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## GAZETTE Week 6, Term 1



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# Calendar

## March / April

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 Canberra Day Public Holiday	14	15 NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 Kenny Koala – Stay OK in the Community Preschool – 9.30am	16 NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5	17 NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 4D Assembly – 11.45am
20 HARMONY WEEK – Everyone Counts NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 Board Meeting – 5.30 pm P&C Meeting – 6.30 pm	21 HARMONY DAY NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5	22	23 Mr Huff - Meerkat production K – Yr 3 – 9.30am	24 Scholastic book club orders due – Issue 2
27	28	29	30 School Photographs Kindergarten – Yr 6	31
3	4	5 Easter Hat Parade Preschool – Yr 6 9.15am	6	7 Good Friday Public Holiday

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today Gowrie Primary hosted the school **swimming carnival** at CISAC pool. It was a fun day enjoyed by all. Seeing the students cheering and participating in whole school events again was heart-warming. Congratulations to all students who participated in the day and gave 100%. The winning house will be announced soon. Thank you to the organisers of the day, it was well planned and enjoyed by all.

The junior school, Kindergarten to year 1 participated in a **water fun day**. The weather eventually warmed up and the students enjoyed splashing each other and even their teachers at times. Thank you to all staff who organised this event. The students loved it!

On Monday 6 March, the school **P&C** hosted the annual general meeting. It was well attended, and all key positions were filled. Thank you to all who attended and those who made themselves available for leadership positions. The P&C plays a vital role in raising valuable funds for the school and also allows for parent voice within the school, all members of the Gowrie community are invited to attend all meetings. The next will be held at 6:30pm in the library on Monday 20 March. Information and contact details of positions will be communicated soon.

At Gowrie Primary, we value the opportunity for our home school partnerships to work together to ensure success for our students. Teachers have been focussing on developing **Individual Learning Plans (ILP'S)** for students who require additional support with their learning. Teachers will meet with parents and carers to discuss and set long and short-term goals. Students will use a range of identified strategies and regular feedback from the teacher to improve and achieve their goals.

## **Become an ACT public school Homestay host**

The ACT Education Directorate is seeking Homestay hosts for international students planning to study at an ACT public high school or college. International students participating in the Homestay program are aged 16 years or above.

Homestay is more than providing a room and meals. You'll welcome a young person into your family and support their growth as they gain new perspectives, confidence, English fluency and academic and essential life skills.

If you can offer a place in your home, have the time to support a student's social wellbeing and academic endeavours and have an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you.

A weekly payment is provided to help cover the costs of living expenses.

Please contact the International Education team via email at: [ieu@act.gov.au](mailto:ieu@act.gov.au) or by phone on 02 62059194.

Next week students in years 3 and 5 will be participating in **NAPLAN** testing. While the testing is important for system and school-based data, at Gowrie we encourage all students to do their best without adding further pressure on students. We also have extensive in school assessments and data which informs teaching and learning. We wish all our year 3 and 5 students all the best.

Remember it is a well-deserved long weekend. Please travel safely.

School resumes on Tuesday 20 March. There will be no Gowrie gathering. Students will move straight to class.

Enjoy the weekend

Simon and Brooke



# Merit Awards

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

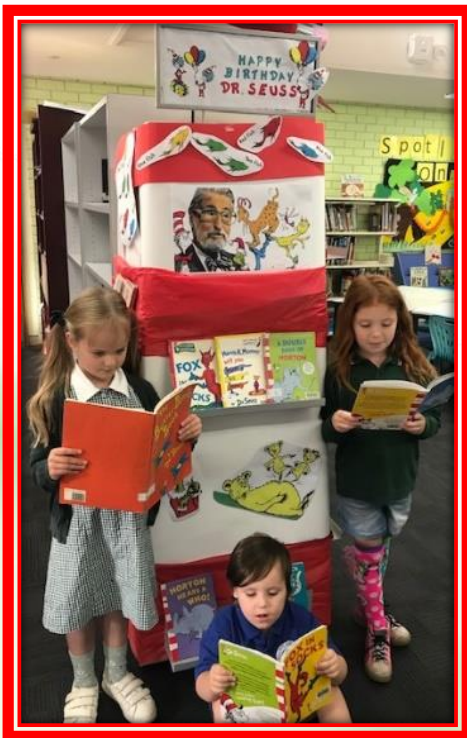


ATHLLON		
KD	Jasper A	Indigo J
KH	Taran B	Lillian T
GULLA GULLA		
1L	Henry E	Mihajla K
1RD	Charlie D	Lexi S
2F	Raven H	Olivia R
2M	Sofia A	Lachlan K
LANYON		
3DL	Haylie G	Juno K
3H	Rupert B	Liara G
4D	Joon V C	
4W	Felix N	
LAMBRIGG		
5M	Catherine B	Leo G
5W	Gemma D	Lily R
6B	Kaydan O	Robert T
6H	Anthony N	Flynn S
Japanese		
	Holly A (1L)	Charlize R (6B)
Small Group Program		
	Bianca L (5M)	Scarlett W (2F)

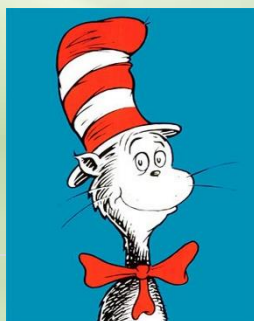
# Library News

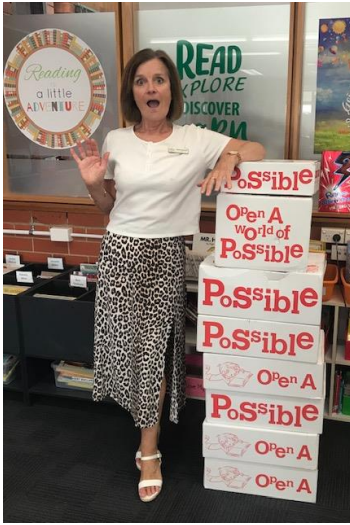
## DR SEUSS DAY

Last week we celebrated Dr Seuss' Birthday, an author of more than 60 fun and informative books for all ages. More than 30 of his books can be found in Gowrie's Library collection and it's been wonderful to see students encountering his work for the first time or rediscovering some old favourites.



What an exciting surprise to have 17 Cats in the Hat dropping by the library last Friday! Thankyou KD for your wonderful, crafty efforts which made our celebrations extra special.





## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

What a response to our first issue of Book Club for the year with EIGHT Scholastic boxes delivered to the school for sorting! These orders have now been distributed.

Issue 2's Catalogue was distributed to interested students this week, with orders due by March 24.

## **LUNCHTIME CLUBS**

This week was indeed one to celebrate, for the first time in several years our library reopened for Lunchtime clubs and informal activities. It's very exciting to see this special school space, where everyone is welcome, returning to the busy hub we all love and appreciate.

Happy Reading,

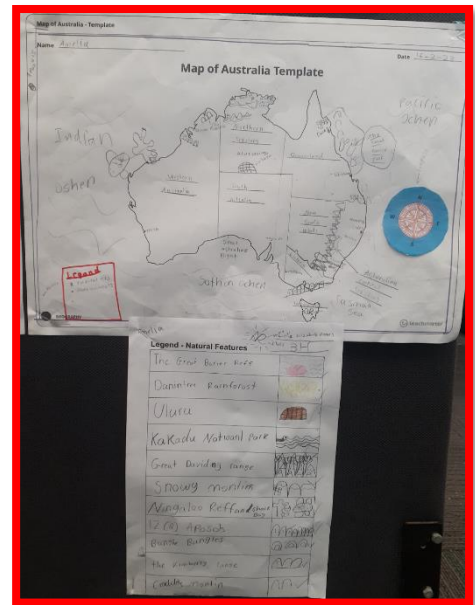
Wendy Wheeler

Library Resources Manager



# Year 3 News

Geography. The students applied their learning of mapping conventions to create their own map of Australia including borders of states and territories, locating capital cities and natural landmarks.





Writing: The students have been learning about different persuasive devices writers can use to build an opinion. They created a paragraph using all these devices.

**Title: We should have a canteen at school.**

We should get a canteen so we can eat when we forget to pack our lunch. How could we eat without a canteen? It would be terrible if people couldn't eat stuff from canteen. The poor kids would starve to death without a canteen! Some people cannot pay for food and forget to pack it in their lunch box so this would help them.

Highlight the persuasive devices you used:

Personal Pronouns (we, us, you, our)

Rhetorical question

Emotive language (saddens me, disgraceful, horrendous)

Exaggeration (Hyperbole)

Facts and Evidence

**Title: Gowrie's playground should be upgraded**

You've got to take responsibility to keep children occupied. How are children meant to play with a not so good playground? It's disgraceful that you don't keep children occupied. It will be the worst thing in the world if kids don't play. It is important for kids to play because they will be able to build up their skills.

**Title: We must wear a hat.**

Can't you see how you can get sun burnt easily if you don't wear a hat? It saddens me to see burnt faces. It's the worst thing to see everyone getting burnt. You can get sun damaged skin on your head if you don't protect yourself.

IT Skills, Typing Club. Students have been improving their typing skills using Typing Club. They have been learning about correct seating and hand posture and are learning their way around the keyboard.



# Important News



The School Photographer will be taking school photos on the following dates:

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Kindergarten to Year 6

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Pre School, siblings and catch up photos.

Every student's photo will be taken on the day.

If you require an extra order envelope, please collect from the front office.

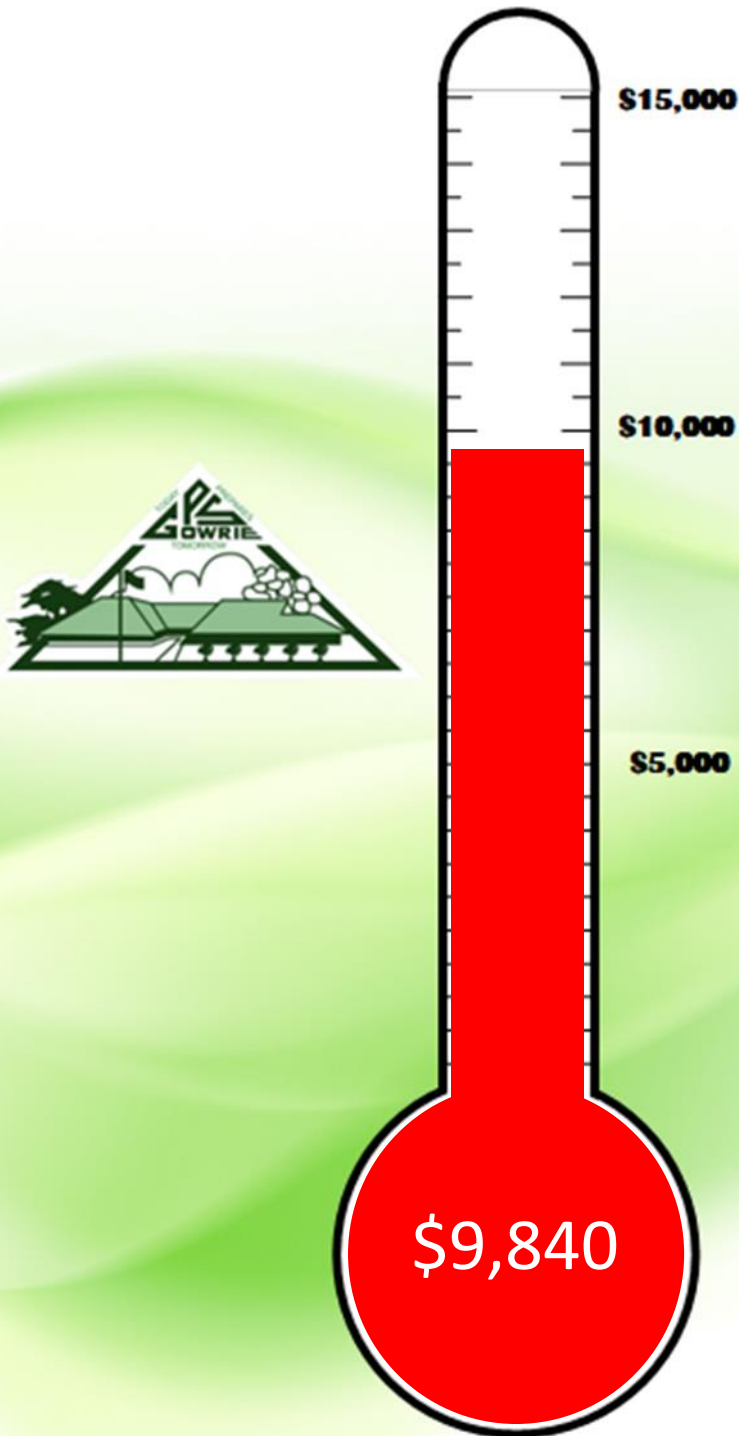
Individual and sibling photo orders are to be submitted online through The School Photographer website via their online ordering portal.

Gowrie Primary School code: **X1638PC49G**



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# Easter Raffle

The P&C will be running our annual Easter raffle on Wednesday 5th April, to help raise funds towards playground upgrades.

There will be a prize per class, as well as major prize draws.

We are requesting donations of the following items, to contribute to our lovely prize hampers:

- *Easter chocolates*
- *Easter toys*
- *Easter baskets/gift boxes*
- *Ribbon*

Donations can be dropped at the front office by Friday 31st March.

Thank you!

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 3 tickets for \$2 or 10 tickets for \$5.

To purchase raffle tickets, please order on Qkr!  
Available for purchase until 5pm Monday 3rd April  
(Cash purchases cannot be accepted)

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie –  
natalie.roseworn@gmail.com



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### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

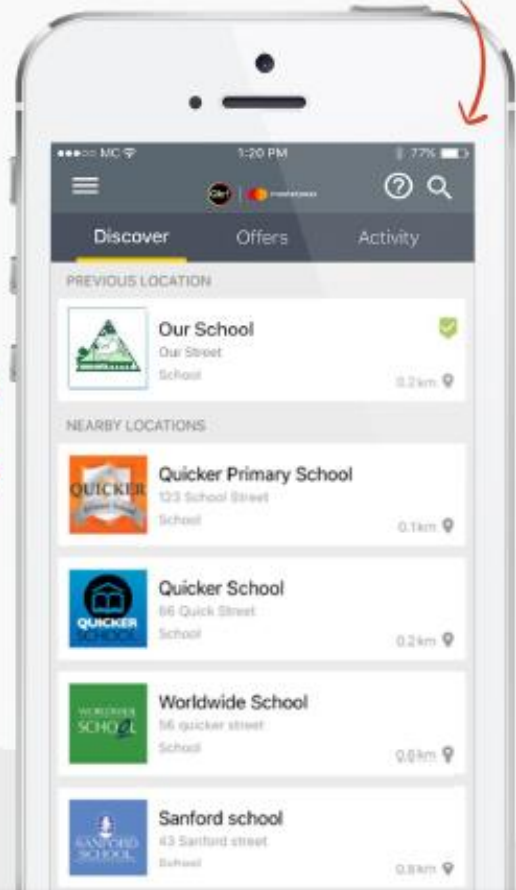
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name





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## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select  
'Add student profile'



Add each  
child's details



Manage each  
child's details in  
Student Profiles



## Order meals

Select a menu  
from our canteen



Tap the green  
box to view  
your receipt  
or to cancel  
an order



Select a date  
for a child and  
order a meal



Tap to change  
the date you  
are ordering for

Tap 'Repeat  
order' to  
copy all paid  
orders from  
one week to  
the next

Tap to change  
the child you  
are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay

## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by  
the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.

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SCHOOL AND  
VACATION CARE  
PROGRAMS!

Family Information Brochure

# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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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:

