



Gowrie State School

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Relationships
Rigour
Resilience
Respect
Responsibility

Parents & Citizens' Association meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

School Newsletter

18 April 2017 Issue 11

Taking Pride in Ourselves, Taking Pride in Our School!

Enriching Expectations • Empowering Engagement • Exceptional Effort Every Day

Dear Parents/Care givers and members of our school community,

Welcome back to school life. I trust that that holiday break was healthy and happy. This morning on school assembly I spoke to the students and posed a number of questions to light the spark for teaching and learning this term. In response, their responses to my first question; How is an orange and an onion the same?, were imaginative, showed clever thinking and smart in obviousness. Some examples were:

Both contain the letter 'N', are round, come from nature, have skins, are peeled, can be cut with a knife, after eating them you have to wash your hands, are edible, are healthy, if you rub your eyes after peeling them your eyes will sting.

I moved onto talking about how each student will know when they learn, or know what they know. A sure fact about our Gowrie students is their quality oral language— they speak clearly, articulate well, experiment with enriching their vocabulary and take turns graciously and respectfully. My goal was to ignite conversation and thinking about: what good learning looks like, everyday in our classrooms and other learning spaces. The key message that I will certainly pursue in visits to the classrooms, when I am on playground duty or gate duty and when I am out and about in the diverse learning activities and experiences on offer in every classroom, is to growing students' understanding of the need to know what they are learning, why they are learning it and what it means to be 'good' at this learning.

Hence, it should not come as a surprise that the mantra we have adopted for our work this term is : To become more precise in what we do and when we do it. It is a sharp focus that is married to our 2017 "E" mantra. (It is on the banner that headlines the first page of our newsletter).

On a different note, it is an honour to talk with you about the upcoming ANZAC Day Service that is co-hosted by Gowrie Progress Association and the school. On Monday 24th April the school will offer a service, as is the tradition. It is a learning experience rich with wisdom and reverence. Please read the shared information further along in this newsletter.

Kind regards Mandy



Great state. Great opportunity.



Parent Corner

DATE CLAIMER

Inter-house Cross Country 9.30am Wed 19 April
School Anzac Day Ceremony 2pm Monday 24 April
Labour Day Monday 1 May
Anzac Day Dawn Service Tuesday 25 April
Year 1 Amaroo Excursion Thursday 4 May
P&C Meeting Tuesday 9 May

NAPLAN

Tuesday 9 May Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 10 May Reading

Thursday 11 May Numeracy

Under 8's Day—Friday 26 May

Cancer Morning Tea—Friday 26 May

Student Absence Line:

4698 6860 Open 24 Hrs

Please advise the school **on the same day** your child is absent. This phone line is open 24 hours and a very easy way to let the school office know if your child is unwell or going to be absent for any reason.

Dental Van

We are still awaiting an arrival date for the Dental Van. Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. We can still accept forms if you would like your child/ren to see the dentist.

Tuckshop News



I am looking for a couple of helpers for this Friday 21st April to help do a cook up for term 2 tuckshop. Please let Michelle know if you could help out. *Thank you*

Tuckshop will commence next week. We do however need volunteers to make this possible.

A new menu will be attached to today's email.



2017 INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country is being held tomorrow (Wednesday 19th April)



The Cross Country will commence at 9:30am from the top oval. Starting with Year 6 children.

A course map is available to be viewed on the office door.

Please ensure permission forms have been returned.

If anyone has some free time to help set up for the event Mr Widderick will be on the top oval from 7am.



CANCER MORNING TEA AT GOWRIE STATE SCHOOL FRIDAY 26th May 2017—9:00am

Come one and all—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends—for a morning of entertainment followed by a cup of tea and lovely eats. Our Choir will sing and each class from Prep through to Year 5/6 will present an item.

Please mark this date in your diary and look forward to a lovely day.

Debra Burge Classroom Music Teacher

UNI FORM SHOP

Please note the change of days.

Open Thursday

2.30 to 3pm

CHOIR NEWS

**Choir practice is on
Fridays at 8:20am**

Parent Corner

Each Friday teachers will take time to review the week of teaching and learning and make decisions around celebrating recognition of student learning outcomes. Following this, a postcard will be sent home with students for their parents/caregivers. This postcard is our invitation to attend the upcoming Monday school assembly with specific reference to their child/ren being recipients of awards such as classroom work, Principal award, Artist of the week, Writer of the week.

Artist of the Week- each week a theme is recommended and a variety of artistic skills and techniques are encouraged.

Week 1: Special Days

Week 2- Autumn

Week 3 – Fingerprint pictures

Week 4- Blast off with learning

Week 5- books light up your world

Week 6- sail away with shapes

Week 7- a garden of imagination

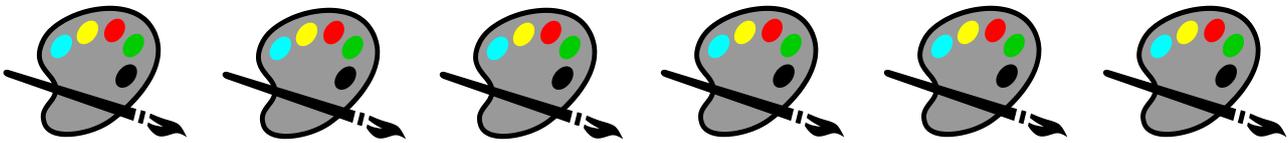
Week 8- adventure time

Week 9 – farmyard fun

Some techniques to be discovered, explored and displayed....

(Remember the artwork can be done at home and be signed by parent/caregiver verifying it is the child's work)

A leaf print, photography, sketching, chalk drawing, sponge painting, stencils, collage, blow painting, eye dropper painting, bubble wrap printing.



OSHC News

Welcome Back! We hope that everyone had a chance to relax over the Easter week-end and catch up with family and friends. We are looking forward to sharing stories with the children about their time away from school.

This term we hope to take advantage of the cooler weather and spend more time outside doing the more physical activities. Arts and crafts and numerous other activities will also be on offer throughout this term. If you have any ideas for activities or have stumbled onto a wonderful game please share this with us so that we can extend our program.

OSHC is a 'Not for Profit' organisation so please keep accounts up to date. Bank transfer deposits are accepted for account payments. Please refer to your statement for details. If you require any information please contact us on 46 307 710 between 7:00 and 9:00 am and 2:30 to 6:00 pm. We have 101 message services and routinely check our messages.

Bookings - spaces are available each morning and afternoon this week.

The OSHC team Lynell, Josie, Sharon and Lirissa truly enjoy working as a team with you and your children.



Curriculum Corner

Dear students,

Last term we offered a WOW Challenge in the last week of school. The quality of writing was worthy of my time to write quite detailed feedback for each author. Our message is that students do not need to wait for a week ten challenge to write for an audience. I am very happy to receive stories and enjoy reading them, particularly when the stories have been conferenced and edited. We have relaxing and aspirational settings in the library for lunchtime writing.

If you are interested in developing a deeper investment in writing then try...

Sizzling Sentence Starters! (Only suggestions)

* My eyelids began to droop. Lazily I pulled up the checked blanket...

• I looked, I saw. I can tell you....my knees started to knock...

• Blood was flowing, with shaking fingers, I ripped open my sleeve. I couldn't bear to look so.....

• A cold wave of fear grabbed my heart and stomach. My heart missed a beat....

• You never know what is lurking in the dark corners of this farm....

• He held the cup trophy triumphantly after the match...

• The boy had tangled hair, greasy stained skin and he was covered in flapping rags...

• We struggled through the dense bush of the rocky valley with backpacks that were...

• "What is this?" said Rachel, shaking the bag ominously...

• Hairs on my neck prickled, my hands were sweating....



PHOTOCOPY PAPER

Parents please remember if buying paper to bring to school please purchase **REFLEX PAPER**

It is available for around \$5/ream at lots of suppliers including Woolworths, Big W, or your local post office. *Thank you*



Voluntary Contributions for 2017 PREP \$50—Years 1 to 6 \$15 per child

Thank you to the parents who have already contributed.

EFTPOS

To assist parents, the school has EFTPOS facilities for fast, efficient payment of school fees & other payments. No cash required, \$10 min trans.



Voluntary Contributions (Photocopy in bold, reams of paper in italics)

Prep – Yr 6 Students at School	Voluntary Cont. Budget Re-quired	No of Con-tributions Paid	Payments to date
183 <i>students</i>	\$3,655.00	6—Prep 61- Yr 1-6	\$300.00 \$1,025.00
3 <i>reams per student</i>	552reams A4 Reflex paper	Reams Collected to date: 317 (Not including via booklist)	

2017 **TRIVIA** 2017
NIGHT

PRIZES

SATURDAY
17th JUNE

\$20 PER
PERSON

INDIVIDUALS / COUPLES / TEAMS OF 6 - 8
ALL WELCOME

MULTI RAFFLE

6 PM - LATE

PIZZA



CHILD
MINDING IN
LIBRARY - Primary
School ages

BAR



Registration Forms - Please returned by 12th June 2017
Email: pandc@gowriess.eq.edu.au

**GOWRIE STATE
SCHOOL HALL**

YOUR P&C IS PLACING A STRONG EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL AND HOPES TO SEE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE AT THIS SOCIAL EVENT AND THANK THE SCHOOL AND THEIR STAFF FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

GOWRIE JUNCTION PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC & GOWRIE STATE SCHOOL



ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service

25 APRIL 2017

COMMENCES 5.45am

GOWRIE STATE SCHOOL

*Theme: the "Flanders Offensive"
Centenary of a significant First World War Battle.*

Following the Dawn Service an invitation to join in the sharing of breakfast at the Gowrie Junction Community Hall, is extended by the Gowrie Junction Progress Association. The breakfast is funded by the Association. If a donation is offered, the Association have elected to dedicate the donated funds to Legacy. A donation box will be available at the Hall.

Coming together to observe those who have stood in times of challenge and tell the stories for those who can no longer speak. Come together at the Dawn Service (at the school) and the breakfast (at the Community Hall).

