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GAZETTE Week 4, Term 1



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Calendar

February / March

2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26	27	28	29	1
		P&C Ice cream day – Preschool		Assembly 12.15pm – 1pm P&C Ice cream day – Kindergarten – Year 6
4	5	6	7	8
	Swimming Carnival @ CISAC – Yr 2 – Yr 6 Water Fun morning – Kindergarten – Yr 1			
11	12	13	14	15
Canberra Day - PUBLIC HOLIDAY		NAPLAN	NAPLAN Author visit – Jack Heath Year 4 – Year 6 9am – 11am	NAPLAN Year 4 Assembly 12.15pm – 1pm Colour Run – 16 th March
18	19	20	21	22
NAPLAN Harmony Week	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN Meerkat Productions Fairytale Performance Kindergarten – Year 3 9am – 11am	NAPLAN

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and carers,

What a wonderful start to the year we have had. Our students have settled into classes while our staff have provided wonderful learning opportunities to support our students to be successful. Each year, the school leadership team creates a new action plan linked to our strategic priorities. This will be shared with the community in our week 6 newsletter and be reported on in our fortnightly newsletters.

Individual Learning Plans (ILP)

Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be drafting new ILP's for students who require one. An ILP is a plan created with parents and teachers to set goals and strategies to support students with their learning. If your child is receiving one, their teacher will be in contact with you to arrange a meeting.

Teacher Collaborative Planning

This year we have implemented collaborative planning sessions for our teachers. This is an opportunity for year level teachers to have a dedicated time to plan together with their executive. These sessions allow teachers to look at the curriculum, student data and assessment to inform future planning and implementation of effective teaching practices.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process that develops self-awareness, self-control and interpersonal skills that are important for success at school, work and life. These skills are linked to the Australian Curriculum and can be enhanced through Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL). To support students learn these skills, teachers will be implementing the Friendly Schools Plus program from Preschool to year 6. Friendly Schools Plus is a comprehensive and evidence based program recommended by the ACT Education Directorate. Each fortnight you will see references and helpful ideas focussed on identified SEL skills in the newsletter.

Targeted Support

At Gowrie Primary we offer targeted support groups that focus on providing additional support in literacy or numeracy. The leadership team work with staff to discuss student data and identify students who require additional support. This support is offered on a termly basis and targeted at different year levels across the school year. A letter will be sent home with students who will take part in this program next week.

Reminders

- Swimming Carnival notes are due Friday 1 March
- P&C Preschool Ice cream day - Wednesday 28 February
- P&C K-6 Ice cream day - Friday 1 March

Kind regards,

Simon and Brooke

Merit Awards

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



ATHLLON		
KD	Patrick H	Alina K
KH	Elaina M	Liam R
BRINDABELLA		
SGP-T	Fox T-H	
GULLA GULLA		
1CR	Emma B	Aavas M
1L	Kurtis A	Tasha D
2HD	Evelyn H	Isaac H
2M	Emilia J	Liam R
LANYON		
3L	Ivy-May C	Boston S
3S	Cody G	Lily S
4B	Thomas K	Wyatt K
4W	Olivia P	Lincoln T
LAMBRIGG		
5M	Brooklyn C	Kai L
5W	Isla O'N	Arlo C-L
SGP-M	Will G	
6B	Summer H	Jakob K
6H	Sophie M	Billy W
OTHER		
ARTS	Henry E (2M)	Olivia P (4W)
LANGUAGE	Kai L (SGP_M)	Marie G (1CR)



Gowrie is a PBL school. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence-based, multi-tiered behavioural framework that supports positive outcomes for all students in their social, emotional, and academic development. The focus is on building whole school, proactive systems, and practices, which reduce the need for reactive interventions.

The expectations for positive behaviour at Gowrie encourages students to be safe, respectful and responsible learners. These expectations are clearly displayed for students on our All Settings posters that can be found in classrooms and around our school. These expectations are explicitly taught by teachers and acknowledged through tokens and individual awards which are presented at Gowrie Gathering on a Monday morning.

This term students will be engaging in lessons around the importance of positive behaviours and the school wide systems to support their understanding. Our focus for week 3 will be "Proud to be Seen in the Gowrie Green". Students will be encouraged to take pride in themselves and their school and have the opportunity to collect tokens that will go towards an end of term award for the whole school.

All Settings

Be Safe

- We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.
- We use equipment appropriately.

Be Respectful

- We are polite.
- We include others.
- We share resources.
- We follow staff directions.

Be a Responsible Learner

- We pack up after ourselves.
- We are prepared to learn.
- We are in the right place at the right time.
- We participate and do our best.



Dogs Connect



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that we are about to launch the Dogs Connect program in our school. This is a whole school wellbeing program which will see the introduction of a wellbeing dog in our community. Our school wellbeing dog, Archie, will become a much loved and important member of our community.

Archie is in training at the moment and will begin visiting our school in Term 2. In the meantime we have a team of staff who will lead this program to ensure both the students and Archie make a meaningful connection.

The Dogs Connect program will support us in implementing this very gradually, thoroughly, and considerately.

At this stage we encourage anyone who would like to know more about this program to look through the website links below:

<https://dogsconnect.net.au>

[Community Introduction Video](#)

We would also like to assure the community that this program will not involve anyone who does not wish to be involved. We know that this work will have a really positive impact on many people in our community, and we acknowledge and respect that connection with our wellbeing dog will be offered on a great variety of levels.

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Melissa Dent (melissa.dent@ed.act.edu.au).

Kind regards

The Dogs Connect Team

Menslink Visit – Year 5



The boys in Year 5 received a visit by Chris from Menslink on Tuesday of Week 4 to participate in the 'Silence is Deadly' program. 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 students and provided advice on how they can help a friend who may be struggling.

You can find out more about Menslink at the following link

<https://menslink.org.au/what-w...>

Evan Winterburn and Dave Matthews

Year 5 Teachers

Year 1 Gross Motor



During Gross Motor children have the opportunity to develop their fundamental skills. Balancing assists with vestibular skills, throwing and catching assists with eye hand co-ordination and rolling, improves core strength.











Gross Motor Skills

P&C Icecream day!

K-6 FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

Icecreams can be purchased
at the canteen.

Cash only. Limit 1 per student.

Range of
icecreams &
icypoles
available from
50c - \$2.50

**PRESCHOOL WEDNESDAY
28TH FEBRUARY**

Preorder on Qkr! by 27th February



Please email tanya_dale@hotmail.com if you have any questions



**SAVE
THE
DATE!!**

Saturday 16th March

10am Start



End of Event Party



2km Run, Walk,
Skip or Dance



\$10 Entry Fee



Everyone
Welcome

**The Gowrie Colour
Run is BACK!**



Lost prescription glasses



If your child has misplaced their prescription glasses, they maybe in the front office.

Please collect from the front office.

School Hats



If your child needs a hat, we had a delivery of all sizes of school hats.

They are available for purchase from the front office.

40th birthday celebration book



If you would like to purchase a hard cover book celebrating Gowrie Primary School's 40th birthday, please call into the front office.

FUN BEFORE
SCHOOL, AFTER
SCHOOL AND
VACATION CARE
PROGRAMS!

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:

