What’s on at Gowrie:

Thursday 9 April  
Canteen Specials Day at Lunch break

Friday 10 April  
Last Day Term 1
Orders for Subway lunch

TERM 2

Monday 27 April  
ANZAC Day holiday for ACT Public Servants – YMCA care available

Tuesday 28 April  
P-Yr6 ANZAC Assembly – 2.15pm
Last day for SUBWAY lunch orders

Phone the YMCA by Friday to book your child into care for Monday 27 April. Phone 6242 4040

ANZAC Day Assembly on Tuesday 28th April At 2.15pm

NOTES HOME:
• Preschool Winter Jumper Order form

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1  2nd February to 10th April
Term 2  (Tuesday) 28th April to 3rd July
Term 3  20th July to 25th September
Term 4  12th October to 18th December

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE YMCA Program
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1 Review
Term 1 has been an extremely busy term and it has flown past at great speed. From celebrating Autism Day recently to the swimming carnival earlier in the term all students have been involved in great events. Our P&C have also got off to a flying start with a movie night and planning for future fund raising activities to support our school and students. The classrooms have been filled with creative and engaged students who have brought many wonderful pieces of work to share with me. The Gowrie community have also been active within the school with parent volunteers listening to children read and working with students using Meccano constructing mechanised machinery. The Gowrie Preschool has also commenced the year well with many bright faces indicating an overwhelming joy to be attending Ms. Horne’s and Mrs. Garland’s classes. I look forward to Term 2 and sharing with the community our student work and student achievements. Don’t forget to join our school Facebook page as we post regular events and student work online. The Gowrie School App can also be downloaded from the App Store to keep up to date with school information and push notifications.

3-Way Conferences
Thank you to all families who attended our 3-Way Conferences recently. Information from these meetings helps our teachers better prepare lessons and prioritise future goals for our students. At the end of Term 2 you will receive a student report indicating progress against Australian Curriculum outcomes as well as the priorities discussed at the 3-Way Conferences. Please arrange a mutually suitable time to meet with your child’s teacher should you have any concerns during the year.

Parent Feedback
I invite parent feedback from Term 1 concerns or positive experiences at Gowrie Primary School. I have been monitoring the assemblies as an area of concern with regard to the change of day and time. I would like to note we have enjoyed regular high attendance varying from 50 to 70 parents/family members this term and would like to continue the current arrangement into Term 2. I will be engaging with the P&C and School Board with reference to assemblies and seek feedback to ensure we are including as many families as we can in school events. Please send correspondence to gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au.

Reminders
Open Day – Enrolments for 2016
On Wednesday 29 April we will have an Open Day for prospective families from Preschool to Year 6. All parents and carers who anticipate enrolling their child at Gowrie Preschool or K to Year 6 are cordially invited for a tour and short information session from 9.30 – 10.30am and again from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Please remember Gowrie Primary School is required to
prioritise enrolments from within our priority enrolment area (PEA) and families outside our PEA might have to be placed on a waiting list.

Preschool Enrolments 2016
All enrolments for Gowrie Preschool for 2016 are conducted online. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Education and Training Directorate website.

Please have a safe and happy break over April and don’t forget school starts back on Tuesday 28th April as Monday is a public holiday for ACT Public Servants.

Kind regards,

Gareth Richards
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Preschool Fundraising
Our Preschool subcommittee has been working tirelessly this term to raise funds for preschool. Thank you to the families that have supported the Easter raffle, the Preschool jumpers and the Supaslice fundraiser. I would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of $1,000 by the preschool P&C subcommittee to the preschool for the purchase of equipment such as books and art and craft supplies. I understand that many families have contributed to the fundraising events that have enabled such a generous donation to be made to the school. I would sincerely like to thank all families for their time, effort and money and also acknowledge the contribution of Stephanie Pasfield, Preschool Chair and Mel Oxman Preschool Secretary for their commitment and organisation of fundraising events this term.

The Easter Hat Parade
It was a delight to see all our children from preschool to year 6 in the Easter Hat Parade, last week. Thank you to all the mums and dads who have spent time designing and making these wonderful creations. Thank you to Julie Williams and the SRC committee for the fantastic organisation of the exciting Easter raffle and to all the staff who wrapped the great prizes!

Autism Day
Autism Day last week was celebrated with everyone participating in a whole school mural and everyone dressed in blue! Thank you to Angela Batchelor and the Autism Day committee for organising this special event. It is great to see the whole community involved and supporting such a special event!

Cluster Anzac Day Ceremony
Our senior SRC students have been invited to attend a special Cluster Anzac Day ceremony at Simpsons Hill ANZAC Memorial, Chisholm Hill with neighbouring schools on Friday this week. This will be followed with a special Anzac Day Ceremony on Tuesday 28 April (first day back) at
2:15pm by HMAS Harman. We wish to thank Kirsten Watts for organising this special event for the school. All are welcome to attend!

**Canberra Times Photos**
The Canberra Times photographer will be visiting Gowrie to take photos for the Kids Picks page in the Chronicle this week. These photos are great to promote our wonderful school and all the special extra-curricular programs that we offer. Please be on the look-out for these photos which will be published in the chronicle in a few weeks’ time!

**Child and Family Centres**
Child and Family Centres (CFCs) are located in Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and West Belconnen. The ACT Education and Training Directorate works with CFCs in supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families.

In 2015 the Child and Family Centres model of service will transition to a collaborative approach to early intervention focussing on targeted and integrated delivery. The move to a new service model will be delivered in a staged approach with anticipated changes finalised by the end of the 2015 year. The new model will include:

- increased partnerships with local preschools and primary schools to support the transition of marginalised and at risk children and families into early childhood education;
- strengthened delivery of direct services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families; and
- strengthens partnerships with culturally and linguistically diverse children and families.

More information will be provided as it becomes available. Contact: Regina Nugent
Ph: 620 71106

**The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)**
The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has started planning conversations with eligible ACT residents with a developmental delay or disability. The schedule for these conversations is referred to as 'phasing'. Students will phase in to the scheme during the 2015 school year. High school and college students (7-12) will phase in between January and March 2015. **Children in primary school (K-6) will transition between April and September 2015.** The NDIA will contact families in the quarter before they are scheduled to phase to provide information about the process. Families will then receive an 'Access Request Kit' from the NDIA to establish if their child is eligible to participate in the scheme. Some students' support packages may include funding for allied health services. It is anticipated that some families may wish to have these services delivered in schools. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Lindy Abbott, Manager NDIS Project Team on 6207 2327.
Safe and Happy Holiday
It has been a very busy term one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, parents and the school community for all that has been done to help make this term such a rich and rewarding one for us all. I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday. I look forward to meeting up with you in term 2.

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal

BOOROOMBA NEWS
The Gecko and Rosella children have been enjoying the preschool program during this term. We have been very busy learning about safety, friendships, Autumn, spider webs, ice and dinosaurs among many other interests raised by the children. We have also been developing our skills in gross and fine motor development.

We are looking forward to Kenny Koala's visit today; he will be focussing on pushbike and road safety. Next term the preschool children will be able to earn their own bike licenses to use around our preschool yard.

Please ensure your children have warm coats and beanies on their return to preschool next term. We wish all of the preschool families a safe and happy holiday!
We look forward to an amazing 2nd term of fun filled learning.

Gowrie Preschool Teachers & Educators

K – YEAR 2 NEWS
Our first term into 2015 is nearly over and what a productive and positive term it has been. We have been working hard to set up routines and getting to know each other. We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who have given their time to help out in classrooms with individual reading and small group work. It is much appreciated and we hope to see you again in term 2.

Last week’s 3-way interviews were a great success with parents, students and teachers making time to talk about students learning at school. It was a valuable experience for all concerned and the result was some clear, personalised and achievable goals for students. We encourage you to discuss these goals with your child/ren and celebrate as they are achieved.

Our SRC members have been attending important meetings and helping to make decisions for the school such as the Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle. The parade last week was an array of colour and creativity and we thank families for their time and effort in helping students to create such wonderful head pieces. Congratulations to the lucky students who won a prize and thank you to the parents who donated chocolate for the raffle.
A special congratualtions to Sheree O’Donnell and Andrew Jacobson who cropped/shaved their heads to raise money for Leukemia last week in the World’s Greatest Shave. Thank you to students who wore crazy hair and donated money to this worthy cause.

The K-2 team wish you and your families a safe and relaxing holiday. Encourage your children to continue reading everyday with family members. We look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready for more exciting learning in term 2.

Kind regards,

Lyn Cleaver (KC), Sheree O’Donnell (KO), Julie Williams (1/2W), Shannon Staszak (1/2S), Wendy Marlowe and Lucy Dom (1/2MD)

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Term one is coming to an end and the 3/4 students have worked hard over the past 10 weeks! Both students and teachers are very keen for the 2 week break.

Over the past two weeks there have been a lot of extra events on at Gowrie. The 3/4 students have participated in crazy hair day raising money for the Leukemia Foundation. On Monday we watched the brave Ms. O’Donnell chop off all her hair to be used to create a wig for someone who is having treatment for leukemia. We also made and wore some amazing Easter hats for the Easter hat parade. It was fantastic to see so many students involved in this annual event. Lastly as a school we celebrated World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd. We all wore blue and created a whole school mural.

All 3/4 classes have begun a literacy unit on exposition. As classes we have discussed controversial topics like school uniforms, school canteens, sport for every child and Zayn’s sudden exit from One Direction. Students have had to make decisions whether they are for or against the topics and reasons behind their beliefs.
This week each student will receive a note about Rostrum – all students in year 3-6 will participate in preparing and presenting a speech. Speeches will be performed in front of classes/units from week 2 next term. Representatives from each class will then move forward to the school final in week 4 term 2.

Three-way conferences have been a great success with each 3/4 class having over 90% attendance. It has been fantastic to see the students taking ownership of their learning and behaviour and creating realistic goals for themselves. Well done to everyone who has participated in a 3 way conference. If you need to schedule a conference time for your child please email your classroom teacher.

Next term year 3 students will participate in NAPLAN – this consists of a reading, writing and maths tests. Please take the time to talk to your children about participating in NAPLAN. Next term more information will be sent home.

Everyone involved in the 3/4 team would like to wish families a restful and safe school break. We look forward to seeing you in 2 weeks.

Sara Payne, Liz Thompson and Nicole Linsell
3/4 Team
In Lanyon we run mathematics lessons in a variety of formats to suit the individual learning needs of all students, from independent tasks, to small group and larger workshops.


Mr. J taking a strategy group through the process of short multiplication.

A problem solving strategy group working with Jayne.

Students looking through ‘Think Tanks’ for problem solving cards.

Maddie solving some short division problems.

Erin is helping Maddie to practise her times tables with flash cards.

Rhys is working through a problem solving question from the ‘Think Tanks’.

By Kasinda J and Calais F
FROM THE JAPANESE ROOM

Konnichi wa minna san (hello everyone)

In Japanese we have been continuing exploring greetings (both in Australian culture and the Japanese culture). Some very special year 1/2 students even had a visit from the Japanese embassy. Here are some words I'm sure your students have been using around your home:

- Konnichi wa - こんいちは - hello
- Ohayoo gozaimasu - おはようございます - good morning
- Konban wa - こんばんは - good evening
- Oyasuminasai - おやすみなさい - I'm tired good night
- Arigatoo gozaimasu - ありがとうございます - thank you very much
- Doitashimashite - どいたしまして - you're welcome
- Hai - はい - yes
- Iie - いいえ - no
- Tokidoki - ときどき - so so/maybe/sometimes
- Chokoretto ga suki desu ka - チョコレットがすきですか - do you like chocolate?
- Chokoretto ga suki desu - チョコレットがすきです - I like chocolate.
- Onamae wa nan desu ka - お名前はなんですか - what is your name.
- Tanjobi ometetoo - たんじょびおめてもう - happy birthday.

Here are some great apps, if students are missing Japanese over the school holidays.
- Tarkosjapanese
- NihongoGo
- Languages online
- Puni puni

We will be looking at food in Japanese lessons next term. Perhaps students could practice their おはし おhashi skills during the holidays, picking up all those yummy chocolate Easter eggs.

Sensei Thomas
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May is National Family Reading Month!

The Gowrie Book Fair will be open for business:

Tuesday  5th May  8.00am to 9.00am    3.00pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday  6th May  8.00am to 9.00am    3.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursday  7th May  8.00am to 9.00am    3.00pm to 4.00pm

We will be having our Book Fair Raffle again this year. For every $10.00 spent you will receive one raffle ticket.

First Prize  $30 of books of your choice
Second Prize  $15 of books of your choice
Third Prize  $15 of books of your choice

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END OF TERM
CANTEEN SALE

Thursday 9th April

Canteen will be open at Lunch time only for the sales of

- Chips
- Pop corn
- Chomps
- Paddle Pops
- Lolly Bags
- Fruit Boxes

Prices vary from 50c to $1.00
Hi Gowrie Community!

**Movie Night**
A big thank you to all those that braved the cooler autumn weather and attended the movie night. A very special thank you to Brian from IGA Gowrie for his generous donations. Also thank you to all the helpers and the year 6 boys Bailey Garrity and Angus Long for helping out on the night.

**Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**
Thankyou to all families who got in Hot Cross Bun Orders. The winners of the Limelight voucher goes to Amber and Riley Williams with a sale of 21 orders. Congratulations!

**Reminders:**
The **Uniform Shop** will operate on Monday mornings from 8.45-9.30 during term.

Our next **P&C Meeting** will be held on the 12th of May from 6:30-7:30pm – pop it in your diaries!

Have a wonderful Holiday break – see you all next term.
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
CONGRATULATIONS

MISS O’DONNELL

FOR RAISING $3559
Easter Hat Parade and Raffle