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## GAZETTE Week 2, Term 1



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# Calendar

## February / March

2024

| 12  | 13  | 14                      | 15                      | 16   |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Meet & Greet interviews<br><br>Board Meeting<br>5.30pm<br><br>P&C meeting<br>6.30pm | Meet & Greet interviews   | Meet & Greet interviews | Meet & Greet interviews | Meet & Greet interviews<br><br>Assembly<br>12.15pm – 1pm |
| 19  | 20  | 21                      | 22                      | 23   |
|   | Year 5 Menslink session   |                         |                         |  |
| 26  | 27  | 28                      | 29                      | 1  |
|   |   |                         |                         | Assembly<br>12.15pm – 1pm                                |
| 4   | 5   | 6                       | 7                       | 8  |
|   | Swimming Carnival at CISAC<br>Year 2 – Year 6<br><br>Water Fun Day<br>Kindergarten – Yr 1 |                         |                         | Colour Run –<br>16 <sup>th</sup> March                   |

# Principal's Message

## Welcome Back 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2024 school year. We welcome new families and new students who will be attending Gowrie for the first time. The physical environment at Gowrie Primary continues to look stunning and I thank everybody for their hard work. There is a very strong feeling of Gowrie spirit, culture and pride to start the year.

Please see 2024 staffing structure

### Executive Team

Principal – Simon Smith

Deputy Principal – Brooke Calvert

Executive Teacher – Claire Sturgess

Executive Teacher – David Herbert

Executive Teacher – Melissa Dent

Business Manager – Meryn Cashmere

### Preschool

Teacher – Geckoes – Michelle Goodale

Teacher – Rosellas – Rene Garland

Preschool Educator – Leanne Brown

Preschool LSA – Maureen Dale

### Kindergarten

KD – Vanessa Davey

KH – Amanda Horne

### Year 1

1CR – Alison Reid /Kimberly Connell

1L – Alice Lowes

### Year 2

2HD – Hayley Hallam/ Yumiko Dark

2M – Angela Miners

### Year 3

3L- Ali Lawrie

3S – Bree Stolfa

### Year 4

4B – Nick Bond

4W – Bernadette Wyatt

### Year 5

5M – David Matthews

5W – Evan Winterburn

## **Year 6**

6B – Sally Burling

6H – Andrew Heffernan

## **Small Group Programs**

Jnr Teacher - Kaari Toivonen

Snr Teacher - Catherine Moore

## **Support Staff**

Sharon Lewis

Anna Charchouh

Serina Jones

Amanda Walmsley

Angela Mirfin

Rachel Duff

Bec Lewis

Annabelle Smith

Nonda Kazias

## **Specialist Programs**

School Psychologist – Carina Li

## **Administration**

Administration Officer – Sharon Ives

Administration Officer – Stacey Harnas

Librarian – Wendy Wheeler

BSO – Ryan Bobbin

## **Week 3 Interviews**

This year we will be holding 'get to know you' interviews in week 3, term 1. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to book in a time and meet 'face to face' with classroom teachers and discuss their child both socially and academically. Further information around bookings and timings will be sent early next week.

## **Safe parking around schools**

The start of the school year is a particularly busy time in our school carparks and surrounding streets. It's important that we park safely and legally to support the safety of students.

Parking on a footpath, nature strip or roadside verge can:

- Cause safety risks for pedestrians as they are less visible to oncoming cars
- Increase the risk for vulnerable members of our community like children, people who are visually impaired, and those using a wheelchair or pram
- Restrict the line of sight for other road users
- Restrict access for emergency services vehicles.

As students return to school remember to also slow down and stick to the 40km/h limit around our schools between 8am and 4pm

Parking inspectors regularly patrol school zones to support safe parking and keep students safe.

If you cannot find a car park in our school car parks, we suggest parking a little further away and walking or riding the rest of the way – it's a quick and easy way to get in some exercise too.

### **Student valuables**

Students are reminded that any valuables including mobile phones and any other electrical equipment should be handed to the front office staff on arrival to school and collected at the conclusion of the day. This will ensure the safety of all equipment throughout the day. However we encourage students to leave their electronic belongings at home. Please note that this is now directorate policy across the ACT.

### **Opening hours**

The official opening hours of Gowrie Primary are 8:45am until 3:15pm. Staff supervision will only begin at 8:45am each morning. Students and siblings are not permitted on the playground equipment in the mornings due to safety issues.

### **Communication**

There are many exciting events happening at Gowrie Primary in 2024. Please continue to read newsletters, communication boards and any other communication that may be sent home. The school Facebook page is a great way to stay informed of the happenings at Gowrie Primary School and also enjoy the events and learning taking place.

### **Gowrie Gathering**

Gowrie Gathering will begin on Monday Week 3. It will be held under our brand-new outdoor structure. Students will line up behind a designated marker and wait for teacher instruction.

Thank you all for a fantastic start to the year.

We are all looking forward to a positive 2024.

Kind Regards

Simon & Brooke



# Issue 1 Out Now!

**ISSUE 1**  
2024

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

Join the Club & KICK-START READING for 2024!

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:  
17 February

Want to LEARN MORE?

**NEW!** The Essential Taylor Swift Fanbook  
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**NEW!** Winter Baring Winter must face his greatest threat of all his own family. 224 pp.  
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SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

# Band News



2024 Year 5 Band Offers were given to selected students this week. Parents are asked to return these notes ASAP so that the Year 5 band formation can start as soon as possible. Students that missed out on an offer in the first round may receive an offer if all of the places are not accepted.

The Year 6 Band commenced rehearsals this Thursday.

Dave Matthews

Year 5 and 6 Band Coordinator





# Congratulations!

A big congratulations to two of our Year 6 Band members Ethan Bettess and Catherine Botting who were selected to join the ACT Primary Concert Band after their auditions late last year.

Well done Ethan and Catherine!





# Important News



During the holidays:

Did you move home?

Get a new phone number?

Change your email address or

Have a new emergency contact person?

If you need to update any of your contact details, please let us know by email:

[gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au](mailto:gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au)

Thankyou in advance.

# Allergy Aware School



## Early Intervention team – Seeking parent group referrals for term 1 2024

The Early Intervention team will be offering two 7-week parent programs in week 3, Wednesday 14 February 2024.

- Addressing Your Child’s Anxious Avoidance (AYCAA)
  - o 9:30am -11:30am Wednesday at Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBCTL)
- Boundaries without Conflict
  - o 12:30pm -2:30pm Wednesday at HBCTL

Read the flyers and referral forms for further information and inclusion criteria. Suitable referrals can be made through school psychologists, youth/social workers or other members of student wellbeing teams with parental permission. Contact Ava Trudinger for assistance at: [sps\\_earlyintervention@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:sps_earlyintervention@ed.act.edu.au).

### Attachments:

- [Boundaries without Conflict Flyer T1 2024 \(739 kb PDF\)](#)
- [Boundaries without Conflict Referral Form \(71 kb Word\)](#)
- [AYCAA Flyer \(4.2 MB PDF\)](#)
- [AYCAA Referral form Term 1 2024 \(71 kb Word\)](#)



Students riding bikes or scooters to and from school need to be wearing helmets.

If your child rides a bike, could you please supply a bike lock to keep their bike secure during the day. We also have scooter lock points that only require a standard padlock to secure.





Gowrie Primary has two Parent and Citizens member positions on the School Board for 2024 and 2025.

Nominations for the positions have opened and close 3:00pm Monday 19th February 2024. If you are interested in the position, please contact the front office to receive a nomination form. Please note if there are multiple nominations for the position, the school community will need to conduct a formal vote. Further information on the voting process will be provided when and if needed.

The School Board is an excellent way to become involved in all aspects of school life, both academic and corporate. It meets twice a school term on Monday nights at 5:30pm.

If you would like further information, please contact the Assisting Return Officer Meryn Cashmere on 61421960 to discuss further.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!!**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Start

End of Event Party

2km Run, Walk,  
Skip or Dance

\$10 Entry Fee

Everyone  
Welcome

**The Gowrie Colour  
Run is BACK!**





FUN BEFORE  
SCHOOL, AFTER  
SCHOOL AND  
VACATION CARE  
PROGRAMS!

Family Information Brochure

# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

**Y Canberra Region**

[www.ymcacanberra.org.au](http://www.ymcacanberra.org.au)

(02) 6242 4040

[cs.canberra@ymca.org.au](mailto:cs.canberra@ymca.org.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:







## PLAY AFL & NETBALL WITH **TVAFNC**

Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football Netball Club



### **AFL COME AND TRY NIGHT AND YOUR CHANCE TO MEET SOME GWS PLAYERS!**



5.30PM - 7.30PM  
Wednesday, 28th February  
MacKillop College Oval  
Isabella Plains



### **NETBALL COME AND TRY DAY!**

10.00AM - 12.00PM  
Saturday, 10th February  
Calwell Netball Courts  
Were st, Calwell



For more details, email  
[Playafl@tuggeranongfc.com.au](mailto:Playafl@tuggeranongfc.com.au) or  
[Netball@tuggeranongfc.com.au](mailto:Netball@tuggeranongfc.com.au) and head to the  
website using the QR code

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# FREE COME & TRY TENNIS

**SATURDAY  
10TH FEBRUARY 2024  
1:00PM - 3:00 PM**

**The Pines Tennis Club**  
Norris Street, Chisholm

ALL NEW  
JUNIOR  
STUDENTS  
RECEIVE A FREE  
RACQUET AND  
DRINK BOTTLE

FREE  
ADULT AND  
JUNIOR  
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SUITS ALL  
KIDS AGED 3+

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