Gowrie Gazette

Our Values
Care for Yourself
Care for Others
Care for Your Learning
Care for Your School

News from the Principal’s Desk

Gowrie Street on Facebook
For all of those Facebook users out there, Gowrie Street has had a Facebook page for over a month now. We are using it to communicate with our community and also to receive feedback about how things are going at the school. So like us to keep up to date with all of the goings on.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies
Friday afternoon assembly saw our SWPBS leaders draw out eight students who won the privilege of having a special morning tea in the staffroom on Monday. They are -

- Care for Yourself
  - Samantha Lewis, Nakiah Bamblett, Charli Senior, Farid Azizi
- Care for Others
  - Fili Ah-Far, Ola Ah-Far, Kirby Joachim, Allouise Lancaster
- Care for your Learning
  - Gemma Tripoli, Ankita Mann, Cody Spark, Kaicha Crowe
- Care for your School
  - Jason Burgess, Sylvester Desacada, Madalyn Burgess, Jordan Barker

Last Day of School – Friday December 18, School finishes at 1.00pm
There will be no School Bus service or After School Care on this day. Please ensure that you make arrangements to pick your children up at this time.

Staff Farewells
It is that time of the year where we say farewell to some of our staff who are off to take on new challenges. I would like to sincerely thank all of the following staff for their commitment to Gowrie Street Primary School and in particular to their commitment to your children’s education over a number of years.

Tracy Jaap
Tammy Pritchard
Ian Wright
Jo Holland
Joe Dwyer
Stephen Barrett

On behalf of the whole School community I wish them every success in the coming year and as they move forward in their careers.

Upcoming Activities
During the last week of term there are a number of activities that have been organised through each of the sections within the school. If you have not received notification of these activities that your children may be involved in, please come in and see your classroom teacher.

Have a safe and happy Christmas, Travis

School Swimming Program
Our swimming program at Aquamoves has started off brilliantly and will continue throughout the week. Parents are more than welcome to attend. If you would like details of when your children are swimming please contact us at school.

Save the Date – Grade 6 Graduation, Tomorrow Evening
Grade 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday December 10. Due to the building renovations at School the Graduation Ceremony will be held off site. The Grade 5/6 teachers are still finalising the details and we will send them home as soon as possible.

Final Assembly – Thursday December 17 at 9.15am
This is an open invitation to all of our community to attend our final assembly for the year. At this assembly we will be announcing our Terrific Kids for term 4, 2015 as well as our Student Leaders for 2016.

Reading with your kids over the holidays
Over the holidays 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.
Homeroom Structure 2016

Based on student learning data and our professional knowledge, for the first time in a number of years we have decided to have straight Homerooms. This means that your children will be in Homerooms with children from the same year level as themselves. We will continue to implement our Literacy and Numeracy Workshop Model in 2016; your children will be grouped according to their learning needs in Literacy and Numeracy. Therefore they may have up to 3 different teachers throughout each day teaching in the classroom. During 2015 this model has been highly successful in meeting the individual learning needs of all students. Specialist teaching staff will also be involved in this model in the first two hours of each day. If you have any questions about our Homeroom or Workshop Learning Model please come in and see Maz or myself; we would very happy to sit down and have a chat and even show you through the school when the model is up and running!

Below I’ve included a list of teachers and the Homerooms that they’ll be responsible for. On Monday December 14 all students will have the opportunity to spend some time in their new Homerooms and meet their Homeroom teachers.

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Chaplain’s Report

Thankyou parents for your support this year. Another year together supporting your children through learning and socially adjusting to different situations within our school environment. Our school is quickly becoming a new learning space for all our children. We are priveliged to have our new building for Foundation to Grade 2 and now Grades 3 to 6 have a brand new inside to their beautiful learning space.

As we say goodbye to our Grade 6 students at their graduation this Thursday we welcome our new Foundation students who are excited at starting next year.

Our school is growing as our buildings and facilities improve.

I hope and pray you enjoy this Christmas season and take the opportunity to spend time relaxing with your children.

I look forward to working together in 2016 as we nurture your children towards maturity, giving them love and hope for their future.

Merry Christmas

Your children are special to me

Richard Poole
Chaplain

Dates to Remember

All School Swimming Program - December 7-11, 2015
School Council Dinner - December 9, 2015
Grade 6 Graduation - December 10, 2015
Grades 3 & 4 Cinema day - December 14, 2015
Foundation – Grade 2 Kidstown - December 16, 2015
Grades 5 & 6 Funfields Whittlesea - December 17, 2015
Grades 3 - 6 Aquamoves - December 18, 2015
Last Day Term 4 – finish 1.00pm - December 18, 2015
First Day Term 1 – 2016 - January 28, 2016
Birthdays – December 2015

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Dates to Remember:

- Last Day 3yo Fun Group - Friday session - December 11, 2015
- Early Childhood Facilities Christmas party at the All Abilities playground - December 14, 2015
- Last Day 3yo Fun Group – Monday session - December 14, 2015
- Last Day 4yo Preschool - December 15, 2015

Dear Families,

What a year it’s been!! I hope you and your children have all enjoyed the year as much as I have. It’s been a privilege to observe all of them grow in confidence, become more independent, develop their skills to be great learners and all round great little human beings.

I just wanted to send this letter home with a few little reminders for the remainder of the term. We are currently collecting items for our Christmas hamper, all donations are gratefully accepted and we have sent home raffle books to each family, if you would like more please see myself or Naomi. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Party on Monday December 14th.

Everyone should’ve received an invitation to our annual end of year Christmas Party. It will be held at all abilities playground Monday December 14th from 5.30pm – 7.30pm, BYO picnic dinner. A special guest will arrive at approx. 6.15pm to deliver the children a gift. We’d love to see you all there to celebrate the end of a wonderful year.

Finally, our last day of Preschool for 2015 will be Tuesday December 15th. On this day I will send home portfolios, their transition statement and a cd with all your child’s photo observations throughout the year. If you find that your Cd doesn’t work, please let me know and I’ll happily make you another.

Once again thankyou to all of you for an enjoyable year and I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday period.

Melinda 😊

Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year to all our Gowrie Street families.

We look forward to seeing you in 2016.

From Trav, Maz and all the Gowrie Street Staff
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

PBS Morning Tea Winners

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PBS Super Students

Star of the Week

PBS Super Student

Stars of the Week