Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

Family time is important. Last weekend my son, his wife and their little one visited with me. Upon arriving, my son Hamish did a mad dash to the back door to escape the cold breeze at the same time shaking his head in bewilderment that I had on only one jumper and no scarf or beanie.

I took the chance and bundled them into the house with the lure of a hot drink and home baked cake. But before they got too settled I directed them to my car to take them for a drive to Gowrie Junction to show them the school at which I worked. I had a captive audience as I turned up the car heater and started on my narrative about the beautiful setting of Gowrie, the great things that are happening in the classrooms and the welcoming folk of the township.

I think I talked non-stop. When we arrived I was very quick to spring the car door locks and usher them onto the school site for a tour. I quipped that we should have a sign out front that bade warning to our school community that they needed to be aware that we had active learners everywhere. We toured the school with my running commentary of the clubroom that is capably championed by Mrs Lambourne, the library where we were launching life long readers, the Prep room where we had held our first Prep transition session and how the quality of students’ writing tasks had gained my attention, Year One classroom where the students are moving through the Sight Word lists in a rigorous fashion and then onto the Year Two classroom where the students had shared their knowledge about recognizing coins which was good because we are having our Fathers Day stall this week and the students would put their learning into action as they ‘shopped’ at the stall.

Drawing breath, I swept my arms around the school gardens and grounds and spoke about how the school had entered the Carnival of Flowers school competition. I ignored the shivering of my visitors and walked them past the year 3/4 classroom and related the art activity they were doing on the previous Friday afternoon and the quality of their work. We hiked it up past the lavender plant that I love to walk past and showed them the Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 classrooms as I explained how they had just completed a successful school camp and the high standard of discussion skills in both rooms.

Noses were starting to be shiny and red at this stage due to the brisk wind but they were impressed. I was one proud Principal. It was a privilege to be the tour guide that allowed me to narrate some of the wonderful teaching and learning that was happening at Gowrie State School. On the way back into town we did stop for another hot drink which we savored.

Well done Gowrie State School. Let the last few weeks of this term shine with sunshine and good learning time.

Regards Mandy

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**TERM 3 AT A GLANCE**

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**Million Coin Challenge**

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This week we have an additional opportunity to talk with you about the Reading Habit, visualising. We would like to share with you some visuals that may support you, your family time when you are reading together. The following are good strategies to support visualising—how to work out words, strengthen the meaning of the reading. Don’t forget our Great Book Swap in the library at lunch times. Bring along a book to swap or pay a silver coin donation and take a book. They are preloved books but in good condition. We have included a separate page with all tips.

My Neighbour’s Dog is Purple
by Jack Prelutsky

My neighbour’s dog is purple
Its eyes are large and green
Its tail is almost endless,
The longest I have seen.
My neighbour’s dog is quiet
It does not bark one bit
But when my neighbour’s dog is near,
I feel afraid of it!
My neighbour’s dog looks nasty
It has a wicked smile
Before my neighbour painted it,
It was a crocodile!

FATHERS DAY STALL
Our Fathers Day Stall will be held this Thursday & Friday in the Lote Room.
Each class has been allocated a time to purchase a gift for their father during the day. Gifts on offer are $10 and under.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send some money along. For children in the lower grades—Parents can give the money to the teachers in a named envelope.

We are still looking for some helpers for Friday. If you can help please let Michelle or the office know.

As you read the newsletter it should come to mind that there is a robust focus on Literacy teaching and learning. I am aware that I need to also give focus to Numeracy and other key learning areas but when working mathematically or scientifically the learner needs literacy skills to engage with the learning experiences. I will endeavour next term to have a wider range in our curriculum conversations.

At this stage of the year, it is good to have a skill set around talking goals with your child/ren. Following on is a collection of reading goals that can prompt and enrich your reading partnerships at home. I look forward to searching out and planning a more diverse topic list for this section of the newsletter. Thank you for reading.

Reading goals:
I am learning to orally rhyme words. I am learning to match rhyming words. I am learning to know when meaning breaks down. I am learning to use expression to represent multiple characters when I read. I am learning to use appropriate pause for emphasis when I read aloud. I am learning to track characters with their relative pronouns. I am learning to infer an author’s point of view.
*Respect * Resilience * Relationships * Rigour * Responsibility* all lead to a great ** REPUTATION **

“Genuine Gowrie Grit”

Congratulations Ezekiel you are our Gowrie Star for this week

Committed effort and responsible approach to supporting other learners. His valuing of peer support made an outstanding contribution to the Year 4/5 class in Week 7.

Year 5/6 Ravensbourne Excursion Change of Day
Please Note:
This excursion has had a change of date and is now on Thursday 8th September.
Thank you

Attached to today’s newsletter email you will find a NEW MENU which is starting from next week. Week 9. A copy has also been sent home with the oldest child.

Getting kids to eat vegetables can be a tricky business. There are no problems getting the ASC children to eat carrots and potatoes but last Tuesday afternoon we opted for a change and put pumpkin on the menu. As you sometimes have to do we hid the pumpkin by making pumpkin pikelets. All but one tried and enjoyed the pikelets. In the next week or two we’d like to have some fun with Welsh Rarebit and maybe a potato cake.

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.

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

The OSHC team Lynell, Josie, Sharon and Lirissa truly enjoy working with you and your children.
Olympic Team Quiz – Year 3/4

GOLD – Matilda, Louie, Riley R, Riley G, Zoe

SILVER – Caidence, Faith, Kayn, Liesel, Madison

BRONZE – Ella, Mia, Brook, Nicholas, Bria

The children endured heats and finals to improve their general knowledge about the Olympics and enjoy some good old-fashioned teamwork. Well Done students!

Also we celebrated the end of the Olympics 2016 with an Australian themed eight event marathon in the hall on Friday morning. The events included – Bowerbird, Bandicoot Burrow, Emu Egg Race, Chain Gang Race, Raise the Flag, Frilly Lizard Line-up, Convict Rock “N” Roll, and Pelican Pickup. There were great examples of sportsmanship and resilience!

CHOIR FOR GOWRIE STATE SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN IN TERM 4

Please place 8.20am Tuesday mornings for Term 4 in your diary, if you have children in choir. I am looking forward to seeing all choir students who did Sing Out as well as some new choir students from Year 4 to Year 6 for Term 4 – commencing Tuesday, 4th October at 8.20am. SHARP.

Please come and see me or ring the school, if you would like your child to be part of choir, and they haven’t been involved previously. We are looking forward to singing at Awards Night on the Monday, 5th December, 2016 at 7.00pm. Looking forward to a lovely performance for Awards Night.

Winners of the Book Week Quiz!!!
Early Reading Strategies

Use the **Gowrie Gaze**.

Look at the picture. Think “What is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?”

Use the **Gowrie Gabble**

What’s Your Strategy?

Sound out and blend the letters.

Use the **Gowrie Guide**

Read on to make sense of the word.

Gowrie grows learners.