Welcome back to term 3

A very big warm welcome to all of our families both old and new who have either returned to Gowrie Street or are just starting off here. I hope that everybody had a fantastic break and got to spend some quality time with their families. It has been a very cold but smooth start to the term with the learning in all our classrooms going really well. It’s really important that all kids stay warm through this cold period.

School Review – Parent Focus Sessions, Thursday July 31

Next Thursday is a great opportunity for parents and community to have their say about how Gowrie Street Primary School is travelling. Our School Reviewers, Jan White and Win Warren would love the opportunity to talk to as many people as possible about our school. Parents will be in groups during the day with each group going for around an hour. I will send invitations home by the end of the week.

Curriculum Day, Wednesday July 30

A reminder that next Wednesday, July 30 is a curriculum day; this day has been approved by the school council to enable all of the staff to engage in the up-coming school review.

Parents and Friends Meeting

A Parents and Friends meeting will be held this Thursday morning, July 24th at 9.30am in the staffroom. Parents and Friends is a great way to meet other community members and an easy way to be involved with your child’s school life. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Have a great week, Travis
Chaplain’s Report

We are into Term 3, with a high expectation for our children to learn at a level that exceeds their own intentions. It is great to walk around each classroom and see children concentrating on learning their best. I have purposefully gone around the school and have seen a great improvement on the learning atmosphere of the school. I could see the minds ticking over with great concentration to try to do their best. You may not see this at home just yet but it’s happening here. Your children may let their “hair down” so to speak at home, that may be because they are focused at school and needing a break from the routine. Please continue to ask questions of your child about their day, like what was the most exciting thing you did today; or what did your teacher talk about today. Positive questions that give you a glimpse of their day.

Grade 6 parents, just a reminder, we all want a great 3rd and 4th term to finish off their primary school years. Sometimes relationships can grow thin but let’s encourage our Years 6’s to keep trying hard to be resilient and active in showing how they can work as a team together to finish well.

Keep warm and making sure your children are eating well with warm food and warm sleeps.

Gods book says: Happy are those who seek right living in all you do. Seek him first and know he cares for each individual person.

Your children are important to me.

Richard Poole
Chaplain

Dates to Remember

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Naidoc Week Celebrations

Monday July 28, 2014
Assembly - Welcome to country
- Group of 3/4 girls singing “Ngarra Burra Ferra”
- Budtja Malingan – ‘Brother Boys Dances’

Thursday July 31st, 2014
Multiage Activity Day
All students will participate in four (4) activities in Art, Literacy-story telling, Games and Numeracy throughout the day

Friday August 1, 2014
Community Luncheon in staffroom. ALL parents and friends welcome.

Home Reading P-2

REMEMBER that getting the meaning from print is what reading is all about
- **Talk** about the book before you read it.
- **Look** at the pictures, the cover and the title.
- **Ask** “What do you think it is about?”
- **Go** through the book page by page.
- **Talk** about the picture and the words or ideas that might be in the book.
**Home Reading 3-6**

**Reading tips:**
- Help your child understand what they are reading by encouraging them to ask questions.
- Talk about the illustrations and the words or ideas that might be in the book.
- Every child is different. Don’t force your child to read something they are not interested in.

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**Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup News**

**Birthdays**
- Sylvester D - 10 years
- Nikita L - 12 years
- Lora O - 6 years
- Angus C - 7 years
- Yusuf O - 9 years
- Dusty W - 8 years
- Liam H - 8 years
- Chloe McP - 10 years
- Vicky B - 11 years
- Lyndon W - 13 years
- Lincoln W - 6 years
- Mustafa H - 7 years
- Hamish T - 6 years
- Jack G - 8 years
- Dylan McK - 6 years
- Jacinta B - 10 years
- Louis E - 6 years
- Shanikwa A - 8 years

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**Pie Drive**
This week we’ve handed out order forms for our pie drive. The order forms are to be handed back in by the 31st of July and no later, orders will be returned to the Preschool on August 7th. If you haven’t received an order form and would like one please see a staff member as soon as possible.

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**Turbo Ted**
Turbo has had his first sleepover at Sharleese’s house and he is thoroughly looking forward to his next sleepover! We are enjoying reading about all of Turbo’s adventures.

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**School Concert**
As usual we will be performing at the annual school concert. At the moment we are looking for a zebra outfit and a green sleeping bag, if anyone can help us out it would be brilliant.

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**Trade Night**
This term sees the return of our very successful Trade Night to be held on Friday the 12th of September. Please keep this date free so you can come and enjoy a great night out. On the night we will need quite a few parent helpers so please set aside some time to help out setting up, making supper, manning the entrance etc. If you are interested in holding a stall please contact Celina Valasinavicius. Stay tuned for more details.
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

PBS Morning Tea Winners

Stars of the Week

PBS Class Winners
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

Stars of the Week

PBS Class Winners

PBS Super Student

PBS Morning Tea Winners

Star of the Week