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Calendar

March/April

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		23	24	25 Earth Hour
28 P&C Meeting 6.30pm online	29	30	31 School Photos K – Year 6	1 Crazy Sock Day P&C fundraiser
4	5 Gowrie Cross Country Carnival	6 Easter Hat Parade Easter Raffle	7	8 Last day for Term 1
25 ANZAC day Public Holiday	26 1 st day of Term 2 School enrolments open for Pre school and High School for 2023	27 School Photos Preschool, Siblings, Catchup	28	29 ANZAC day Ceremony - virtual

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Update

Following the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions across the ACT, the Education Directorate has worked with ACT Health to review the [term 1 plan](#) that sets out measures in place to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 in ACT public schools.

From 21 March, school bands, orchestras, choirs and performance rehearsals will be able to resume without our students needing to remain in their cohorts.

School sports can also resume without cohorting restrictions.

From term 2, swimming carnivals and school sports competitions can resume off school grounds. Parents are welcome to attend these events when they are held outdoors however, it is recommended they do not attend carnivals or competitions that are indoors.

Interstate excursions will also be allowed for trips within a 4-hour driving distance to the ACT.

Overnight excursions can also resume with a two-night limit for interstate excursions. Schools will need to prepare a COVID-safe plan for each excursion.

Parents can continue to attend the school with a booked appointment to meet with teachers and other staff. However, at this point the Directorate has assessed that the additional risk of COVID-19 transmission as a result of parents being on site is not manageable for the remainder of term 1.

Pick up and drop off

In line with the easing of restrictions Gowrie Primary will be moving back to a 3:00pm pick up for all students. Students who have siblings in either the Rosellas or the Gecko's are still welcome to be picked up from the preschool. However, this will now happen at 3:00pm in line with all other pick-up arrangements. Lambrigg and Lanyon students will now exit the school using the side gate.

Gowrie Gathering

As of 4th April Week 10, we will recommence Gowrie Gathering. Students are to move to the back court area where we will hold an outdoor assembly for the students only. At this assembly we will be outside and sitting in co-horts and will continue to follow COVID restrictions/ plans. This will occur on all Mondays, weather permitting.

Again, I would like to thank the entire community for the ongoing support. While it is very difficult times for all the strength of our community has kept as moving forward as a school in a very positive direction.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

Autumn is here and it's hard to believe we are more than halfway through the first term of 2022! I believe that this is probably the longest that children have been in face-to-face learning since August last year and it is obvious that they love being back with their friends and teachers at Gowrie!

Understanding and responding to Feelings and Behaviours Program (UR FaB)

UR FAB is an early intervention program run in collaboration with the ACT Education Directorate for children in primary school, their parents and teachers. It aims to support all children to understand their big emotions and behaviour. It offers extra support through a group work program for those children who struggle with managing strong emotions and their behaviour at school and at home and learn new ways of doing things and problem solve. Some children who participate in the program find it difficult to manage their angry or frustrated feelings, while other children find it difficult to manage their anxiety, worried or sad feelings.

Research suggests that there are many benefits from teaching children about their emotions at an early age and that helping families and schools to work together in the early years of primary school can have positive results for children who struggle with these difficulties.

We are offering the UR FaB Program for **a small group of children and their families in the Year 1/2**. A short list is made of the eligible children informed by screening results and parent/teacher interview. An 8 week group program will be offered to these families. If you think the program would be of benefit to your family and would like some more information, please contact the Front Office.

Speech and Language Development Parent Workshop

Kenny Nguyen from the Tuggeranong Allied Health Team delivered a ***Speech and Language Development Parent*** workshop which provided information about speech and language development in the Early Years and offered information to parents regarding services available to support and promote speech and oral language skills of their children. He shared the Speech Pathology Australia's Communication Milestones Poster for 1-5 year olds. To download the poster, visit www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/milestones.

Have a great week and enjoy the lovely Autumn weather!

Angela

Deputy Principal



Merit Awards

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



ATHLLON		
KG	Theo A	Hayley M
KH	Lilli D	Logan G
BRINDABELLA		
K-2L	Carleton S	
2-4B	William G	
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Charlie J	Peyton J
1HB	Hudson G	Lachlan K
2B	Rupert B	Eloise P
2M	Liara G	Olivia P
LAMBRIGG		
3H	Yasmin N	Blake N
3W	Charlie M James M	Asha D Eddie G
4D	Laila H	Jakob K
4W	Adele C-J	Logan P
LANYON		
5/6H	Ruby H	Seth W
5/6T	Crystal H-T	Isla O
5/6W	Jordan D	Lucy F
OTHER		
ARTS	Bailey T (4W)	Amelia W-W (5/6T)
LANGUAGE	Indigo A (2B)	Cody Gowen (1F)

Lambrigg News

This week Lambrigg have been talking about Earth Hour and the importance of looking after our Environment.



This Saturday between 8:30 and 9:30pm people are encouraged to #switchoff and #ShapeOurFuture.

The school will be recognising Earth Hour on Friday with classes encouraged to 'switch off' electrical items between midday and 1pm.



Here are some of the reasons that Lambrigg students believe that we should do Earth Hour and look after the environment.

- We should look after the environment to keep our country clean and healthy - Georgia (4D)
- We should look after the environment to stop animals from dying out - Bella (4D)
- We should save more technology and electricity - Julian (3H)
- The environment is beautiful, its frickin' gorgeous - Avah (3H)
- We need to pick up the trash - Avarial (3H)
- I think we should save the environment by picking up rubbish - Blake (4W)
- I think we should do Earth Hour to save energy and you should do it too. Switch off your computer - Wesley (4W)
- We should do Earth Hour to help our environment. Keep the world tidy and to save energy - Harrison and Bailey (4W)
- We should save energy so the Earth doesn't die - Shaylia (4D)

- We shouldn't litter cause the rubbish on the floor could end up in nature and kill sea animals - Summer (4D) and Indianna (4W)
- We should look after the environment because its good for the plants which make the air that we breath - Arlo (3H)



Library News

HARMONY WEEK

This week the library proudly promotes Harmony Day on March 21 with several displays reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

Gowrie Primary's library has a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books which support the Harmony Week theme, **EVERYONE BELONGS**. These books are available for student borrowing throughout the year, with a special selection displayed this week.



Harmony Week is also a great opportunity to remind students that even though we are all different, we can all contribute every day to a positive Gowrie Primary community. With this in mind, each student has decorated a feather which is now part of our giant wings display outside the Library entrance.

Although this term we have been unable to gather in large groups, it has been wonderful to see class groups reflecting on the fact that **although we are all unique, we can help each other fly**. The wings have also provided some positive photo opportunities.



BORROWING/RETURNING

Throughout Term 1 the Library has continued to host Pre-school to Year 2 classes for weekly borrowing and returning. Traditionally libraries are quiet spaces, sadly in recent years, our Library has been a little too quiet! It is a joy to see the younger members of the GPS community excitedly using our unique space during 2022.

Year 3 -6 students should be congratulated for their resilience again this term. With face-to-face interaction not possible, they have explored some varied library procedures and are now adept at using the Oliver platform to make Reservations to access library books. Well Done to all our Year 3-6ers!

BOOK FAIR

Next Term sees the return of our Annual Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday 24th May until Friday 27th May. On Wednesday the 25th, (also Week 5) Gowrie Primary will once again participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. More information on both these events in future Gazettes.

Happy Reading,
Wendy Wheeler
Library Resources Manager





The School Photographer will be at school on **Thursday 31st March** to take photos of all students from **Kindergarten to Year 6**.

Pre school students, sibling photos and 'catch up' photos will be taken on **Wednesday 27th April**. If you require extra order envelopes, they are available from the front office.

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RED PACK	\$47	Red
BEST VALUE!	\$45	Green
+BONUS! HI RES.	-	High Resolution
GROUP ONLY	\$28	Group Only
PORTRAIT ONLY	\$30	Portrait Only
Drink Bottle	\$19	Drink Bottle
Mug	\$20	Mug
Keyring	\$8	Keyring
Magnet	\$9	Magnet

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Student Name: _____
School Name: Gowrie Primary School
Class/Year: /
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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

This child's payment is in	This envelope includes payments for
Name: _____	Name(s): _____ Class(es): _____
Class: _____	

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.

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2023 Enrolment News

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/public-school-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.



EASTER HAT PARADE- SAVE THE DATE 6th April

It's time to get creative and start our Easter Hat making skills!!

Wednesday 6th April we will be having our Easter Hat parade in our cohorts.

Unfortunately, parents are still unable to be on school grounds but we will be filming and taking photos of classes.

We look forward to seeing your creative, crazy, funky designs!





Easter Raffle

The P&C will be running our annual Easter raffle on Wednesday 6th April, to help raise funds towards playground upgrades.

There will be a prize per class, as well as a major prize draw.

We are requesting donations of the following items, to contribute to our lovely prize hampers:

- *Easter chocolates*
- *Easter toys*
- *Easter baskets/gift boxes*
- *Ribbon*
- *Cellophane*

Students can drop donations at the front office by Friday 1st April.

Thank you!

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 3 tickets for \$2 or 10 tickets for \$5.

To purchase raffle tickets, please order on Qkr!

Available for purchase until **5pm Monday 4th April**

(Cash purchases cannot be accepted)

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie –
natalie.roseworn@gmail.com





CRAZY SOCKS DAY

Wear your brightest, loudest,
craziest socks to school!

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

Gold coin donation towards P&C
fundraising activities

Usual school uniform applies, aside from the crazy socks!



The Y Canberra Region Sacred Heart

Vacation Care Program Guide



Week 1

Monday April 11th	Tuesday April 12th	Wednesday April 13th	Thursday April 14th	Friday April 15th
Colour Day A day for all things colour and creation today. <i>Incursion: Bricks for Kids 1 - 2:30pm</i>	Messy Day Come prepared to let your wild and artistic self shine!	Mini Olympics Come and get active with some olympic-style activities <i>Incursion: Rainbow Warriors Colour Run</i>	Easter Day All things Easter with craft ideas and chocolate cooking activities	Good Friday Holiday No Vacation Care

Week 2

Monday April 18th	Tuesday April 19th	Wednesday April 20th	Thursday April 21st	Friday April 22nd
Easter Monday Holiday No Vacation Care	Canberra's Got Talent Bring your best talent for a puppet show, Just Dance Comp and choice awards!	Recycle Day Let's recycle things into something new and learn how to recycle better!	Minute to Win It Game shows, trivia and prizes - you have to be in it to win it!	Superhero Day Come dressed as your favourite superhero today! <i>Incursion: Musical Flash Mob Theatre</i>

Sacred Heart Vacation Care

8am - 6pm
Monday - Friday

Remember to pack a healthy lunch, 2 snacks, hats and water bottles

**Bring a change of clothes on these days*

April vacation care program will be held at Sacred Heart Primary School – corner of Beasley St and Hodgson Cres Pearce from 11th of April to 22nd of April except the public holiday days.

Attached is the vacation care program. There are vacancies available and for bookings parents can email- cs.canberra@ymca.org.au.

Community News



Gowrie Primary will be holding a stock of rapid antigen tests and will supply them to staff and students on an as needed basis.

If you require a tests, please contact the front office for collection.