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

School Newsletter

6 December 2016

Issue 36

Taking Pride in Ourselves, Taking Pride in Our School!

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE	
7 Dec	Yr 6 Big Day Out
8 Dec	Break Up Day and Free Dress Day (Festive Theme) *** Shared Lunch*** We ask Prep to Year 3 to bring something savoury & Year 4—6 to bring something sweet to share.
9 Dec	Clean Up Day

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

This is the last newsletter for 2016 and we have made it a bonza edition. I am sharing the story that I presented at our recent Awards Night as it gives a good picture of my reflection on my short time here at Gowrie. As well, it gives credence to the Gowrie story that was told last night. The evening's storytellers were our 2016 Student Leadership Team who not only hosted the program but also were custodians of the our traditions and innovations.

It went like this: I feel very fortunate to have found my pathway to Gowrie State School to follow the things I enjoy and have a passion for, being part of a community, making a difference in teaching and learning, caring about forward thinking, believing in shared responsibility and nurturing a culture of belief in aspirations and imagination.

It has been a simple but profound case of doing what's inside you—the idea of opportunity. Gowrie State School has no poverty of opportunity as the community cares about education and this is a wonderful testament to the future of our school.

I pay homage to the principalships before me and hope that my principalship will be as enriching and empowering. Opportunity is often disguised as hard work, a key feature of the foundation of our daily life at school and at home. I acknowledge the quality we have in our staff-teachers, teacher aides, administration, grounds and facilities who work together to build the strong pride of our high expectations and student centred focus. It is rekindled in many ways and in many moments. Gowrie is definitely the place to go to grow.

My thanks to the P&C for their support, to the staff for their wisdom and work, to the community for their partnership and the students for their investment in learning. I hope that you are enjoying the evening and wish you the best for the remainder of the year.

On behalf of the staff and students, I wish you a safe and healthy holiday break

Kind regards Mandy

Student Absence Line:
4698 6860
Open 24 Hrs

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

CONGRATULATIONS
to Year 4/5 for collecting the most 5c coins in Term 4 & Year 3/4 for winning School Pride for Term 4.

SCHOOL WATCH
131 788

NEEDED—CHRISTIAN RELIGION INSTRUCTOR

Christian Religion Instructor (Ecumenical) required at Gowrie State School, for either a combined year 3/4 or 5/6 class at 11:40—12.10pm on Mondays starting in 2017.

If you would like to help with this volunteer role or would like more information please contact Ingrid on 0408 878 325 (Work) 4637 0737 (A/h) or email steinhardt93@bigpond.com

Great state. Great opportunity.



Curriculum Corner

Congratulations to our Nominated & Award Winners from our Awards Night

Cultural Award - *Nominees— Bria Stefanowicz, Zoe Bullen, Ella Lamb, Tiahna Robinson, Zenna Chavasse, Amy Tudman-Hook, Lara Malli Award Winner—Bria Stefanowicz*

Gowrie ICT Award—Nominees—Jonathan Zischke, Ruby Pascoe, Lara Malli Award Winner— Lara Malli

The Pat Weir Award-Nominees—Amelia Westcott, Kian Verrall, Sam Bullen Award Winner— Kian Verrall

**Sports Star of the Year-Nominees-Ryan Bidgood, Brayden Ruming
Award Winner-Ryan Bidgood & Brayden Ruming**

Citizenship Award *Nominees-Bob Judge, Caleb Suhr, Zenna Chavasse, Paige Rothwell
Award Winner— Junior Award—Zenna Chavasse Senior Award —Paige Rothwell*

Graafland Overall You Can Do It—Hayden Macready

You Can Do It Award for Prep—Maddison Kiely

You Can Do It Award for Year 1—Lea Malli

You Can Do It Award for Year 2—Charlotte Skuse

You Can Do It Award for Year 3—Hayden Macready

You Can Do It Award for Year 4—Lyndsay Hales

You Can Do It Award for Year 5—Brayden Tootell

You Can Do It Award for Year 6—Amy Tudman-Hook

**100% Attendance— Cooper Ballini, Quinn Stefanowicz, Klarissa Summers, Cooper Rossow,
Samantha Hogan & Jase Rossow**

**Duke of Ellington Instrumental Award—Nominees— Kian Verrall, Sophie Skuse, Alexander Theodosis,
Neve Chavasse Award Winner— Neve Chavasse**

**Lote Award- Nominees— Tiahna Robinson, Paige Rothwell & Alexander Theodosis
Award Winner— Alexander Theodosis**

**Gowrie State School Academic Award— Nominees —Amy Tudman-Hook, Jack Kemp, Kian Verrall, Lara Malli
Award Winner—Lara Malli**

**Student's Student Award— Nominees-Kirra Coupe, Aleesha Hartley, Paige Rothwell, Zoe Bullen, Sarah Carter,
Amy Tudman-Hook Award Winner-Amy Tudman-Hook**

**Encouragement Award-Nominees-Bob Judge, Mikayla Yalden, Nikkita Careclas, Eli Gascoyne, Eve Dale, Wyatt
Tootell, Aliviah Gill, Kira Hetherington, Annalise Jensen, Amy Tudman-Hook, Nicholas Mahon, Emily Newcomb &
Paige Rothwell Award Winners—Nikkita Careclas, Wyatt Tootell & Paige Rothwell**

**Gowrie Rising Star Award—Nominees-Sophie Fowkes, Amza Fleming, Erin Siebuhr, Cooper Leslie
Award Winner— Sophie Fowkes**

Farewell to Mrs Stephanie Jones

We have enclosed in this newsletter our thoughts and messages around the retirement of Mrs Jones. This story is the result of interviewing colleagues of Mrs Jones which provided a testimonial to the starlight teaching career of Mrs Jones. It is my privilege to talk with you about a teacher-Mrs Stephanie Jones who has taught at Gowrie for many years and has decided to retire and seek deep satisfaction in other pursuits just like she has gained and given whilst being a teacher.

This moment in our Awards Night is rather fitting as it properly expresses our gratitude and shows our appreciation of Mrs Jones, a teacher who has followed through on a vision of making is clear as crystal that you need to love what you do and care about life- long learning.

Her philosophy about teaching is that she meets students where they are in their learning. She sees a grace in them, and she sees a possibility in them. And because she sees it, they start seeing it. From talking with her colleagues the way I see it is that Stephanie's legacy to the Gowrie school community is she has taught students how to be curious about the world and how to care for the people around them, and how to analyse facts and evidence, and how to tell stories, and how to believe in their ability to shape their own destiny.

Thank you Mrs Jones.

RECOGNISING SUCCESS



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

“Genuine Gowrie Grit”

*Congratulations Linken & Louie you are our
Gowrie Star for this week.*

*“I have enjoyed watching these two young students give
determination to their sense of wanting to strive to give stronger
effort and working with their teacher and peers to build
stronger shared responsibility for learning”.*



Students of the Week



Sports Stars



Artists of the Week



Miss Burge's

Christmas Wonderland



OSHC News

This week, being our last week for this year, educators will be focusing on helping the children to relax and enjoy each other's company especially those who will be leaving us. The week began with a pancake breakfast for the morning children and will continue with Christmas activities and time to just sit and talk which has been a popular activity lately.

We also take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. We have received many donations, kind words and help in various ways. As always we are sad to see children leave but wish them and their families all the very best for the future.

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. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Tuckshop News

THURSDAY 8th December—BREAK UP DAY

It has become a tradition at Gowrie that on the last Thursday of the year the Year 6 students serve the entire school with a shared lunch.

We ask that each child brings along an item as follows: Prep-Year 3 Savoury, Year 4-6 Sweets

Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered their time once again to help with the organising of shared food-onto plates, cut up, clean up etc. This is a wonderful help to our tuckshop ladies and shows respectful acknowledgement of their year long tireless service to our students/community.

Parent Corner

2017 BOOKLIST

If you have ordered your 2017 Booklists from Highfields News & Post Office this is a reminder that PICKUP is tomorrow (Wednesday) from 8am -9.30am in the school hall. Eftpos will be available.



LOST PROPERTY

As this is the last week of school all items left in the lost property basket will be washed and given to the Uniform Shop on Friday as all items are unnamed. If you have lost something please come & check before Friday afternoon.



A Window into 2017 at Gowrie

Prior to the start of the school year, staff return to school for a number of Student Free Days for professional development and dedicated time for preparing the school teaching and learning agenda from a whole school approach.

We have decided to take an opportunity to offer a "Pop in and Meet" with staff. On Wednesday 18th January 2:30—3.15pm we invite each of our Gowrie families to pop in & meet the staff, drop off the school books (quite heavy at this stage), see the classroom & have a chat with other parents & class mates. It is a relaxing time as there is no rushed first morning of school to drop off books, meet & greet. So pop in on Wednesday 18th January from 2:30—3.15pm. The uniform shop will also be open. We welcome your company & look forward to showing you our classrooms & our school.

BOOK CLUB

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who made purchases this term. A total of \$1,417 was spent, raising \$283.50 for the school. A wonderful effort!!

As a total for the year, Book Fair and Book Club have raised \$1,216 for the school. The purchases made from this money, allow our school to provide our kids with necessary and relevant resources.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PREP 2017

- Prep shirts for 2017 have arrived. If you ordered a shirt/s you can collect them and make payments at the school office.
- Next Blast Off Day : Wednesday 7th December

Gowrie Junction Progress Association Inc. Presents a Santa Visit and Movie Night
 When: Saturday 17th December 2016
 Time: 5:30pm Santa will arrive in town and will be going around the streets on a Santa sleigh.
 6:30pm Santa will arrive at the community hall, at this time there will a photo opportunity with Santa inside the hall.
 7:30pm a great G Rated Movie will commence.
 Please come along to this free community event. Including sausage sizzle, popcorn and drinks.
 Guaranteed to be a great family night out. Keep an eye out for the flyer with all the information and Santa route being delivered to your mail box next week. Feel free to also drop us a post on Facebook!

Meet the Camp Cooby, Reflections team



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

"What do the kids say about Camp Cooby?" "Can I come back tomorrow?" "Best Camp Ever!" "Thank you!" "I'm exhausted!"



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CHRISTMAS CHURCH TIMES
 for Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
 Gowrie-Glencoe Road—Sunday 18
 December 10.30am
 Children's Christmas Program;
Christmas Eve 24 December 7pm
Carols Service;
Christmas Day 25 December 8am
 Everyone Welcome

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Come & Try

Giving Every Kid a Go!

Length: 1 Hour
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DATE: Wednesday 14th December 2016, Tuesday 26th January 2017
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CENTRE: Toowoomba Hockey Association Inc
CONTACT NAME: Toowoomba Hockey Association **CONTACT NUMBER:** (07) 4633 1229
LOCATION: Clyde Park, 564 Boundary Street, Toowoomba, QLD, 4350

START DATES AND TIMES:
 3pm - 5pm : Saturday 20th January 2017 9am - 11am : Sunday 29th January 2017
 Saturday 4th February 2017 Sunday 5th February 2017

COST: \$06 **INCLUDES:** Participants Pack and 8 fun filled hours of hockey skills and games.

EMAIL: office@toowoombahockey.com.au **WEB:** <http://toowoombahockey.com.au/>

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