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GAZETTE Week 6, Term 4



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Calendar

November/December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23 Kindergarten 2023 Information Session 4pm – 5pm Scholastics Book orders due	24	25 Zoo Excursion – Kindergarten – Year 2
28 Pupil Free Day	29	30 Birrigai Camp Year 3 and Year 4	1 Birrigai Camp Year 3 and Year 4	2 Library books due back
5	6	7	8 Talent Show	9 Big Splash Excursion Year 6
12	13	14 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – 9am Year 6 Graduation Dinner – 5.30pm	15	16 Limelight Movie Day Excursion – K-Yr 6 Last day of Term

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We are fast approaching the end of term. Please find some important dates for your calendars.

- Kindergarten 2023 Information Session Wednesday 23 November 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- Preschool 2023 Information Session 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Pupil Free Day Monday 28 November
- November 30 - 1 December 3/4 camp
- Big Splash Year 6 December 9
- Year 6 Graduation December 14
- Last Day of School Friday December 16
- January 30 2023 **Term 1 begins for new students**
- January 31 2023 **School begins for all students**

A reminder to stay COVID Smart at school

As we experience new waves of the virus in our community, we need to remember to stay COVID Smart not only in the community but also at school. For the latest advice, watch the ACT COVID-19 update (November 2022) from Chief Health Officer, Kerryn Coleman.

If your child has COVID-19, you must keep them at home and let the school know. Telling us when your child has COVID-19 will also help us track if there is an increase in COVID-19 transmission at school and manage any high-risk exposures for our more vulnerable school community members.

Being COVID Smart is easy

- Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters.
- Stay away from schools if you are unwell.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Wear a mask in public indoor places if you can (12 years and over).
- Keep a distance from others when indoors, if possible.

And don't forget – if you have COVID-19 symptoms, make sure you get tested. You can access a free rapid antigen test from your school's front office. Keep up to date at COVID-19 (act.gov.au).

Enrolments

Is your child transitioning to another school next year? It's not too late to enrol your child in their local school. Make sure you submit your application before the current school term ends on 16 December 2022. Enrolment applications received after that date may not receive notification until late January 2023. For more information and to enrol, go to <https://bit.ly/3Wnk7JQ>

Kind Regards

Simon

Deputy's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

Disability Education Programs (Small Group Programs)

From 2023, all ACT Public Schools will offer a Disability Education Program (Small Group Program). Previous small group program names (Learning Support Unit (LSU), Learning Support Unit Autism (LSUA), Learning Support Centre and Disability Program) will no longer be used. This change will promote consistency in language used to identify programs across the ACT public education and support inclusion by ensuring all children can attend their priority school with their siblings and neighbours and enrol on the same basis as their peers. Students who meet criteria will be eligible for these programs. These programs are run flexibly to meet the needs of students and offer time with same aged peers and time in small group settings. This change is occurring in the context of broader inclusion reforms, with the ACT Government currently developing a longer-term inclusive Education Strategy and implementation plan to strengthen inclusive practices in schools. Information is being provided to families and more detailed information is available at [Strengthening Inclusion](#) (Education Directorate webpage).

Inclusive Education Strategy

Have your say! The Education Directorate is working to strengthen inclusive education and is reviewing the way ACT public schools deliver disability education to inform a draft Inclusive Education Strategy. The Strategy will provide longer term direction and system reform to embed inclusive cultures and educational practice in ACT Public Schools. A discussion paper presents a draft position statement on Inclusive Education and 7 proposed themes for the Strategy, informed by the Community Conversation and a review of contemporary evidence.

Further information is available on the *Education Website- Strengthening Inclusive Education* including a link to the Discussion Paper, an online survey and the Community Conversation Report. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important work. For further information please contact the Inclusive Education Strategy team via email - EDUInclusiveEducationStrategy@act.gov.au

REMINDER - Preschool 2023 Information Session – Wednesday 23 November 2022

The Preschool Information Session for families of children starting preschool in 2023 will be held on **Wednesday 23 November 2022 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm** In the library. Parents have been sent an invitation. Please RSVP by Friday 18 November at gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au or contact our Front Office on 6142 1960.

REMINDER - Kindergarten Information Session for 2023 Students – Wednesday 23 November 2022

The Kindergarten Information Session for students enrolling in Kindergarten for 2023 will be held on **Wednesday 23 November from 4:00pm – 5:00pm**. Parents have received an invitation outlining the session. Please RSVP by Friday 18 November or contact our Front Office.

Intentions for the 2023 School Year

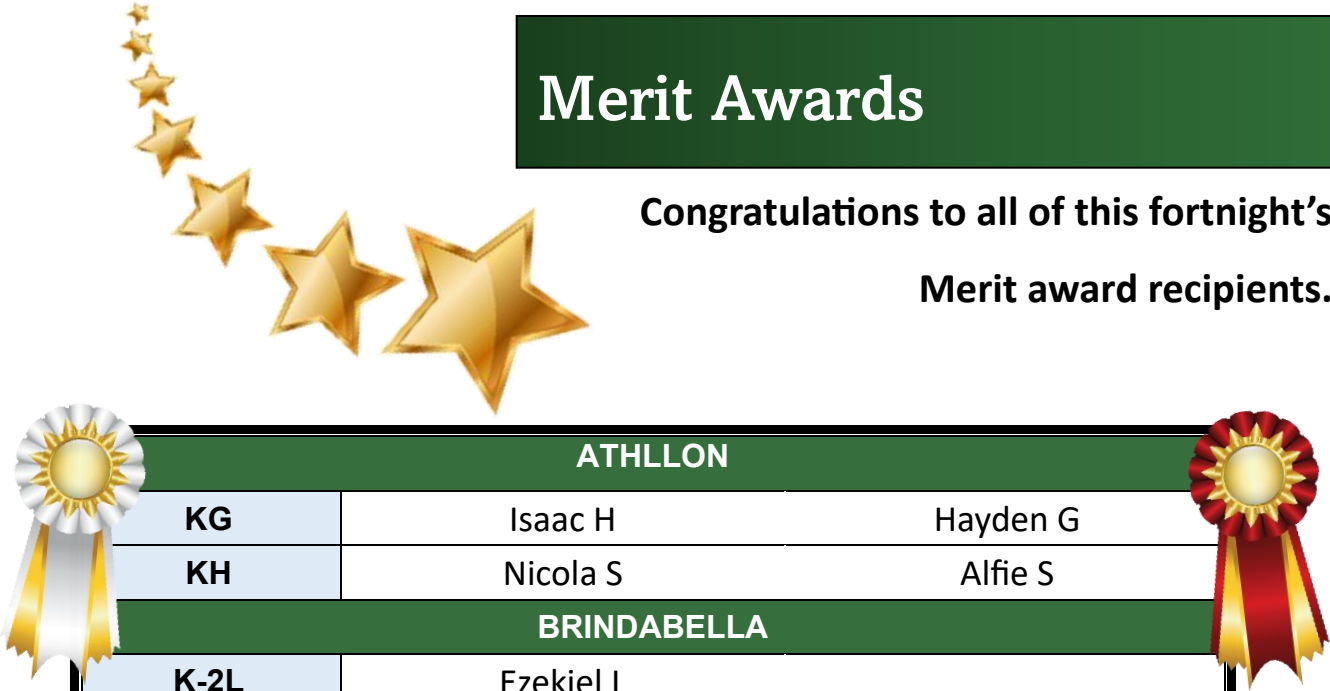
We are in the process of planning for next year. If your child will NOT be attending Gowrie Primary School in 2023 please email gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au (This excludes year 6 students.)

Have a great week!

Angela

Merit Awards

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



ATHLLON		
KG	Isaac H	Hayden G
KH	Nicola S	Alfie S
BRINDABELLA		
K-2L	Ezekiel L	
2-4B	William G	
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Oliver L	Cameron R
1HB	Hudson G	Deon L
2B	Indigo A	Isla W
2M	Liara G	Arjen G
LAMBRIGG		
3W	Charlotte S	Jojo K
LANYON		
5W	Madison M	
6H	Johann S	
6M	Lucas G	
OTHER		
LANGUAGE	Cassie M (KG)	Jakob K (4D)
BAND	Suraya B (Yr 5 Band)	Clara W (Yr 6 Band)

YEAR ONE NARRATIVES

Recently our Year 1s gave the library the opportunity to exhibit some of their quality Narrative Writing. Over several weeks, our Year 1's wrote, edited and illustrated imaginative Fairy Tales which have been enjoyed by the whole school community. Thank you to the Maynard Family for donating the display shelves. We hope this shelving will be used by other Year groups to share their writing.

THE GRUFFALO READERS THEATRE

How exciting for me to be invited to KH's Readers Theatre performance of "The Gruffalo" last week. Those lucky enough to be in the audience were impressed with every student who had worked hard to make this production so entertaining. The effort KH put into learning their lines, their expression and voice projection made this a performance to remember. WELL DONE KH!!

BOOK RETURNS

Book borrowing continues for the next fortnight, before we ask that all books are returned for end of year procedures. Books are easily misplaced at home, so here are some helpful hints when searching for them. Overdue notes will be issued at the beginning of Week 9.

Missing Library Books, Where are you??

1. Between the bed and the wall
2. Between the bed and the other wall
3. Shoved in the back of the bookcase
(usually flat against the back, especially for small books)
4. Underneath the couch
5. The bathroom
6. In the car
7. Inside the dresser/wardrobe
8. Under the bed
9. Between the sheets (usually found at the foot of the bed)
10. On the very bottom of a shared toybox!!

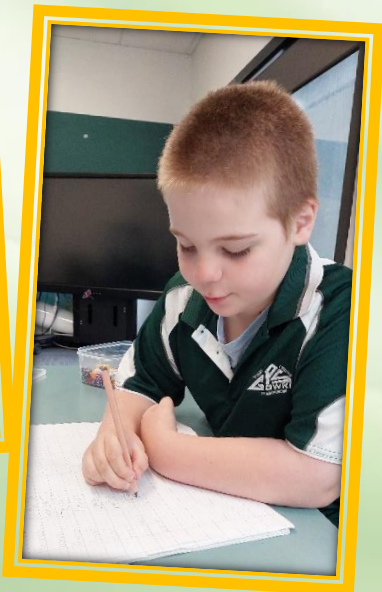
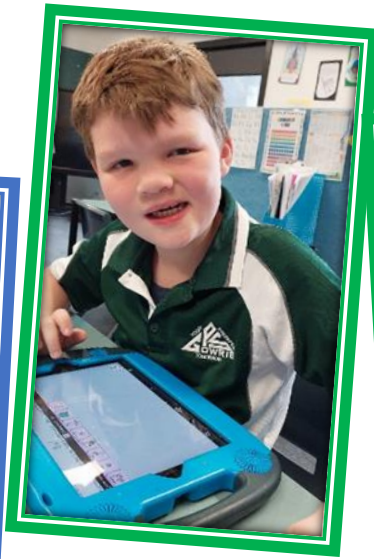


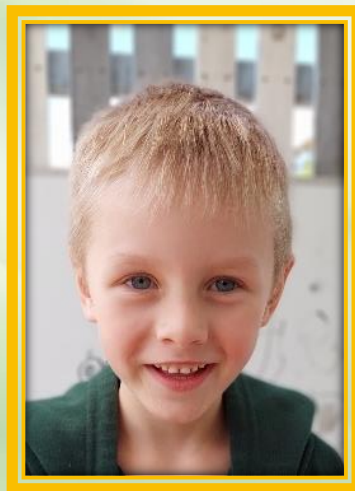
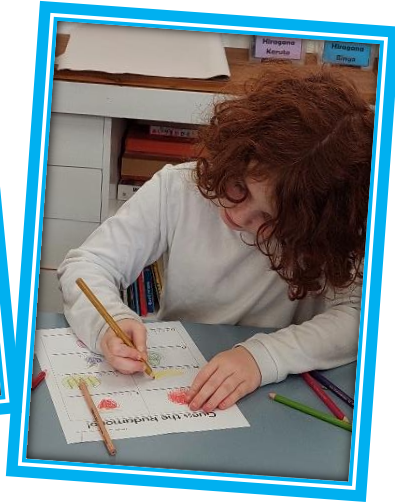
Happy Reading,

Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager

Wonderful workers in Brindabella





Important News

Gowrie Primary Presents

SHOW THEM WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

Talent Show

SINGING, DANCING, MAGIC
TRICKS & MORE.



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

December 8th

IMP News

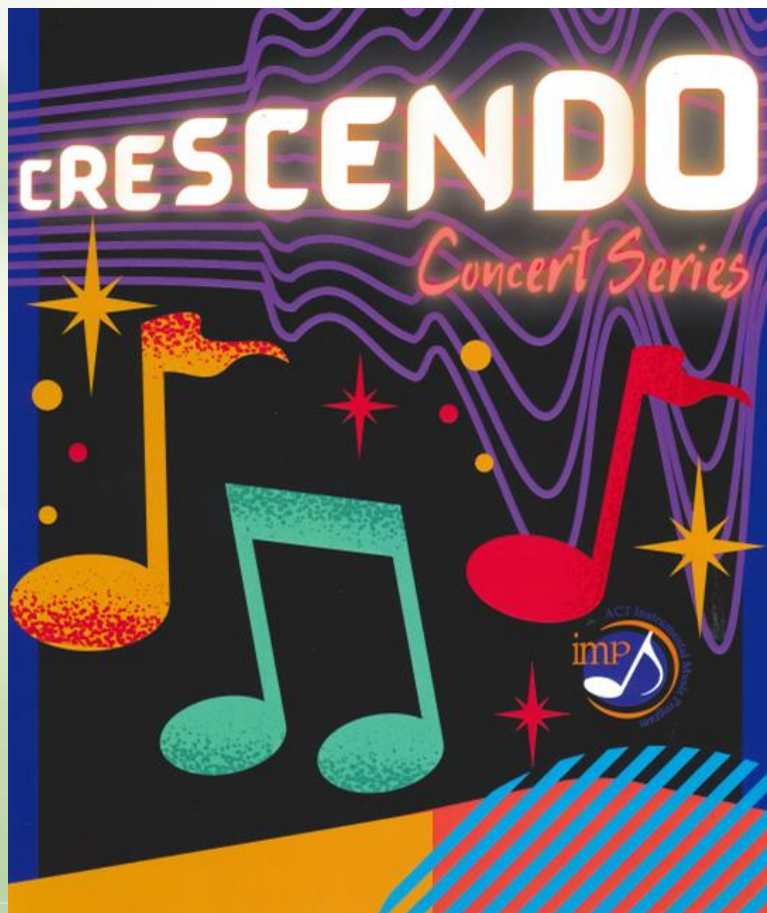
As it is impractical to try to deliver Bandstravaganza in its usual massed band/schools format in 2022.

We will be holding school-based concert supported by IMP staff to share the music your groups have made during 2022.

The Crescendo Concert will be held on Friday 25 November at 9:15 - 10:00am for parents of Year 5 and 6 IMP band students to attend. We are hoping that as many families as possible can join us to celebrate the wonderful music we have learnt.

Catherine Moore

Band Co-ordinator



School Intentions for 2023



Are you intending on your child moving schools next year?

If so, please let us know either by email: gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au or complete the form below and return to the front office.

Thankyou in advance.

School Intentions for 2023

Child/rens name: _____

We are moving.

Our new school will be _____

P&C NEWS

Gowrie Colour Fun Run

On 5 November 2022 the Gowrie P&C hosted a **Colour Fun Run**. The event was a great success, raising around \$2,500 which will go towards playground upgrades at Gowrie Primary. We had a great turn out and it was excellent to see the school community getting together and having fun once again.

Winner of the photo competition –
Millie Steele from 3H!



Thanks for those who volunteered to help out on the day, and a VERY BIG thanks to our amazing fundraising coordinator Natalie Roseworn. It wouldn't have happened without Natalie's hard work.

Thanks also to the wonderful businesses who donated raffle prizes: Southern Cross Club, Bunnings, Jordos Chop Shop, The Markets @ Wanniasa & McDonalds, and to P&C Treasurer Julie Perry who generously donated a \$200 Heritage Nursery gift voucher.



THANK YOU!



Come and have fun at the
ACT PRIMARY SCHOOL
ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

When? Wednesday 23 November 2022

Where? The Pinnacle, off Springvale Drive in Weetangera

Who? Entries are open to all ACT Primary School students in years 3-6*

How? Enter via RegisterNow by cob Thursday 17 November
<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48132>

The image shows a group of children running in a grassy field during an orienteering event. In the background, there are trees and a blue tent. A large orange and white flag is visible in the foreground.

* For children in Years 2 and below, if you have orienteered before, please contact the organisers to discuss possible entry. Students can elect to compete either individually or in pairs. Pairs consist of a team of 2 students of any gender, but must be representing the same school and fall within the same age category (either 10 and below or 11 and above)

Caroline Chisholm School

P&C UNIFORM SHOP



Yes! WE'RE
OPEN
BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY



Please use the link below


Holiday opening hours

Wednesday	18 January 2023	8:30 - 2:30 pm
Thursday	19 January 2023	10:30 - 4:30 pm
Friday	20 January 2023	8:30 - 2:30 pm
Monday	23 January 2023	10:30 - 4:30pm
Monday	30 January 2023	8:00 -10:00am & 2:30 - 4:30pm

Appointment booking link:

<https://square.site/book/LC40YMSR86D59/caroline-chisholm-school-p-c-uniform-shop-chisholm-act>

Normal hours resume on Tuesday 31 January 2023





FUN BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL AND VACATION CARE PROGRAMS!

Family Information Brochure

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Y Canberra Region
www.ymcaocanberra.org.au
(02) 6242 4040
cs.canberra@ymca.crg.au



*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:

