Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

It was a long school parade on Monday but it was a good parade as it highlighted the growth mindset that we have. I have a lot of interest in the notion of ‘growth mindset’ as it tells us the story of talents and abilities being enriched and grown through hard work, persistence and good teaching. Remember that teaching is not restricted to the Classroom, that the family is a valuable and important teacher.

On Monday we were privileged to have many parents/caregivers, younger siblings and extended family members attend and be part of the activities of the parade. The younger siblings are a delight to have with us at parade time and at the start and day’s end. They bring a vitality to the school and seem to move around the school site with confidence and curiosity. The activities we offered during parade time gave me a glimpse of the love of reading our students have; the business acumen of our $10 Challenge Entrepreneurs; the respective clear voices shown during the National Anthem; peer praise for award recipients; pride of staff; joy of sharing and down to earth good manners. Thank you.

I enjoy being in the classrooms and being out and about the playground and sporting areas. I enjoy hearing the teaching talk and the learning talk. I also appreciate the return of greetings. For example, Sean a student in Year 3/4 has never failed to bid me a good day.

We have a big week ahead of us, our students are attending the Inner Downs Zone Selection for Athletics, there is an incursion for our Prep class, many students have on their thinking caps for the Dress Up Day in a costume of a character from an Australian story book; students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are finalizing their Gowrie Gallery work for this Saturday night P&C event; students in years 1 and 2 are recounting their excursion.

Well done to all of our learners. I think I need to award all of us—students, staff, parents, younger siblings, extended family members, community members the Rise Up Award.

Regards Mandy

Student Absence Line: 46 986 860
This number is available 24hrs a day to notify the school when your child is away.

Million Coin Challenge
Total: 158 996

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I protected a pudding against the pudding thieves.
I have a wonderful walking stick which I use when I am out walking looking for delicious gum leaves to eat.
I am a member of the Noble Society of Pudding Owners.
My last name is a type of gum tree.

Who Am I?
Answer: Bunyip Bluegum from The Magic Pudding written by Norman Lindsay in 1918

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Fathers Day Stall
We will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on the 1st & 2nd of September with nothing over $10.
We are asking for donations for the stall that could be sold or any sticky tape, wrapping paper, bags etc. If you are able to assist please bring the items down to the prep room and place in box under water bottle table.
Also, we will require helpers for those mornings.
We will organise a roster closer to the time.

This Week’s Reading Habit
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Q is for the quiet achievers within our school and community.
- Quiet achievers matter...every single day. Creativity and imagination is abundant in our quiet achievers.
- Quality in teaching
- Quality in Administration
- Quality in grounds and maintenance
- Quality in support
- Quality in learning
- Quality in partnerships
A BIG thank you to Jenny and Ken Pinder from the Gold Coast who are retired Nursery owners and very close friends to Darren our Groundsman. These retired folks have kindly donated a variety of plants to our school towards our entry into The Carnival of Flowers 2016. Keep an eye on the garden preparation and spot the new plants that were donated from the nursery owned by Jenny and Ken. Our entry into the School Garden Competition was not on the agenda at the start of the year but we made the decision to step forward. Our sincere thanks and best wishes to Jenny and Ken. Come visit us.
Respect * Resilience * Relationships * Rigour * Responsibility* all lead to a great **REPUTATION**

“Genuine Gowrie Grit”

Congratulations you are our Gowrie Stars for displaying:
High standards of behaviour displayed on Excursion Day. This was noted by our staff and Amaroo staff. I was very proud to be the recipient of this positive recommendation.
You should be proud of your efforts!!!
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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 in time to avoid being charged for them. If you require any information please contact us on 46 307 710 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 am and 2:30 to 6:00 pm. We have 101 message services and routinely check our messages.

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**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY**

Date: Thursday 18 August

Gold coin donation—Funds raised will be for our sponsor child Michael

Theme: Dress up as your favourite Australian Book Character

**Here are some riddles to ignite your imagination**

I love drinking Billy Tea especially when I set up camp with my swag on the ground near me.
I travel around a lot. I like the life of living in the bush. A tattered hat is always found on top of my head.
I got into some trouble with a squatter and three police officers when they believed I had something in my dilly bag.
Who am I?
Answer: Waltzing Matilda

A ten year old boy who lives with his father in the sand-hills saves feathery me.
I help in the rescue of a shipwrecked crew.
I am great at fishing.
I have feathers and a very large beak.
Who am I?
Answer: Mr Percival from Storm Boy

My friends are a zebra, a moose and a lion.
On a rainy day we found a cave, a perfect place to play.
However a Cranky Bear lived there.
I made a pillow from my wool for Cranky Bear.
Who am I?
Answer: I am Sheep from the book “The Very Cranky Bear”

**OSHC News**

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This is the last opportunity to purchase your tickets for Saturday Night.
It is sure to be a wonderful evening so grab your tickets!!!!
The P&C asks that you please consider attending this night for the benefit of our children’s education.

***** Please note there is no formal seating arrangements on the night. You are welcome to grab a table with your friends & enjoy the evening.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER TO ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

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THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST
AVAILABLE INSTORE & ONLINE

GOWRIE STATE SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS...

AN EVENING WITH AUSSIE ULTRA ENDURANCE ATHLETE

DAVID ALLEY
- Only person to both run & cycle around Australia
- Record breaking 175 days, averaging 78km/day, to run around Australia in 2011
- Record breaking 37 days to cycle around Australia in 2011

COME AND HEAR WHAT MOTIVATES A REGULAR AUSSIE TO SET AND ACHIEVE SUCH EXTREME GOALS

Event Date, Saturday 13th August 2016
Event Time, 6:30pm
Event Cost, $40/Person
Event Location, Gowrie Junction Community Hall
3 course dinner (Bar also available)
Tickets available from:
Gowrie State School
Gowrie One Stop
Highfields News, Shop 8 Highfields Village Shopping Centre
(Cash sales only)
or email the P&C on pnc@gowriess.qld.edu.au

For further information please contact event organisers
Paul Judge 0423 290 201 or Peter Bullock 0400 812 239

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TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES & CULTURES FESTIVAL 2016

One World - Many Faces
Sunday 14 August 10am - 4pm Queen’s Park

Featuring:
- International Food & Market Stalls
- Music & Dance Performances
- Health & Wellness Expo
- Arts & Crafts
- Languages, Schools, Communities Displays
- USQ Volleyball

Entry: Kids Free
Adults $5

For inquiries, contact Frances Holmes 0408 070 300 • TLCFestival.com.au

FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY...

HEROES AND VILLAINS RUN/WALK

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

Raising funds for the Toowoomba Hospital Orthopedic Department.
toowoombahospitalfoundation.org.au

Find us on: facebook.

Another great festival!
Years 1 and 2 Amaroo Excursion

On Thursday 4th August, the Years 1 and 2 classes went on an excursion to the Amaroo Environmental Education Centre. The students were very excited to go to learn about Indigenous culture through the Marvellous Mini Murris program. On arriving at Amaroo, we were met by the teachers Cam and Mrs. R as well as our team of dedicated parent volunteers. Students spent the morning exploring the Amaroo school grounds. This included a visit to the Yarning Circle where children and parents had the opportunity to draw in the sand using Aboriginal symbols. Cam and Mrs. R. shared their wealth of knowledge about how plants were used for traditional medicines. The students explored scratches, tracks and scats left by bandicoots and built gunyahs (Aboriginal bush hut) using large pieces of bark. After morning tea, students were given the opportunity to create some Indigenous artwork using collage techniques. They collected leaves, bark and gumnuts from the school grounds and arranged them onto a paper plate. Cam taught an Indigenous dance that represented iconic Australian animals. It was terrific to see students and parents participating and enjoying this experience. Students listened intently while they were shown Indigenous artefacts such as a boomerang and a coolamon (carrying vessel). The wooden possum puppet drew some laughs as it climbed the tree and hid behind the leaves with just a tail sticking out. At the end of the day, students and parents played some traditional games together.

We had a terrific day at Amaroo and learnt many new things about Australian Indigenous cultures. Thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers who gave up their time to help out on the day.
Photographic Competition

“FOCUS ON FARMS”
HOSTED BY: GOMAREN & DOCTORS CREEK
CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP INC.

SUBMISSION DATE 31st AUGUST 2016
PHOTO DISPLAY DATE 15th SEPTEMBER 2016

TOURING FOR ONE MONTH IN THE TRC MOBILE LIBRARY

REQUIREMENTS:

Unmounted 6x4 print, label reverse with Name, Phone No, & kids or adults category.

Entry 50c per photo. If photos are to be returned include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Own photos only. Judges decision is final. Photos must not have been previously entered in any competition.

SECTIONS

1. ADULTS
   a. Farm Scene
   b. Native Animal
   c. Native Bird
   d. Native Flora
   e. Weather
   f. Feral Species

2. KIDS (Under 16)

Any aspect of rural life.

If you would like to enter the competition please enter your photograph at the school office. The school will be paying the 50c entry charge.