News from the Principal’s Desk

Gowrie Gazette

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

School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies
Monday morning 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 this Friday. They are -

Care for Yourself – Molly Reichardt-Jones
Care for Others – Zaya Greenaway
Care for your Learning – Andrew Macauley
Care for your School – Taniesha Booth

Gowrie Street Primary School Uniform
It has been fantastic to see all of our students in school uniform for the beginning of the year. A reminder that it is the schools policy that all students are in school council approved uniform all the time. School uniform is always available from the office at very reasonable prices. It is the school councils policy and expectation that all students wear school uniform at all times including hats when outside. If you would like a copy of the policy please come in and see us at the office.

Reading Every Night – The best thing you can do with your child!
Students that read at home every night are continually growing their language ability and building learning confidence. Reading at home is an expectation that we, as a school have of all students. All children should be bringing home a book from school each night and it is our expectation that they read and have it signed off by someone else at home. If you have concerns about the amount of reading that your children are completing at home; that they are not bringing home a reader or that they have lost their reading diary or book bag, please come in and see your classroom teacher.

Parking
A reminder that the safest place to park is in the school car park on Balaclava Road. If you are dropping children off to school or the Early Childhood Centre please park in the car park.

Cultural Diversity Week Celebrations – Many Cultures, One Community 15 to 23 March 2014
Next week Gowrie Street will be celebrating Cultural Diversity week with the rest of Australia. Parents are welcome throughout the week.
Monday 9.00am – 9.30am, Assembly and Cultural Diversity Week Opening
Thursday 9.00am – 1.30pm, Multi-age Day
All students will be participating in multi-age cultural activities centred around Literacy, Numeracy, Art and Physical Activity. Friday Dress up day, all students are asked to dress up in clothes that represent their culture. 12.30pm – 1.30pm, Dress up parade and food sampling

School Council Annual General Meeting
Wednesday March 19 will be the Gowrie Street Primary School Annual General Meeting. All community members are welcome to attend.

Gowrie Street Auskick will be happening again this year on Thursday’s from 3.45pm – 4.45pm, beginning on May 1st. Those families wishing to register their children for Auskick please go to the Auskick website at www aflauskick.com.au and follow the prompts.

School Council Nominations Open
On behalf of Gowrie Street School Council I would like to open up nominations for School Council. There are 5 parent positions available; 1 position for 1 year and 4 positions for 2 years. There are also 2 DEECD representative positions open for 2 years. If you would like further information or a nomination form please come and see me at the office. Nominations will close on Thursday March 6.

Camp Quality Puppet Show, Wednesday March 12 @ 2.15pm, Foundation - Grade 2 Students
The Puppet Show is an educational program using muppet style puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses. The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and support others who may look, or be a little ‘different’, particularly because of physical problems, such as hair loss, because of cancer treatment. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Saturday School Sport – Training
School sport training is beginning for a variety of winter sports; if you are unable to attend and help could all families please ensure that they are here to pick up their children on time when training is finished. Our under 10’s soccer team will begin training this afternoon and finish at 4.00pm.

Congratulations
To Amanda and Ian and Big Brother Jack on the safe arrival of Abby Amelia Argaet, born 5th March 2014, weighing 5 pound 10 oz.
Birthdays

Katelin P - 11 years
Indiana B - 6 years
Michael B - 8 years
Tom M - 11 years
Shakhean S - 8 years
Frej W-J - 5 years
Annas E - 10 years
Victoria C - 7 years

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Email: gowrie.street.ps.shepparton@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.gowrietps.vic.edu.au

Home Reading P-2

Make a regular time for reading each day
Turn off the TV

- Let your child know that you enjoy the time together
- Make listening to reading a special time
- Your child will sense when listening to reading becomes boring for you
- Be seen as a reader yourself
- Encourage your child to make use of the local library

Gowrie Street Early Learning Centre

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Order your Rennie Bakehouse Award Winning Hot Cross Buns for Easter through us.

Order forms are available at the office and must be returned by March 26, 2014.

$6.00 for a pack of 6.

P & F News

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Emma Aitken
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The stall enables all students from our Early Childhood Centre and School
to purchase inexpensive gifts for their mums and loved ones.
This year we request each family to donate a bag or two of individually wrapped lollies eg, Fantales, Mentos, Minties etc to make lolly bags
to sell at the stall.

ALL FUNDS RAISED on the day go BACK into supporting our children.
We are currently raising money for new outdoor furniture for the playground area.
Please drop your lollies into Kylie at the office.

If you are available to lend a hand to make gifts, wrap gifts, participate on the day or would like to know more about
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**Small Group Music Lessons**
We currently have an opportunity for students to participate in small group music lessons for keyboard and guitar. These lessons are on a user pay and are not covered by the excursion package. If you are interested in your child / children participating please contact the office.

**Home Reading 3-6**
Reading tips:
- The more language your child experiences through books and conversation, the more advantaged they will be, both socially and educationally.
- Reading aloud together, even for 15 minutes a day, is a great way to bond with your child.
- Maintain your enthusiasm for a story, even if you have read it to your child a thousand times.

**Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup News**

**Hot Cross Bun Drive**
We are currently running a hot cross bun drive. Anyone is welcome to grab an order form or feel free to place an order with one of the preschool or occasional care families. A half dozen hot cross buns will cost $6 and we will make a $1.50 from each pack sold. We have been lucky enough to taste test the buns and they are delicious!

**Healthy Eating & Drinking**
We would like to give a friendly reminder to all of our families that we have a healthy eating policy and a water only policy. Please ensure that you are sending your child to preschool with healthy options such as fruit, rice cakes, sandwiches, veggie sticks, muffins. Throughout the year we will do some cooking with the children that will reflect our healthy eating policy.

**Early Years Fete**
Please keep Sunday March 30th free to come along and enjoy our Early Learning Fete. The fete will run from 10am – 2pm and there will be loads of activities that celebrate learning in the early years, bbq lunch, jumping castle, face painting and raffle prizes. This fete is predominantly aimed at children under the age of 8 years, please let all your friends know.

**Family Photos**
You will have noticed that we have made a family photo wall in the preschool, we would love for all our children to have a photo of their family placed on the wall. We are doing this to enhance a sense of belonging and to strengthen the relationship between home and preschool.

**Committee Meeting**
Tuesday night we held our first Committee meeting for the year. We have appointed Celina Valacinavicius as our President, Dixie Dart as our Secretary and Kylie Adams as our Treasurer. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead.

**Easter Raffle**
We would like all our families to donate an item for our Easter raffle. Raffle tickets will go home soon and the raffle will be drawn at our Early Learning Fete.

**Hats**
All children are required to wear hats at preschool, please ensure your child brings a named hat to preschool.
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners

PBS Weekly Winner

PBS Morning Tea Winners

PBS Class Winners

Stars of the Week

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Let’s Count

Let’s Count is a Smith Family Numeracy Program for young children. We are inviting parents and carers to join us and try everyday numeracy concepts at home with their children. We can do this by noticing, exploring, playing with and talking about numbers, counting, sorting and measurement.

So let’s make Maths fun!

You may be surprised when you notice how simple it is to help your child be a mathematician!

Watch this space for suggested activities.

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Anda O’Keeffe & Melinda Brodie
Greater Shepparton City Council together with FamilyCare aim to provide social and recreational opportunities that enhance the lives of community members.

- Playing sports offers everyone more than just physical benefits.
- Sports typically help kids academically and socially.
- Sports assist adults to engage with other interested people and link into their community.
- Regular exercise is one of the best ways of living a long and healthy life.

How do I apply?
Phone: Child FIRST for further information and application forms
1300 854 944
19 Welsford St, Shepparton, VIC 3630
www.familycare.net.au

Program Ambassador’s

Want to do some sport or exercise? Want to join a Sporting Club? Need some financial support?

Supported by:

One of the biggest barriers to playing sport for some children, young people and adults is money.

Sporting Chance Scholarships
The Sporting Chance program wants Greater Shepparton residents to actively participate in sport and recreation, regardless of their means, through access to small grants.

Two categories are available.
1. Children and young people between the ages of five and 18 or who are still full time at secondary school
2. Adults over 18 who are no longer at secondary school. For adults, an element of volunteering is required to be eligible for the scholarship

What can I get?
Sporting Chance can fund registration, uniforms, appropriate footwear, participation fees and other equipment up to $250 for approved applicants.

Who can apply?
Residents of Greater Shepparton: with a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card and/or a referral can be made by a school principal or counsellor, a Greater Shepparton City Council Councillor, a registered sports club, a financial counsellor, a general practitioner or locally based government funded health and welfare organisation.

Clubs, businesses and groups are not eligible to apply.