News from the Principal’s Desk

School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies
Friday afternoon assembly saw our SWPBS leaders draw out another four students who along with a friend won the privilege of having a special morning tea in the staffroom on Monday. **PBS awards will commence next newsletter.**

They are -
- Care for Yourself: Mustafa Haroun, Hannah Michel
- Care for Others: Bella Eddy
- Care for your Learning: Hayley Fear, Hayley Fear
- Care for your School: Bella Eddy, Tali AhFar

Staffing
As most of the community are already aware Di Matheson has been on leave during the beginning of this term. Last week Di informed me that she will be on leave for the remainder of the 2015 year. Di has worked closely with numerous families during the year and I wish to ensure you that this work will continue.

Attendance
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school — each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer.

School Athletics Day
Next Friday, August 28 will be our annual Gowrie Street Athletics Day. A note will be sent home regarding all the finer details. Students can dress in their house colours for the day and if you are able to help out with activities we would appreciate it.

School Uniform
A reminder to all our families that the Gowrie Street uniform shop located in the office is full of stock. It is the School Councils expectation that all Gowrie Street Children wear full uniform to school each day. On behalf of the School Council I thank you for your cooperation with this.

NAPLAN Results
To all our parents of year 3 & 5 students; we will be sending home your child’s results through the post. If you have any questions about this please come and see me.

Book Week Next Week
Next week is Book Week and the theme for Book Week this year is ‘Books light up our world’. Children from across the school will take part in activities within their sections throughout the week.

Meeting Times afterschool
Throughout the week teachers and Education Support Staff attend many meetings during and after school. Our main meeting afternoons are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and meetings begin at 3.30pm. If you wish to see your child’s teacher please see them and make an appointment.

Student / Parent / Teacher Conversations
Tomorrow will be holding our second opportunity for Student / Parent / Teacher Conversations for 2015. Due to the number of families that we have at Gowrie Street these will begin at 1.00pm to ensure that we have enough spaces for all families to attend. Therefore on this day school will finish at 1.00pm. Please ensure that your children are picked up on time so that our conferences can go ahead as planned.

Occasional Care, Afterschool Care and the School bus service will not be available on this day for families that normally use these services. If you would like to book please make an appointment please ring the office or go to: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/)

Event Code GMM7F
Reading with your kids

Each week it is fantastic to see how many children are achieving home reading awards. At Gowrie Street we understand that everyone is busy with work and other commitments within their life. We also know how important it is for school age children to read every day at home. It would be fantastic if all families could find 10mins each night before bed to listen to their kids read and fill out their reader book. By doing this you will be giving your children the very best opportunity to succeed at school. If you have any questions about how to do this with your kids please see your child’s teacher.

Prep enrolments 2016

A reminder to all perspective parents that now is the time to enrol your child for prep in 2016. Your child must turn 5 before April 30, 2016 to enrol in any school. If you would like a tour of our school and facilities or any further information, please contact us at the office. Our transition into prep sessions will begin in the coming weeks in term 3; this is an ideal way to ensure that your child has a seamless start to their prep year.

4 Year Old Kinder enrolment – 2016

Enrolments are still open for 4 year old Kinder for 2016. If you child has turned or will turn 4 before April 30 2015, they are eligible for a funded place in Kinder. If you are intending on enrolling your child at Gowrie Street Kinder for next year please ensure that your forms have been filled out and returned to the Shepparton City Council. We need to know this information as soon as possible so that we can ensure your child a spot.

3 Year Old Fun Group / Kinder

At the moment both sessions of 3 Year Old Fun Group / Kinder are near capacity. We also know that there are always children out there that are turning 3 who may wish to attend a session. We are considering starting another session for term 4. If you are interested in your child attending this great opportunity please call, come into see us or inbox us on Facebook. The running of the new program will depend on the numbers of interested families.

Dates to Remember

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BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Book week this year is August 22nd – 28th. The 3/4 section will be celebrating book week next week in week 7.

As part of these celebration we are asking students to bring their favourite book along to school to share for the week. On Thursday the 27th of August we will be holding a 3/4 section DRESS UP day as your favourite book character and having a dress up parade in the morning. On this day we invite parents and/or family members to come along and have a ‘Book Breakfast’ with us in the undercover area from 8:50 – 9.15. Please bring your favourite picture story book to our book breakfast to share with the children.

There will be tea, coffee, hot chocolate, juice boxes and muffins for sale to raise money for the State School Spectacular children. Students will also participate in book week themed activities on this day. The theme for this year’s book week is ‘Books light up our world’.

We hope you can come and join us to celebrate!

The 3/4 section

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**Birthdays – August 2015**

- Nakiah B - 9 years
- Lachlan S - 10 years
- Tanya C - 7 years
- Sommer C - 9 years
- Kayaleb B - 12 years
- Muratza G - 11 years
- Toby W - 11 years
- Easten H - 10 years
- Will B - 6 years
- Tyler N - 6 years
- Dean G - 7 years
- Lincoln T - 8 years
- Kruz B - 8 years
- Connor B - 8 years
- Randolph M - 10 years
- Heanna H - 6 years
- Dion S - 6 years
- Sieni T - 11 years
- Kirby J - 8 years
- Lochie G - 10 years
- Natalie B - 9 years
- Hayley D - 11 years

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**Home Reading - 3-6**

**Reading Tips:**

- Be patient when your child is sounding out the letter combinations of an unknown word.
- Illustrations in a story book speak a thousand words – don’t ignore them. Chat about them with your child.
- Be encouraging when your child makes a mistake – praise them for trying.

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**Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup**

**Transition Program**

Recently we’ve been offering the children lots of prewriting activities and experiences that promote fine motor development. As part of our transition program we’ve also been making numerous visits into the school grounds so that the children can familiarise themselves with the school playground.

**Preschool Enrolment**

If you have a child ready for preschool in 2016 please enrol them NOW. If you wait too long you may miss out on a placement.

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**Cold Weather**

Unless it is raining we take the kids outside everyday to play, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately, send them with a jacket and a hat, it’s freezing outside!

**2016 School Enrolment**

Please make sure you visit the school office to pick up an enrolment pack, in order to plan staffing arrangements school needs to know numbers for 2016 ASAP.
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

PBS Morning Tea Winners

PBS Super Student

PBS Super Students

Star of the Week

Tea Cup Colouring Competition Winners

Stars of the Week
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

PBS Class Winners

Mathletics Certificate Winners

PBS Morning Tea Winners

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