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## GAZETTE Week 4, Term 2



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# Calendar

## May/June

2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28	29	30	31 Year 5 Assembly 12.15pm – 1pm  P&C Milk and Cookie Day
3	4	5 Year 5 Combined Band 12.30pm – 2pm	6	7
10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11	12 Year 1 Lanyon Homestead 10am - 2pm	13	14 Year 3 Assembly 12.15pm – 1pm  ACT Cross Country @ Stromlo
17 Board Meeting 5.30pm  P&C Meeting 6.30pm	18	19 P&C Cheese Burger Day	20	21

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gowrie Primary School is a wonderful place to be each day and we have lots to celebrate from the last two weeks.

- A big congratulations to the students who represented Gowrie at the regional cross country this week. Thankyou Tanya Dale for organising our very own sports shirts for Gowrie students to wear at sporting events. They look fabulous!
- Thank you to Wendy for the amazing Book Fair and engaging our community in a love of reading
- Well done to the Year 6 band and Mr Matthews for their performance in assembly and at the combined band practice today
- Welcome Archie our wellbeing dog who had their first day at school on Wednesday
- Amazing work by our Year 6 students who are demonstrating wonderful PBL values as peer mentors on the playground

## **Improve student progress in Maths**

Last week, we had the Executive Education Leader, School Improvement Mentor and a Tuggeranong principal visit Gowrie Primary. We shared the school's maths journey and showcased our classrooms where teachers demonstrated the daily maths workshop model. These visits provide our staff with feedback on our strategic goals and an opportunity to discuss strengths and focus areas moving forward. The panel were impressed with the work that has been implemented over the last year to ensure our students are successful.

## **Improve students' performance in writing**

One of our school's writing beliefs is to write daily with a purpose and audience in mind. Our annual school Rostrum finals demonstrated this with students from years 3 to 6 writing speeches on a chosen topic which they presented on Wednesday.

We were impressed by the creativity and different approaches that students used to engage the audience. Congratulations to Amelia Rogers who was the overall winner and will now represent our school at the next level. All the best Amelia!

During our Professional Learning Communities, teachers have been collecting student data on writing. Our staff have used this data to plan and deliver effective writing lessons to improve the quality of student's writing. Teachers will monitor student progress and differentiate the learning to meet the needs of the individual students.

### **Reminders**

- Playground Survey - We want to hear your ideas on how we can continue to enhance the playground. Please see survey link in this newsletter
- ACT Education Directorate Mobile Policy - All students need to hand their mobile phone and personal communications devices into the front office when they arrive. Students can collect these at the end of the day before going home.

Have a lovely long weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Simon and Brooke

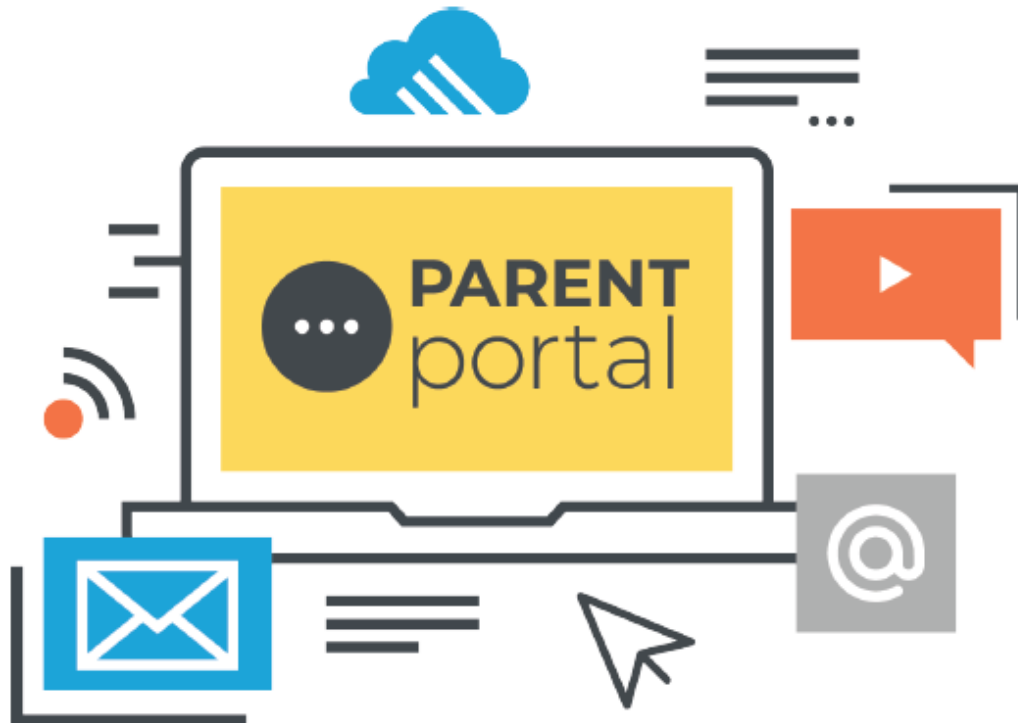
# Merit Awards

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





ATHLLON		
KD	Peyton P	Liam W
KH	Imogen H	Asher L
BRINDABELLA		
SGP-T	Jed G	
GULLA GULLA		
1CR	Matthew M-G	Blake R
1L	Indi J	Gabe W
2HD	Hayden G	
2M	Rose G	Sam W
LANYON		
3L	Charlie J	Boston S
3S	Hudson G	Haylie H
4B	Juno K	Henry S
4W	Olivia P	Lincoln T
LAMBRIGG		
5M	Olivia P	Toby S
SGP-M	Deon S	
6B	Lia D	Adele J
6H	Blake H	Byron K
OTHER		
LANGUAGE	Alex R (4B)	Sam W (2M)



## Register now for **Parent Portal**

Our school is using Parent Portal – a secure online platform to share information between parents and carers and your student’s teachers.



Ask our Front Office team about how to register or scan to find out more.

With Parent Portal you will be able to:

- notify the school when your child is sick or to explain an absence
- book parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- receive the school newsletter
- receive messages from your child’s teachers
- make payments
- access the school calendar and your child’s timetable
- update contact details.



Digital Account

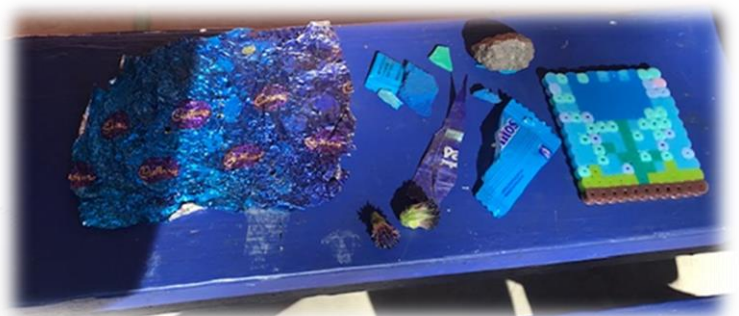
# Library News

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday Gowrie Primary was one of nearly 22 000 locations throughout Australia and New Zealand reading **Author/Illustrator Aura Parker's Bowerbird Blues**. This year more than two million readers in schools, childcare centres, libraries and workplaces participated in this powerful activity shining a light on current, quality Australian literature.

Our classrooms were abuzz with Bowerbird activities. 3L and KD went on a scavenger hunt and created their own classroom bowers. Some keen students in 1L used their lunch break to also hunt for an impressive array of blue treasures!!









## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Thank you to the school community for enthusiastically supporting the Scholastic Book Fair this week in the Library. Lots of excited Reading Bugs and Book Worms visited the Book Fair Garden with their classes and families. Nearly \$4000 worth of books was sold not only expanding home libraries but contributing vital resources to our school library. Families who have purchased books on back order should receive them within the next fortnight.

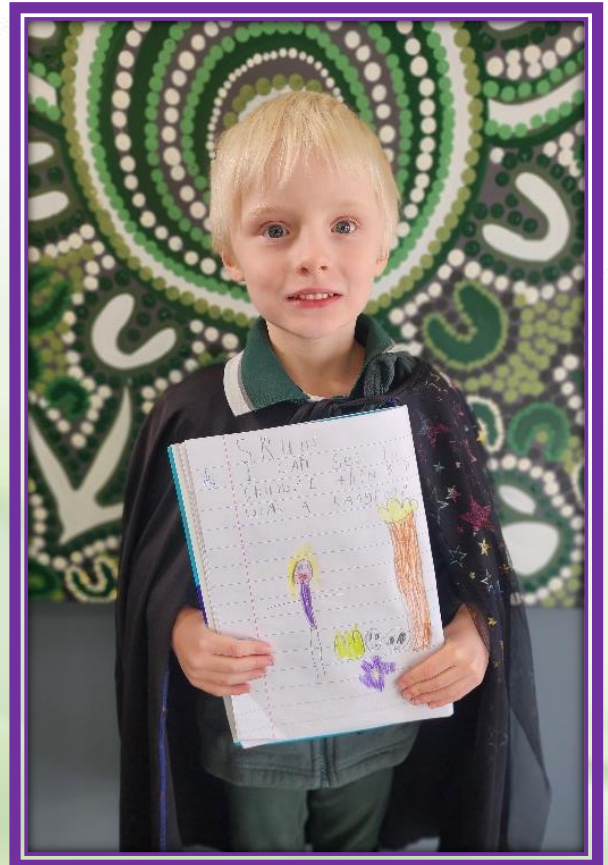
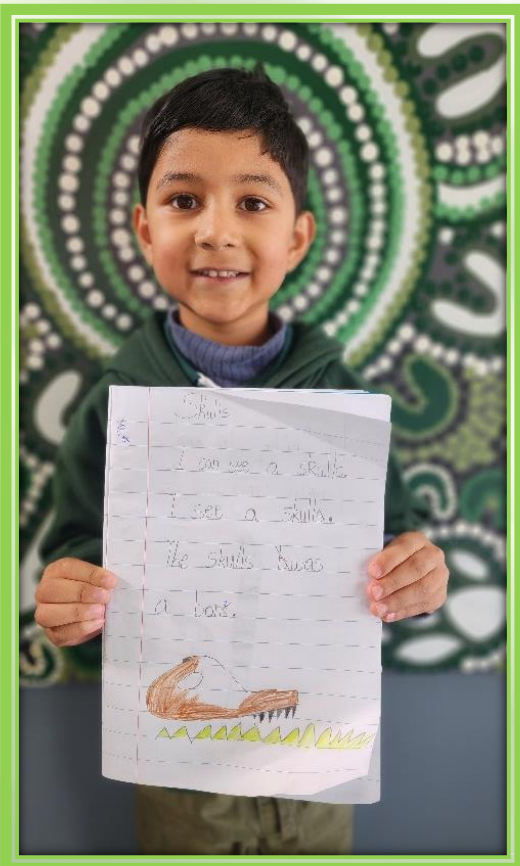
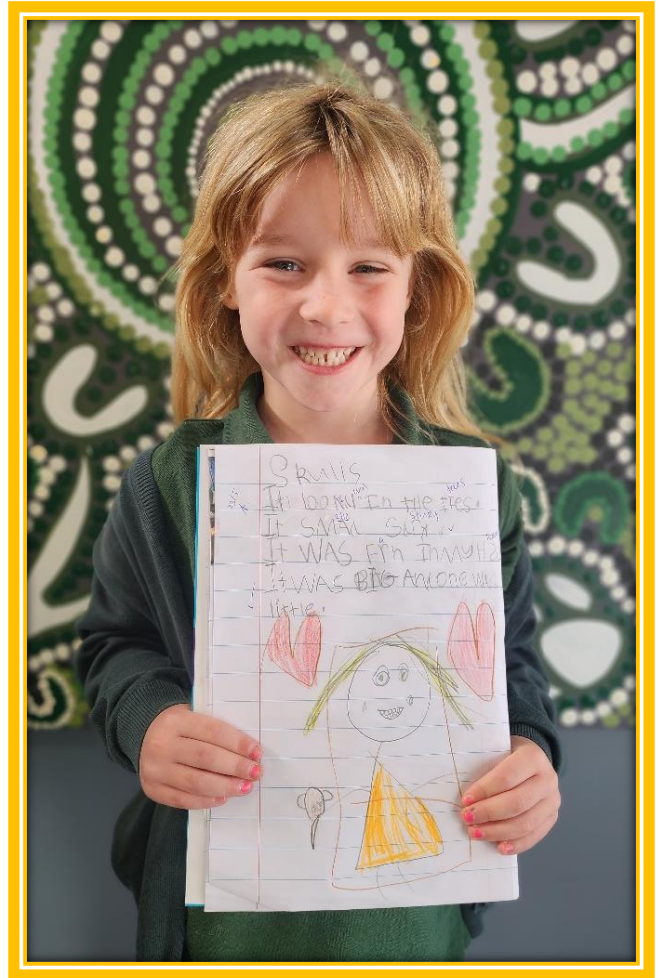
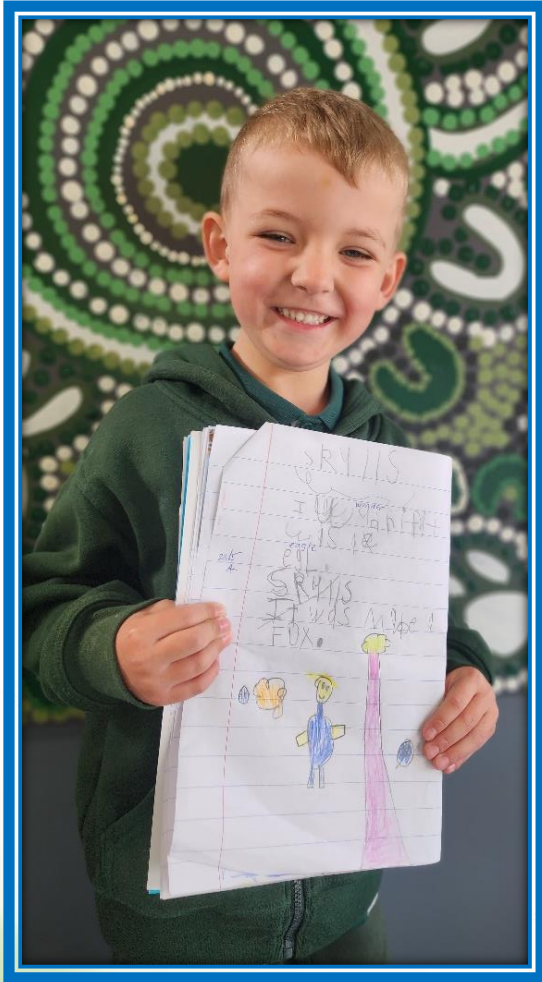
Book Club Issue 4 will be distributed within the next couple of weeks.

Happy Reading,

Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager

# Writing Wizards from KH





# Making Jelly in KD





# Parent Survey – Gowrie Playground

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to invite your input into a project I have been working on with the staff and students at Gowrie.

As the Inclusion Coach, I have begun a playground project to look at how we can further enhance the amazing opportunities and spaces that all students have for inclusive, positive play. This means we want your feedback on what games, equipment, and activities your child might enjoy on the playground. Whether they be physical or creative play, or how we can enhance the spaces to engage students, plus any ideas for lunch time clubs.

We are collecting ideas from staff, students as well to ensure we give everyone an opportunity to have their voices heard. We will then start planning and actioning the ideas with further input from the community and P&C.

**Please complete the survey by Friday 31 of May 2024**

Survey link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXxcTaXOH\\_ttClFbAlUwcP-iKXYPDdsLDyLhTYmPSMvGhENA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXxcTaXOH_ttClFbAlUwcP-iKXYPDdsLDyLhTYmPSMvGhENA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project further, please contact me via the front office or via email [carrie.webster@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:carrie.webster@ed.act.edu.au)

Thank you for your support in this exciting project.

Carrie Webster  
Tuggeranong Inclusion Coach



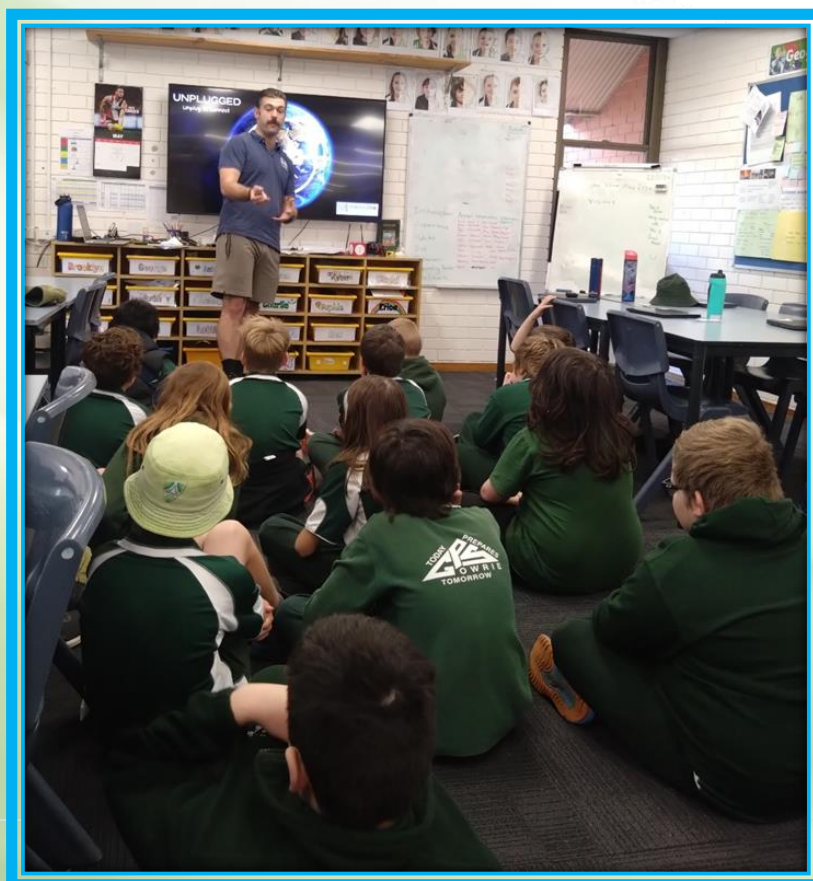
# Menslink – Unplugged Program



## MENSLINK UNPLUGGED PROGRAM

Thanks to Chris from Menslink for visiting our Year 5 boys at Gowrie this week to present the Menslink Unplugged program. The program helped our Year 5's identify where their consumption of social media and technology may be affecting students decision making and mental health.

The program helps our students take an objective look at the issues that they are faced with while engaging with and living in an online world. The program aims to help them to shift from unconscious consumption of technology and media into conscious decision making around their use of technology and how it impacts with their daily lives.



# Rostrum Public Speaking School Final

On Wednesday the following students competed in the school final of the Rostrum public speaking competition.

Class	Name/s	Topic
3S	Hayley H	Get Involved
3L	Sofia A	Think Big
4B	Isla W	A New Olympic Sport
4W	Amelia R	Choirs
5M	Charlotte S	Bad Advice
5W	Eddie G	Get Involved
6B	Jakob K	Think Big
6H	Ethan B	Think Big

Congratulations to Amelia for being selected as the overall winner. Amelia will represent the school at the Rostrum Quarter Finals later this term.





# Year 7 2025 Information Session



## Information Session

If you are thinking about enrolling your young person at Caroline Chisholm School in 2025 this is for you. Prospective families are invited to come along to learn more about Caroline Chisholm School Senior Campus (years 7-10).

Due to popular demand we are hosting a second information session.

Date: Tuesday 28 May 2024

Time: 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Location: Senior Campus library

School leaders will explain key information related to teaching, learning and student wellbeing. Participants are encouraged to [rsvp here](#) to help us to adequately prepare for the session.





## Dogs Connect

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday we were proud to officially welcome Archie, our wellbeing dog, to the Gowrie community. A big thank you and congratulations to our chaperones, Imogen (KH), Blake (1CR), Keyotee (2M), Hudson (3S), Olivia (4W), Sophie (5M) and Jakob (6B) who made Archie feel welcome and safe in his new working environment.

Kind regards

Dogs Connect Team









# Tuggeranong Regional Cross Country





P&C  
**Milk &  
Cookie Day**  
FRIDAY 31ST MAY

Cash only  
on the  
day!!

**COOKIEMAN**

ALWAYS DELICIOUS, ALWAYS DESERVED

60g Cookie  
\$3.00



Gluten Free Dairy Free



60g GF Cookie  
\$3.50

Flavoured Milk  
\$1.50



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# Dine out & support the school!

- Link your CSCC membership to Gowrie PS in their Community Rewards program
- Swipe your card when ordering at the club & 7.5% of your food and drink spend comes back to the school



# Gowrie YMCA



## Upcoming Events

- June 5th World Environment Day
- June 8th World Ocean Day
- June 10th Kings Birthday
- June 30th Red Nose Day

## New Regular Activities

- Tuesday Mornings - Among us Games
- Thursday Mornings - D&D Campaigns
- Tuesday Afternoon - Baking experience
- Wednesday Afternoon - Footsteps Incursion
- Thursday Afternoon - STEM Activity



## Term 2!

This term we are happy to introduce the new full time coordinator Chloe! This term we have also introduced new regular activities for the children at the children's request, please let Chloe know if you would like anything added to the program and we will do our best to accomadate the requests!



## Reminders

Please remember to message or call the Gowrie phone if your child is going to be absent from after school care, or if someone else is going to be picking them up that afternoon. please remember that the Y is a nut free zone so please do your best to avoid packing nuts in your child's lunches

# PHOTOS!





FUN BEFORE  
SCHOOL, AFTER  
SCHOOL AND  
VACATION CARE  
PROGRAMS!

Family Information Brochure

# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

**Y Canberra Region**

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(02) 6242 4040

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*They'll want to come  
again tomorrow*



Y Canberra Region Children's Services believes in the power of inspired young people. This starts with our children. We cultivate learning environments which embrace honesty, care, respect and responsibility for all children, young people, parents and guardians, and educators. We are an inclusive and connected community, progressively advocating for children to be heard, empowered and celebrated.

## Our Commitment

Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs recognise that every child is unique with differing skills and interests. With the support and guidance of our experienced educators and the My Time, Our Place curriculum derived from the National Quality Framework, children can select and plan their own activities that are based on the development areas:

- **Physical** for confidence, health and skills;
- **Social and emotional** for self-esteem and interpersonal connections;
- **Intellectual** for problem solving and language skills;
- **Creativity** for all things imagination;
- **Self-help** for growing independence.

## Bookings

Bookings for Before or After School Care can be made on a permanent weekly or casual basis to suit your needs. We take enrolments through our online portal, My Family Lounge.

Visit our website to find out more about our services and the enrolment process. Our Customer Care Team are also available to assist, and help families access any childcare subsidies or other fee-relief programs.

## Health & Safety

The Y Canberra Region has a commitment to safeguarding children and young people first and foremost in all of our programs and activities. We have extensive Safeguarding Children and Young People policies and procedures that help us continually embed a safe culture.

We actively support healthy communities, and our OSHC programs provide environments that support healthy eating, positive role-modeling, hygiene, and educational, social and cultural experiences. Our programs always include regular exercise and movement opportunities.

## General Information

The Y Canberra Region is an experienced and trusted OSHC service provider across many Canberra and NSW locations. We are proud to work in partnership with ACT and NSW Departments of Education and the Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to deliver high standards of care.

Vacation Care is also offered at a variety of our sites during the ACT and NSW school holidays.

Visit our website to view our sites and services:



# Community News



Our Children  
Our Communities  
Our Future



Australian Early Development Census

## School newsletter (external)

### Building a national picture of child health

**From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).**

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection.



Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact Simon Smith on 6142 1960 or [gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au](mailto:gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au).