



# 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

25 October 2016 Issue 31

### Taking Pride in Ourselves, Taking Pride in Our School!

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE	
28 Oct	Red Day for Daniel
28 Oct	Blue Light Disco
5 Nov	P&C Trivia Night
8 Nov	P&C Meeting
18 Nov	Small Schools Volleyball Carnival
1 Dec	Free Dress Day for Michael. Summer Theme

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

The wind did not whistle through the flaps of the marquee instead there was a refreshing breeze that whooshed away the steady sizzle sound of the sausages cooking on the barbecue. The company was good but not too much time for conversation instead there was quick wit to stir the humour of the working crew. Congratulations to our P&C and the parents who helped crew the fundraising barbecue stand at Bunnings last Sunday.

I am going to take the plunge and remember the names of those helping hands that rotated the sausages, served the customers, dug into the cold water and ice to retrieve soft-drinks, slurped the sauce into the containers, stacked the bread into containers, scooped the fried onion, tangled with the catering gloves.

There were the culinary chefs a la magnificent- Rod Verrall, Peter Bullen, Peter Newcombe, Craig Skuse, Dan Metzroth, Paul Mahon, Paul Judge, Darren Widderick, Jeff Allen who were ably supported by the quick hands McGraws- Michelle Gascoyne, Kylie Suhr, Kim McCauley, Anne Bullen, Hayley Butler, Carley Kiely, Tiana Gurney and Karen Antuar. Nearby were the two cool hands -Kian Verrall and Caleb Suhr who provided encouragement to the steady bread stacker- me.

I hope that I have not missed anyone who volunteered on the roster. Nonetheless we need to acknowledge the workers behind the planning like Catherine Rothwell, Michelle Gascoyne and Sonya Careclas. As well, we thank the families who gave the opportunity for their mum or dad to take time away from family commitments on the weekend. By all accounts the day was a success. Our P&C have been multitasking and have been planning the next community event, the **Gowrie State School Trivia Night**. Mark your calendar for Saturday night November 5th. Get a team together with family or friends, perhaps encourage your high school aged children to form a team of young minds.

This term is a busy term especially with assessment and reporting, Student Leadership coaching, end of year awards night planning. However, our core business is teaching and learning in which we will strive to a high level of expectation. This week we have started the Principal Round Table conversations with the Year 5 students to grow their understanding of and mindset towards student leadership. The letters of response from the students to our invitation to participate were very worthy of the discussions that occurred at home. Thank you for giving value to student voice.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Russell Simpson, Assistant Regional Director to our school on Wednesday. We have much to share with Mr Simpson as our school is brimming with vitality and shared commitment.

I hope to see you at the Trivia Night. I will be the one sitting in awe of

**Student Absence Line:**  
**4698 6860**  
**Open 24 Hrs**

Please advise the school on the same day your child is absent.

### MILLION COIN CHALLENGE

Total: 159 203

	Coins	Uni-forms	Attendance
Prep	147	3.6	94
Yr1	77	4.61	95.67
Yr 2	98	3.72	95.58
Yr 3/4	0	4	91
Yr 4/5	347	3.8	94.41
Yr 5/6	217	3.64	93.68

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
 EVERY TUESDAY  
 8.20AM

Great state. Great opportunity.



## Curriculum Corner

I have put together a Parent Brochure about supporting your child's spelling development. I will make copies upon request and send home or if you drop by my office for a chat while I make a copy for you. Here is another snippet.

**Ocean-** Only cats eyes are narrow

**Piece-** A piece of pie.

**Practice/practise-** Ice is a noun, so practice is a noun and practise is a verb.

**Principal/principle-** The principal is your pal

**Quite/quiet-** Silent ends with the letter (t) and quiet ends with the letter (t)

**Saturday-** Saturday is the day you are (u-r) glad to see each week

**Secretary-** Your secretary will keep your secret

**Separate-** Always smell a rat when you spell separate.

**Special-**the CIA has special agents

**Stationery / stationary-** paper is stationery; a car is stationary

**Than / then-** Than compares; Then sequences

**They-** They is the word I can spell.

**They're/ their / there-** All 3 words begin with the.

**There** is no other place like here.

**They're (short for they are).**

They left their money to their heir.

**Two/too/to-** The two twins turned twenty.

Too means also. Too can also mean – toooooo much

## Parent Corner

### P&C Trivia Night is Saturday November 5th.

Let's take the opportunity to polish up our general knowledge in preparation for the trivia night. Best of luck.

1. Which country does parmesan cheese come from?
2. How many holes are there in a standard ten pin bowling ball?
3. On a standard computer keyboard, what letter is located between E and T?
4. Which word in this following sentence is an adjective: The friendly dog barked loudly?
5. What colour do you get if you mix blue and yellow paint together?
6. How many years are there in a century?
7. In the fairytale of Cinderella, what does Cinderella leave behind at the ball?
8. How many zeros are there in one hundred thousand?
9. Can you name two of the World's oceans?
10. Which way is anti-clockwise, left or right?

### **LOST PROPERTY CONTINUES TO GROW**

There are now 26 items of **UNNAMED** clothing in the lost property basket. If you are missing any items please take the time to check the basket.



## SWIMMING– Continues this week.

### COUNCIL—FREE PLANT VOUCHERS

If anyone has any vouchers that they would like to donate towards the "Gowrie State School Gardens" we would gladly accept them. They can be handed in at the office. Thank you

### ROAD SAFETY

Last week Mr Gaggi upscaled our You Can Do It program with the Road Safety lessons outlined below. We were amazed at the diversity of knowledge that the students displayed and even more impressed with the student's demonstrating their re-freshed knowledge at home time when they exited the school gates.

Prep to Year 1: Little Voices-Big Choices. Year 2 and 3- Watching Me, Watching You, Year 4 and 5- Take a Walk in my shoes and Year 6- What about me.

# RECOGNISING SUCCESS



\*Respect \* Resilience \* Relationships \* Rigour \* Responsibility\* all lead to a great \* REPUTATION \*

## “Genuine Gowrie Grit”

Congratulations Ryan, Ebony, Quinn & Aydan you are our Gowrie Stars for this week.

## “Respectful and Responsible”

In my interactions with these students I enjoyed their confidence & curiosity to ask good questions.



## Students of the Week



## Writer of the Week



## Artists of the Week



Tayte receiving his Mayoral School Achievement Medal last week. Congratulations Tayte!!!

## IN RECOGNITION OF GRANDPARENTS DAY

*Dedicated to the Grandparents of Gowrie*

**Children are the rainbow of the future  
Grandparents are the pot of gold.**



## **OSHC News**

Our trend with being outdoors is continuing. The children are taking care of the new plants that they planted last week watering them and a few friends as well. The cuttings are all doing very well. Scoobies are often taken outside to do and are still on the go with renewed interest.

Many children are attempting to make Scooby Christmas tree decorations. We have been encouraging children to undo their work and have another go if they have made mistakes or are not quite happy with the results of their efforts. Their sense of pride in their achievements is growing and now many children automatically pull apart their scooby to start again.

OSHC accepts bank transfer deposits for account payments. We are a 'Not for Profit' organisation so please keep accounts up to date and remember to cancel unwanted bookings. 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.

## **Tuckshop News**

Our P&C are being creative and courageous in creating connections with community.

**18th November 2016 is a date to mark in your diary.** The school days from 31st October through to 16 November are dates that you could mark off on your calendar. Why? (Which is a common question that may come your way from your young child as you are multi-tasking) Why? **P&C is hosting the catering aspect of the Small School Challenge Day– Volleyball.** It is predicted that we will host around 140 students from small schools within the Darling Downs region. Our tuckshop convenors– Michelle Gascoyne and Sonya Careclas with the support of the P&C, are promoting a whole school approach to supporting this day. A **“Donation Roster”** is in place.



- Each class group is allocated types of items to donate towards the catering demands of the tuckshop on this 'mega' tuckshop day with the visiting small schools.
- The roster is attached for your consideration.
- **There will be donation collection boxes in the office.** The students enter the item into their class box. The class achieving the most impressive contribution total will be acknowledged and celebrated.
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### DONATION ROSTER

- Prep: Home made cakes and slices**
- Year 1: Crackers, dips and serviettes**
- Year 2: Carrots, celery, cherry tomatoes and strawberries**
- Year 3/4: Plastic cups, plastic cutlery, white or wholemeal bread**
- Year 4/5: Fruit, cordial and zip lock bags (snack or sandwich size)**
- Year 5/6: Homemade cookies, cling wrap and eggs**

## P & C News and Events

PARENTS WELCOME!!!

SUPERVISION  
REQUIRED FOR PREP-3  
(Younger siblings welcome)

LOCK IN POLICY

# HALLOWEEN BLUELIGHT DISCO

POLICE SUPERVISION

Primary Aged Students Only

28/10/2016

GOWRIE SCHOOL HALL

6.00PM-9.00PM

ENTRY FEE :\$5.00

SUB MEAL \$7.50 DUE 20/10/2016

DRESS IN COSTUME IF YOU LIKE

HAVE A DANCE WITH SUBMAN

HAVE FUN!



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes direct from the farm to you!

## Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to *indulge in* fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our P & C fundraising drive to help pay for remaining classroom air-conditioning!

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$25

Place your order by: *Friday 28 October*

For Further information contact:

*Anne 0427 580 560*

# Trivia Night

2016

SATURDAY  
5<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER

\$10 PER  
PERSON

INDIVIDUALS / COUPLES / TEAMS OF 6 - 8  
ALL ARE WELCOME

MULTI RAFFLE

6 PM - LATE

BYO  
FOOD

CHILD  
MINDING IN  
LIBRARY

PRIZES

GOWRIE STATE  
SCHOOL HALL

KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PLAY  
TRIVIA

BAR

Start organising your table now!

A great night out for all.

Nomination Form - attached to today's email.

Thank you to  
Shane's Butchery  
for your generous  
support of our  
Bunnings BBQ



COME AND EXPERIENCE

*Japanese Culture*

12 November 2016 10am - 3pm

Toowoomba's Civic Square

- > Displays and demonstrations in Bonsai, Ikebana, Origami and much more.
- > Featuring the Takatsuki Taiko Drummers and traditional performers
- > Japanese Food stalls
- > Activities for all to enjoy



Rich traditions. Bold ambitions.

TOOWOOMBA  
REGION