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GAZETTE Week 4, Term 3



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Calendar

August/September

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15 Deep Space Complex excursion Yr 5 and Yr 6	16 Japanese Drumming Performance K – Yr 6	17	18 4W Assembly 11.45am
21 BOOK WEEK Read, Grow, Inspire Tuggeranong Track and Field	22 Yr 6 Combined Band at GPS	23 Book Week Parade Preschool – Yr 6 9.15am	24	25
28 Touch Football Gala Day Yr 5 & Yr 6	29 All schools Combined band performance at GPS	30 P&C Father's Day stall Preschool	31 Author Visit Jol & Kate Temple K – Yr 3 9am – 11am Meerkat Productions "The Way of Dog" Yr 4 – Yr 6 - 2pm	1 P&C Father's Day stall K – Yr 6
4	5	6 Botanical Gardens excursion Preschool ICON Water Excursion – Yr 2	7 Author Visit Nat Amooore Yr 4 – Yr 6 9am – 11.30am	8 P&C Canteen Day

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards week five of this term, we have been reflecting on our strategic priorities. Teachers have been engaging in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to focus on student data and how we can differentiate the curriculum to improve students individual progress in maths. Alongside this work, the leadership team and teachers will be engaging in Learning Walks where they visit classrooms across the school and offer collective feedback around teachers' pedagogy and practice. Both these approaches, support the school to work in a collaborative manner to improve student outcomes.

Our PBL team have worked with the leadership team and staff to review our classroom and playground procedures. This included, reviewing our playground areas, lunch time clubs, green zone and our supervision roles. Some positive outcomes from this discussion were

- We created two different spaces for soccer /football games to be played and the implementation of new goals.
- Surveying the students on some new ideas for lunch time clubs
- Teachers using Restorative Practices to solve problems that may occur on the playground.

Once we have finalised the review of our playground procedures, we will email this home to families to discuss with their child.

Last week, an amazing group of talented students performed at Wakakirri, a story dance festival for primary and secondary schools. The group showcased the importance of looking after our own rubbish so we don't pollute our environment.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of as they proudly represented the school through dance and acting while demonstrating a range of skills. A big congratulations and thank you to Mrs Reid for her outstanding organisation and leadership of the performance. We appreciate the amazing work you did to ensure students enjoyed this opportunity. A special mention to our teachers, Miss Toivonen and Mrs Mirfin for supporting the students during the auditions, rehearsals and on the night. Thank you to Ms Burling, Mr Heffernan, Mr Herbert and Megan Rogers (parent) for their support on the day too.

A big thank you to the P&C who ran a very popular Canteen Day today. The students were excited to have the opportunity to purchase a treat from the canteen. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into organising and planning an event like this and look forward to exciting and new ideas they have planned for this term.

We value communication between home and school and working together to ensure your child is successful. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher as a first point of call by phoning 6142 1960. Alternatively, you can also contact our executive staff; Miss Sturgess (Preschool – Year 2) and Mr Herbert (Year 3-6), Brooke Calvert (Deputy principal) and Simon Smith (Principal).

Simon and Brooke



Merit Awards

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

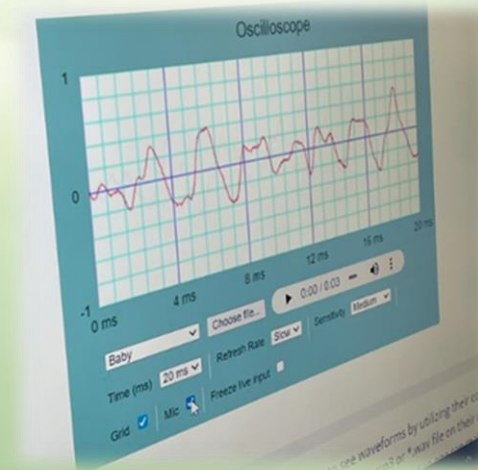
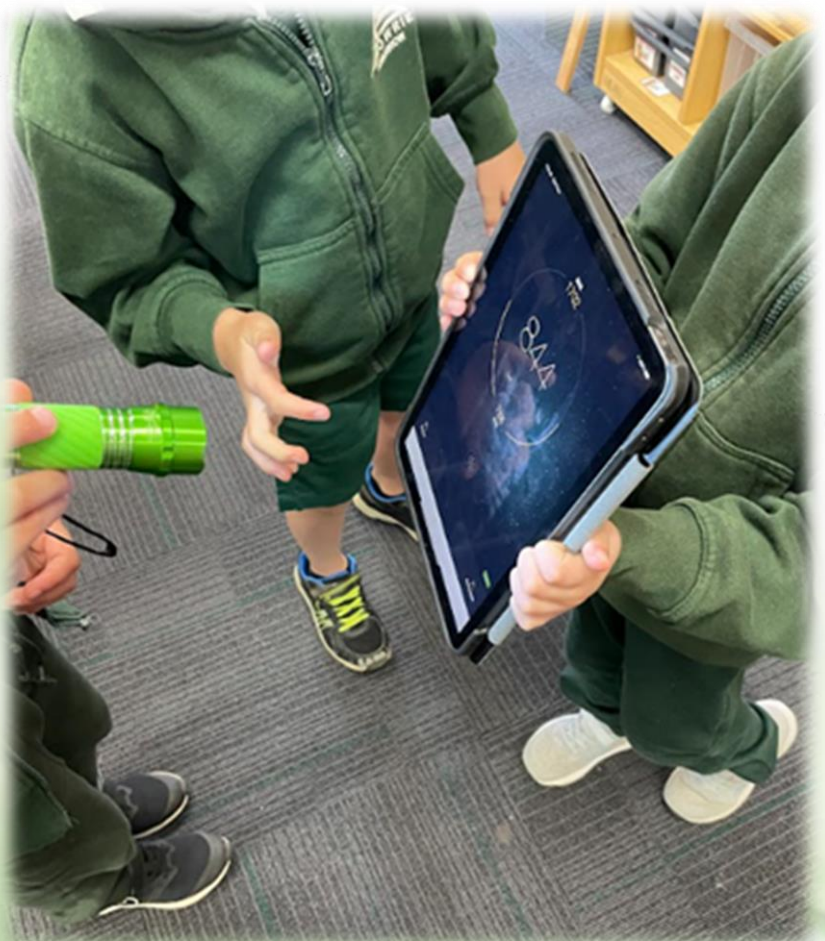
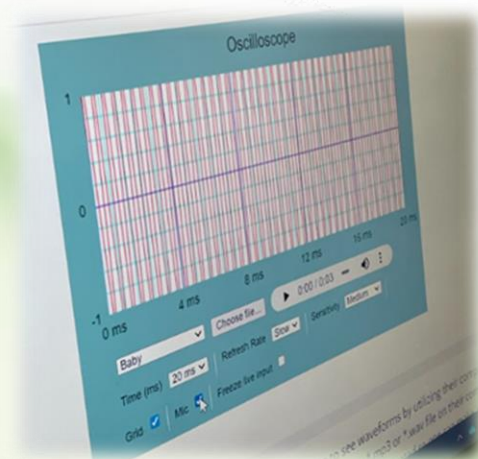


ATHLLON		
KD	Anna G	Mekaal M
KH	Liam M	Darcy U
GULLA GULLA		
1L	Henry E	Sam W
1RD	Isaac H	Alexis S
2F	Oliver L	Carly M
2M	Brianna D	Lily S
LAMBRIGG		
3DL	Juno K	Wyatt K
3PS	Beilla T	
4D	Edmund G	Owen S
4W	Xavier B	
LANYON		
5M	Catherine B	Mason D
5W	Summer H	Phoebe N
6B	Suraya B	Crystal H-T
6H	Alana C	Ronin M
OTHER		
ARTS	Will G (SGP-M)	Madeline S (1RD)
LANGUAGE	Peighton D	Wesley K
Small Group Program	Arlo C-L	Jonathan K

Year 1 News

We have been lucky to have Paula Taylor from the Chisholm Science Innovation Centre coming to Year 1 each Wednesday morning, to help with our Science unit on 'Light and Sound'. The first two weeks students investigated sound. They looked at different size objects and whether they made the same sound. Lots of discussion about the importance of sound and where it comes from.

The next few weeks we have focused on light. We discussed where light comes from and the students investigated the difference between bright and dim light. They also looked at what happens when you pass light through materials.





This term we joined with the Kindergarten classes to complete gross motor in the old hall. Students have been working on their throwing and catching skills, upper body strength, balancing, climbing and skipping skills.

We have shown great improvement with our movements and cannot wait to see how much better they will be by the end of the year.





Library News

BOOK WEEK

The excitement is building for Book Week celebrations from Week 6. Our Book Week Character Parade is always a highlight at

Gowrie, with this year's whole-school event being held on Wednesday August 23.



Come dressed as a favourite Book Character but remember, costumes don't need to be elaborate. Some of the best costumes are created with resources from around the home.

AUTHOR VISITS

Kate and Jol Temple

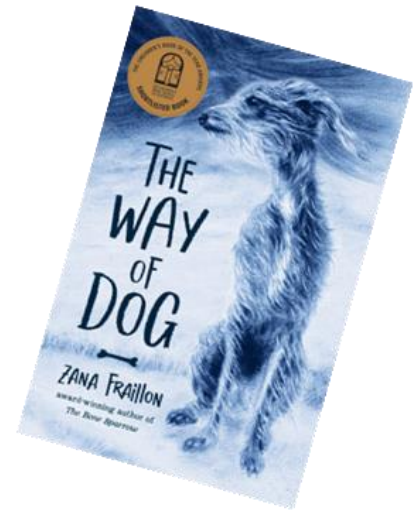
Week 7 sees visiting performances and presentations for both the K-3 and Year 4-6 cohorts.

High energy Authors of the “Bin Chicken” series, Kate and Jol Temple, will entertain our K-3 students on Thursday morning August 31, with lots of literacy and laughs.



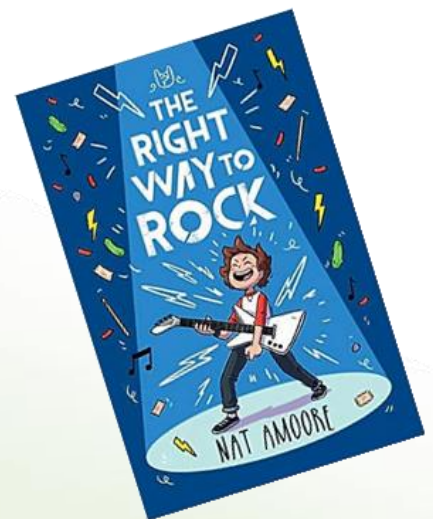
Meerkat Productions

That afternoon Meerkat Productions will adapt “The Way of Dog” for our Year 4-6ers. This moving story is short-listed in the Younger Readers category of the 2023 Children’s Book Council of Australia awards. The Meerkat performers have visited our school on several occasions, always promoting current literature in a unique and entertaining way.



Nat Amooore

Author of popular novels such as Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire and The Power of Positive Pranking, Nat Amooore is also a podcaster and filmmaker. Our Year 4-6 students will have the opportunity to meet Nat when she visits the school on September 7 to speak with them about her passion for books and the writing process.



Look out for notes coming home regarding these upcoming visits, including the opportunity to purchase copies of the Author’s books which can be signed on the day.

Happy Reading,

Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager



Congratulations to all of our Wakakirri performers who did an amazing performance on Thursday at Canberra Theatre. Students demonstrated terrific PBL values throughout the day, both during our excursion to the playground and backstage.

A big THANK YOU to the families for supporting their children and allowing them to participate and perform. A huge thankyou to the Gowrie staff Kaari Toivonen, Angela Mirfin, Andrew Heffernan and Karli Box for joining the excitement backstage as well as David Herbert for coming to help out at the playground.

We also had an amazing parent helper Megan Rogers, who had invaluable skills required for the evening! A special mention to Kaari Toivonen, Bernie Wyatt and Angela Mirfin for their huge dedication to all rehearsals, choreography and student support. A special mention for Mrs T technical and lighting ability. Finally thanks to Mr Smith and the rest of the Gowrie Staff for their support, flexibility and encouragement.

















Silence is Deadly

On Tuesday, Will from Menslink visited Gowrie to meet with our Year 5 boys and deliver a course 'Silence is Deadly'.

This Menslink foundation course smashes the stereotype that men can't talk about their problems. The session promoted a positive help-seeking mindset to our Year 5 boys and provided advice on how they can help a friend who may be struggling now or in the future.

Thanks to Will and Menslink for helping us to teach this important message.

More information can be found at the following link <https://menslink.org.au/what-w...>





 **menslink**
supporting young men in Canberra

DON'T STAY
SILENT BECAUSE
**SILENCE
IS DEADLY**

**EVERYTHING
IS POSSIBLE**

SSACT Hockey – Congratulations Cara

In week 3, Cara from 6B travelled to Hobart to represent the ACT in the 12 & under Australian School Sport Hockey Championships.

She was selected from a large pool of ACT Hockey players in a squad of 15 girls. Cara scored 2 goals and the team won their match against Tasmania, drew a few games and lost to Queensland.

Cara has also been selected to represent the ACT again later in the year in Newcastle in an under 13s national competition.

Congratulations Cara on your achievement!





Book Week



The Gowrie Primary School Book Week Dress-up day will be
Term 3 – Week 6
Wednesday 23 August 2023 (Preschool - Year 6)

Gowrie PS will hold a dress up, parade and Book Week activity day this year. As in previous years, students will have the opportunity to showcase their costumes during the school parade. The parade will be outside on the basketball court at 9.15.

Throughout the day children will have the opportunity to listen to shortlisted books and then participate in art / craft activities related to the stories.

Our Book Week celebration is always a fun and interactive day for the whole school. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our students' creativity and imagination while celebrating books, stories and the joy they bring.

This year's theme is



Read Grow Inspire...



If you make a bank transfer for any reason, the reference must include the students first initial and surname for our reference.

It will cross referenced against the student's name and excursion, that way refunds may be issued in the event of cancellations or postponement of excursion.

Thankyou in advance.

School uniform price list



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

Mobile: 0412 858 974

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

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

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: 304 767 730
PLEASE REFERENCE: Uniform JSmith (child's Name)

Payment Method (CIRCLE):

CARD CASH

DIRECT DEPOSIT QKR _____
(Receipt Number)



Father's Day Stall

Friday 1st September

It's time once again to show our appreciation for Dad or other special figures in our kids' lives, for all that they do.

The Gowrie P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall on **Fri 1st Sep**
For preschool students, the stall will be held on **Wed 30th Aug**

No pre-ordering or pre-payments. One gift can be chosen per student, to ensure everybody has an opportunity.

Cash payments of \$5 per gift, to cover the P&C's costs, will be greatly appreciated, and accepted on the day.

One gift per student

No need to pre-order

Cash donation on the day (up to \$5)

We look forward to helping the students select a fun gift!

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Family Information Brochure

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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:

