



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

24 January 2017

Issue 1

Taking Pride in Ourselves, Taking Pride in Our School!

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

Monday morning, the weather was absolutely glorious with a hint of a fresh breeze that would take us all the way through the day. And that is what happened. All day, the kind weather was our companion. We started with a school assembly. A parent remarked that it was a short assembly however the objective was to gather together as a school community and establish the sense of connection and belonging. The students looked wonderful—well groomed, neat, tidy, keen to learn, attentive and happy. It was also a credit to the 2017 Student Leadership team that had a first day initiation of managing the preparation of and delivering the practices involved with a school assembly. These leaders spoke together, shared ideas, made a plan, supported when needed. We are off to a great Gowrie start.

I think connection building had a head start in being established at our afternoon Drop off, Meet and Greet opportunity that was extended on the Wednesday before school commenced. Many families took this chance to meet and greet and see the teaching and learning areas. Before continuing I would like to acknowledge the high standard of classroom décor and orderly organization undertaken by the staff in readiness for a great year of teaching and learning.

Time to reflect and vision the school's improvement agenda has been on my mind. Be assured that I had a good holiday but in gearing up for school, especially in developing the workshops and formatting discussions for the three student free days we undertook last week, I gave a lot of time to mapping out expectations and preferred strategic thinking.

Put simply, we envision that throughout 2017 we grow stronger in our pedagogy and relationship building with the outcomes of our school families being able to ask the question and be a partner in understanding the answer. The questions are ones that I will ask the students when I am in classrooms and out and about. The same questions will be asked by teachers and yourself. As a leader, the impact of the answer is what I am very excited to invest in.

Welcome to our new families and to our returning families. Our enrolment numbers were very pleasing however we need to wait until Day 8 Enrolment Collection by the Department to confirm our staffing allocation. I am quietly optimistic that we will achieve above the required enrolment number hence enhance our staffing arrangement.

May our year be a great year for learning and relationship building. Kind regards Mandy

2017 Students Leadership Team—Investiture Ceremony

At next week's school Assembly, Monday 30th January we will have the pleasure of hosting the investiture ceremony for our student leaders. Parents are invited to attend.

DATE CLAIMER

Prep—Amaroo Incursion 14th February 2017

Year 5—Amaroo Excursion 14th February 2017

Arts Council—Friday 3rd March (All classes)

Great state. Great opportunity.





Parent Corner

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesdays
2.45 to 3.15pm

EFTPOS

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



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



CHOIR

Children from Year 4 to Year 6—To commence in Week 3 on Friday mornings at 8.20am sharp

All students from Year 4 to Year 6 are invited to come to choir on Friday mornings this year. Please have a chat to Miss Burge if you are interested in being in choir in 2017. Lets have a lovely group of students to start the year for choir. All enquiries are welcome, and Miss Burge will be at Gowrie State School on Fridays this year. For any questions please see me then.



P & C News and Events

The AGM of Gowrie State School P&C will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2107 starting at 7pm. All positions will be declared vacant.

The P&C values and encourages new members to come along.

At this early stage most positions are likely to have nominations thus no pressure to uptake a role.

Indeed if you feel you can offer yourself in either an executive position or as a committee member we would love to hear from you.

Nomination forms for executive positions and to become a committee member can be obtained from the front office.

The first general meeting will follow on the 14th March and every second Tuesday of the month.

2017 Staffing

Prep- Nadine Fogarty
Year 1- Hayley Butler
Year2- Karenne Geitzel
Year 3- Mel Hewson for first 5 weeks and then Mary-Clare Waters
Year 4- Linda Cox/Paul Gaggi
Year 5- Karen Antuar
Year 5/6- Rachael Winter

Specialist Lessons

Erin Chavasse—LOTE—Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon encompassing years 4,5&6
Rob Whittaker- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—ICT, PE and Science for Year 2 and 3
Deb Burge— Music—Friday
Antoinette (Toni) Warfield—Instrumental Music—Tuesday Afternoons
Kristy Aitken— STLAN 1 day each week—Wednesdays
Julie Greenhill— Special Education Teacher 2 days each week—Wednesday and Thursday
Simone May— Guidance Office—2 days each fortnight—Thursday and Friday

Speech Language Pathology—TBA

Teacher Aides—Adjustments will be made after Day 8 enrolment collection.

Karen Trace,(Years 2 & 3 until adjustment in model) Naomi Rigby (Years 5 & 6 until adjustment in model)

Cheryl Lambourne,(Year 1) Margaret Pirie (Prep), Sharon Winter (Year 4)

Kath Moore and Michelle Gascoyne—to be negotiated when adjustment in model is complete.

Welcome to our 2017 Prep students.

Over the next few newsletters we will be dedicating newsletter space to the Gowrie Hall of Early learners and introduce our Prep students.

Keep an eye out as this is sure to be a gem.



Meet our 2017 Prep students.

Interview with:
Where I live:

My family:

School: The best thing I like about school is...

My favourite colour:
My favourite food:
My favourite game:

My jobs at home:

My pets:

Curriculum Corner

The questions that we want to ask students are:

Five questions for students:-

1. What are you learning?
2. How well are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where will you go for help?

Imagine the power of this feedback from students and how it relates to their attributes and attitudes. It is as though the student can tell you where they are at with their learning-academic, behaviour and social/emotional; it tells us about how they think they are going and where they want to be in the next step. It will impact on their achievements. This mindset of setting goals will invoke a sense of challenge and a sense of commitment.

It is our intention to develop a term overview of the teaching and learning for each year level and communicate this with community. So please look for the overviews in the upcoming newsletter.

On behalf of the staff I extend our appreciation for the preparation pursued by the Gowrie school families to ensure booklist requirements, uniform expectations, positive approach to learning were evident on the very first day. It made a difference. On Monday assembly I inquired of the students as to who were up with the early birds, were dressed in their uniform way before time and who wanted to be at school at an early time. The students did not dispel any myths about our great school culture. Yes. many students admitted to having experienced the first day talk by their parent about waiting for the sun to come up before putting on the uniform or being in the car ready to go to school. The intrinsic motivation to be part of the learning at Gowrie was evident right throughout the day. Thank you.

OSHC News

The team at OSHC wish to welcome our existing and new families to this school year. Over the next few weeks we will enjoy catching up with everyone and meeting new people to the school and making new friendships. We always look forward to and enjoy all the holiday stories.

If you haven't already enrolled for this year and need care for your children please do so as soon as possible. Our routine of policy review will begin in February. We look forward to your help and input throughout the school year.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU
Check out the new Hookin2Hockey website!

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:
2pm - 5pm : Saturday 28th January 2017
Saturday 4th February 2017
9am - 11am : Sunday 29th January 2017
Sunday 5th February 2017

COST: \$80 **INCLUDES:** Participants Pack and 8 fun filled hours of hockey skills and games

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To Register your interest visit www.hookin2hockey.com.au and enter 4350 into the program finder

ROCKVILLE ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

So... You want to play Soccer?

It's time to Register

Information Day - 28th January 2017 9-12pm
Captain Cook Oval

Or - Register online via My Football Club

Or - contact

President - Brendan Stubbard 0417 674 713
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Secretary - Karla Chalmers 0451 010 315