News from the Principal’s Desk

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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 on Monday. They are:
- Care for Yourself - Chloe McPherson
- Care for Others - Maddison Carter
- Care for Your Learning - Paige Arnol
- Care for Your School - Kiara Olsen
- Care for Yourself - Asif Jafari
- Care for Others - Emily Cavallaro
- Care for your Learning - Syrus Desacada

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.

Gowrie Street Early Years Fete
Sunday March 30, 10.00am – 2.00pm
For the very first time we will be having an Early Years Fete. There will be loads of activities and fun things to do that are aimed at children 0 – 8 years old. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Auskick
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.

Administration Building Works
As you are all aware the building works in our administration building are continuing and we are all getting very excited. We are hoping that the current stage of work is complete by the time that we get back to school after Easter.

Saturday School Sport – Training
We are still after children to play Saturday sport and have places available in all teams. If you are interested please let Ms McLennan know or come in and see us at the office.

Term 2 Start Date & School Photos
Term 2 will be starting on Tuesday April 22. This is due to Easter being on the last weekend of the school holidays. Please take note that the first day back is our School Photos day.

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
A very big thanks to all of our community who took part in and celebrated Cultural Diversity week and Harmony Day. I would like to make special mention to the committee of staff from Gowrie Street who put in a lot of work to organise the week. Weeknights were here to interview some of our staff and children. To watch the footage please go to this link: http://www.weeknights.com.au/#ooid=dja3FnNDq_SgpDO9yLPtbevG42Byabbe,pvcWxjbDq8CglAOI6y7EmE5e41th115dq

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 school’s 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.

Last day of term 1 Friday April 4 – School finishes at 2.15pm
A reminder that the last day of term is next Friday and school finishes at 2.15pm. The school bus service will be available on this day. If you are unable to pick your children at this time please ensure that you make alternative arrangements.
**Birthdays**

Holly D - 6 years  
Ane H - 10 years  
Khuluan B-C - 5 years  
Samantha B - 11 years  
Lachlan G - 6 years  
Jaime B - 11 years  
Kaicha C - 9 years  
Livvy C - 10 years  
Ada C - 10 years  
Hannah G - 6 years  
Wil H - 11 years  
Grace M - 9 years

**Dates to Remember**

- **Gowrie Street Fete** - April 3, 2014  
- **Last day of Term 1** - April 4, 2014  
- **First day of Term 2** - April 22, 2014  
- **School Photos** - April 22, 2014  
- **F – 2 Aquarium Excursion** - April 23, 2014  
- **ANZAC Day Public Holiday** - April 25, 2014

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**Home Reading P-2**

Be Patient
Give your child time to work out words
- 5 seconds or more is reasonable
- After 10 seconds encourage your child to use the following strategies when they come across an unknown word:
  - What do you think the word is
  - Read the sentence again and see if you can work it out
  - Look at the picture

**Foundation – Grade 2 Students Aquarium Visit**

Just a reminder that permission forms for the Foundation to Grade 2 Aquarium visit are now due back. Please ensure that your child’s permission form is returned before the end of term. Thank you to all the parents that have signed up to come along for the day. There are no available seats left on the bus.

Thank you

**Mother’s Day Stall**

(Special friends, Step mums, Nanna’s Day)

It’s almost that time of year again....

Every year the Parents and Friends Committee run a very successful Stall. 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 Parents & Friends please drop in and see Kylie.

All parents and Friends are welcome along with younger siblings.

Thank-you
Home Reading  3-6

Reading tips:
- Read enthusiastically and expressively and your child will learn to do the same
- Ensure the level of reading is appropriate to your child’s age and reading ability
- Let your child select his or her own book from the bookshelf each night
- You don’t need to read for long periods to make reading time valuable – take it one chapter at a time

Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup News

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.

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date
Please keep Sunday March 30th free to come along and enjoy our Early Learning Fete. There will be loads of activities that celebrate learning in the early years, bbq lunch and raffle prizes. Stay tuned for more information.

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.

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

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.

Chaplain’s Report
Everything in our thoughts and actions can be positive if we have love predominately in our hearts and minds.

When you wake-up in the morning what is your first thought? Is it what’s the weather like today; or I’d better get up and get the kids ready for school; or I just want to stay in bed a little longer.

Why not start your day thinking “thank you god for this day. I am going to love people like I’ve never loved before, or maybe just going to try today to be a better person than yesterday”.

We always need to remind ourselves that today is a new day and that god does forgive us for our past wrong attitudes and actions if we ask. It’s a new day every day if we want it to be.

Our love for people and enthusiasm for a positive and bright future is essential in our everyday minds. Sure we have our off days or days we just find it difficult to be positive, but you can make it the exception if you start each day with a great and positive thought which can lead to encouraging and calm words all day.

“Love never fails”. Let’s dominate our thoughts and minds with love, we with no exception can improve, so think on these peace loving, positive attributes and today begin to change and live life how it’s meant to be. Change brings growth not only to ourselves but all those around us.

Look for the good in life and strive to fix your negative thoughts and actions with love dominating your whole day. This is not just a one day wonder but a daily walk through life.

God’s book says: Give thanks to the Lord almighty, for the lord is good, his love endures forever.

Your children are important to me

Richard Poole
Chaplain
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

Weekly Winner

Star of the Week

PBS Morning Tea Winners

PBS Class Winners
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

Stars of the Week

PBS Weekly Winner

PBS Morning Tea Winners