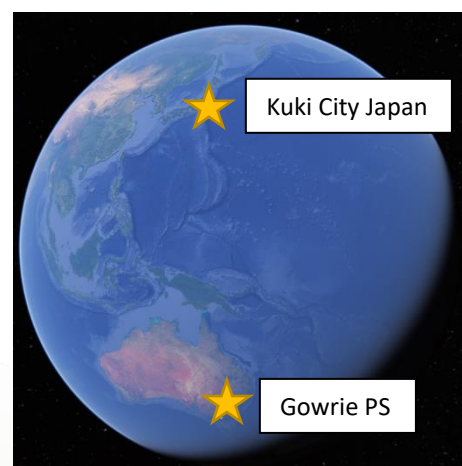


## Lanyon Reminders

11 March	Final day for band acceptances
11 March	Open Learning 3 Due
25 March	Open Learning 4 Due

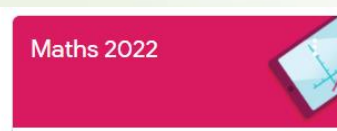
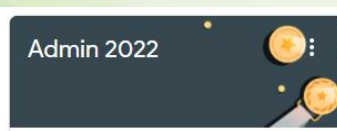
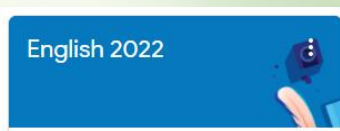
## Cultural Exchange

Year 6 Students participated in a cultural exchange with Japanese schools from Kuki City, and St Thomas More PS Melbourne on Tuesday 1 March. Each school presented some information about themselves via Google Meet. Students asked and answered questions about life in the other country. This exchange was a part of the Google Reference School Program, of which Gowrie PS is a member.



## Google Classroom

Students should be a member of these four Google Classrooms:



Each classroom contains everything that a student needs to complete most of their learning.

Google Classroom should be the first port of call:

- If you want your child to complete homework tasks - ideally Open Learning or catchup work.
- If your child is unable to attend school in person, and you would like them to do some schoolwork.

Please note that teachers do not expect students to complete learning tasks if they are sick or on leave from school.



# Important News



The School Photographer will be at school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March to take photos of all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students will receive their order form in the coming week.

Pre school students, sibling photos and 'catch up' photos will be taken on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March they will be back on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**GROUP ONLY**

Standard Group Photo (Composite Group Photo)

20 x 25cm

10 x 15cm

5 x 7.5cm

2.5 x 3.5cm

1.5 x 2.5cm

0.5 x 0.5cm

**PORTAIT ONLY**

Standard Portrait Photo (Composite Portrait Photo)

20 x 25cm

10 x 15cm

5 x 7.5cm

2.5 x 3.5cm

1.5 x 2.5cm

0.5 x 0.5cm

**RED PACK**

Standard Group Photo (Composite Group Photo)

20 x 25cm

10 x 15cm

5 x 7.5cm

2.5 x 3.5cm

1.5 x 2.5cm

0.5 x 0.5cm

**BLUE PACK**

Standard Group Photo (Composite Group Photo)

20 x 25cm

10 x 15cm

5 x 7.5cm

2.5 x 3.5cm

1.5 x 2.5cm

0.5 x 0.5cm

**GREEN PACK**

Standard Group Photo (Composite Group Photo)

20 x 25cm

10 x 15cm

5 x 7.5cm

2.5 x 3.5cm

1.5 x 2.5cm

0.5 x 0.5cm

**SAMPLE ENVELOPE**

Please note: Due to potential Covid Restrictions at the time of photography the traditional group in your photo package may be substituted for a composite group or equivalent.

I am paying by:

☐ Cash (Enclosed)

☐ Money Order (Enclosed)

☐ Online Payment by credit card - Use the purple code below to order online.

[www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)

**X1060PC45G**

MY ONLINE RECEIPT NUMBER IS:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: Gowrie Primary School

Class/Year: 1

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' CHOICE**

Item	Price	Qty	Total
BLUE	\$50	x	=
RED	\$47	x	=
GREEN	\$45	x	=
Group Only	\$28	x	=
Portrait Only	\$30	x	=
Drink Bottle	\$19	x	=
Mug	\$20	x	=
Keyring	\$8	x	=
Magnet	\$9	x	=
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$

**COMBINED PAYMENTS**

(Each student MUST have their own envelope - please mark an X in the appropriate box)

☒ This child's payment is in

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This envelope includes payment/s for

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Class/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child's name to be included underneath the class/year group photograph. If I DO NOT wish my child's name to appear I will notify the school IMMEDIATELY.

The School Photographer (not your school)

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au (02) 9676 8824

14-19 Station Road, Denham NSW 2517



Wearing Orange or Traditional Dress for  
Harmony Week 2022  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

We will be celebrating Harmony Week by participating in special activities in our classrooms and as a whole school by wearing orange or traditional dress on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Harmony Week is a week to celebrate Australian Multiculturalism.

Harmony week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. We look forward to celebrating as a school community in our cohorts celebrating everyone in our Gowrie Community.

Look out for the wonderful display happening in the Library and special events in our year level cohorts.

# P&C News

## *Everything you wanted to know about the P&C (but were too afraid to ask)*

### **What does P&C stand for?**

The Parents and Citizens Association.

### **What happens at a P&C meeting?**

P&C meetings are held once or twice a term, at 6:30pm on a Monday night. Meetings go for around 60-90 minutes and are currently held via Teams or Zoom.

At the meeting we discuss things like the uniform shop and fundraising events/opportunities. We also hear from Mr Smith, who provides an update on key happenings at school.

This year we are looking at new ways of running meetings and getting community involvement. We will regularly put notices in the gazette about what we are doing and when we need specific help.

### **Are there a lot of people involved in the P&C?**

No, we are a very small group. The committee itself has seven members and we are usually joined by a small handful of other attendees.

We would love to have more parents, grandparents or community members join us, so please feel free to come along. We don't mind if you are cooking dinner or dealing with the kids – feel free to listen in and ask questions or make suggestions. Or, if you don't want to join the meetings but you do want to help, please email us at [gowriepc@gmail.com](mailto:gowriepc@gmail.com). We will let you know when there are opportunities to get involved.

### **What is the P&C aiming to achieve this year?**

In the last 3 or 4 years we have targeted smaller projects and have made a sizable donation to the school for various purchases. This includes two class sets of Chrome books, a new audio system in the hall and large amounts of books and play equipment.

We have now set ourselves a goal of pulling the community together with a single focus of making a significant difference to the school playground. We are going to seek quotes and set ourselves a big target that we can pull together on as a community and reach over time. We would love to see these areas revitalised for all the Gowrie students to enjoy.

### **And the most important question of all.... *If I attend a meeting, will I be pressured into a job I have no time for and can never escape???***

Absolutely not! The role you play is totally up to you. This could look like:

- listening in to meetings
- volunteering to help with one-off fundraising events e.g. baking a cake for a cake stall or cooking sausages at a Bunnings BBQ
- nominating yourself as a committee member in future years.

You won't be under any pressure to take on more than you'd like to.

The P&C is great way to meet new people and support our school community. If you'd like to join our mailing list to be notified about meetings and volunteering opportunities, please write to us at [gowriepc@gmail.com](mailto:gowriepc@gmail.com).

Kind regards,

Carolyn Graham, P&C President, and the Gowrie P&C Committee

# Eat Out & Help Gowrie Primary

Did you know that the Canberra Southern Cross Club runs a Community Rewards Program that returns 7.5% of your food and drink purchase to your school?

## Appetizer

All you need to do is register your member details at the link below, or by asking at Reception.

<https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/sz728280bsz1c/>



## Main Course

Then swipe your member card when ordering your food and drink at the clubs

## Dessert

The Canberra Southern Cross Club will then send the P&C a yearly contribution which will be directly used to purchase goods and services for your child's school.



*Purchases at the MV Southern Cross, Snapper, or at functions are not included*

# Uniform Price Update



## GOWRIE PRIMARY UNIFORM SHOP

ABN: 95 337 879 056

The uniform shop is open from 8:30am to 9am Fridays

Uniforms can be ordered via QKR or by emailing Alice Buck

Email: [alicegoleby@gmail.com](mailto:alicegoleby@gmail.com) Mobile: 0412 858 974

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	SIZE	CHOICE	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
<b>MAIN SCHOOL UNIFORM (K-6)</b>					
<b>Polo Shirt</b> Short sleeve, quick dry with logo	<u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 XS S M L		\$25		
<b>Summer Dress</b> Cotton with logo	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$25		
<b>Rugby Tops</b> Long sleeve, logo printed on back	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$23		
<b>Polar Fleece Jumper</b> Embroidered logo	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$30		
<b>Hooded Full Zip Jacket</b> Embroidered logo	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$32		
<b>Dry and Cosy Jacket</b> Waterproof nylon fully lined with polar fleece and embroidered logo	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$40		
<b>Girls Skort</b> Shorts within skirt, zip pocket lightweight or gaberdine material	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16	<u>Gaberdine</u> / Sport	\$18		
<b>Boys Shorts</b> Shorts mid length, zip pocket lightweight water resistant or gaberdine material	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16	<u>Gaberdine</u> / Sport	\$18		
<b>Girls Yoga Pants</b> Summer material long pants	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$20		
<b>Girls Bootleg Pants</b> Winter thick material	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16		\$22		
<b>Boys Tracksuit Pants</b> Padded Knees	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> 8 10 12 14 16	<u>Straight</u> / Cuffed	\$20		
<b>Bucket Hat with Logo</b>	<u>XS</u> <u>S</u> M L		\$12		
<b>Beanie Hat with Logo</b>	One Size		\$12		
<b>School Bag with Logo</b>	One Size		\$45		
<b>Drawstring Library Bag</b> Assorted designs	N/A		\$10		
<b>PRESCHOOL UNIFORM (GECKO's &amp; ROSELLA's)</b>					
<b>Polo Shirt</b> Printed with preschool logo	<u>3</u> <u>4</u> 6 8	Gecko Rosella	\$20 OR 3 for \$50		
<b>Preschool Hat</b> Reversible hat, blue & green	S/M M/L		\$12		
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email or Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

QKR is our preferred payment method. Cash or credit card payment can be made at the front office.

ALL orders will be processed on Fridays and delivered to you child's classroom. Prices as of March 2022.

Direct deposit can be made to the P&C bank account.

Account: Gowrie Primary School P&C  
BSB: 082 923

Account Number: 304 767 710

PLEASE REFERENCE: Uniform JSmith (child's Name)

Payment Method (CIRCLE):

CARD

CASH

DIRECT DEPOSIT

QKR

(Receipt Number)

# Community News



## SPEECH and LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PARENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday 22 March 2022

10.00am – 11.00am

Microsoft Teams Online



Presented by

**Kenny Nguyen, Allied Health Speech Pathologist**

The Tuggeranong Allied Health Team is delivering a *Speech and Language Development* for our parent community. The session will be facilitated by Kenny Nguyen - Speech Pathologist. 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.

**Don't miss this exciting opportunity!**

Please **RSVP by Wednesday 16 March 2022**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and

Click on 'Make a Booking'

Enter the Booking Code

**BOOKING CODE: 6n8ru**

follow the instructions on the page

OR

Ring our Front Office on 6142 1960.





**Get on & ROCK!**



### **The Music Bus brings music to your school**

The Music Bus is the teacher, instruments, curriculum and classroom {the bus!} all in one complete package, and now it's rocking at your school!

Tuition in Keyboard, Ukulele, Guitar, Drums and Singing



### **For only \$20 a week! (\$22 for Drums)**

The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well known songs, backing tracks, games, awards and much more to truly engage with students.

*"It's so great being at school. They're learning something new each week and the rapport the teacher has with the kids is wonderful."*

Sarah, Parent, NSW

**BOOK NOW!**

**Phone 1300 168 742 or  
visit [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au)**

**Limited space available so be sure not to miss out.**



### **Help shape the future of inclusive education in ACT Public Schools**

The inclusive education survey on disability and education in ACT Public Schools has re-opened. Discussion groups are also being held over the coming month.

Students with disability (both current and former), carers, families, advocates, school staff and the broader community are invited to join the 'Community Conversation' and help shape how we strengthen inclusive education in ACT Public Schools.

If you haven't already done so, visit ['A Community Conversation'](#) to complete the survey and/ or join a discussion group.

For more information about the survey and this work visit the Education Directorate website:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/students-with-disability/strengthening-inclusive-education>



### **Public Health Alert: Protect against mosquito bites**

The ACT Health Directorate has alerted the Canberra and surrounding community to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) has been detected in samples from pigs in commercial pig farms at locations in regional New South Wales, Northern Victoria and Southern Queensland, indicating the virus is likely circulating in the mosquito population.

The alert includes more information about the symptoms of JEV and a list of simple actions to avoid mosquito bites. Schools may consider sharing a link to the Public Health Alert in their school newsletters:

[Public Health Alert: protect against mosquito bites.](#)

Contact Health Media on 0403 344 080 or [healthmedia@act.gov.au](mailto:healthmedia@act.gov.au).