**Gowrie Gazette**

**Our Values**

Care for Yourself

Care for Others

Care for Your Learning

Care for Your School

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**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 - Cooper Scott
- Care for Yourself - Arashdeep Kaur
- Care for Your Learning – Shanikwa Allen
- Care for Your School – Naijarrah Morgan

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**Active After School Sports Program**

**Net Set Go & Auskick**
This term as part of our Active After School Sports Program, Gowrie Street will be running Net Set Go and Auskick. Net Set Go will run on Wednesdays at 3.15pm – 4.00pm beginning tomorrow Wednesday April 30 and will be free of charge. Auskick will be happening this year on Thursday’s from 3.45pm – 4.45pm, beginning this Thursday on May 1st. Those families wishing to register their children for Auskick please go to the Auskick website at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and follow the prompts. The cost for Auskick will be around $65.

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**Staff Farewells**
At the end of the week we will farewell a couple of staff members; Dan O’Reilly who has been at Gowrie Street for the past 5 years has received a promotion and is heading off to Orrvale Primary School as their Assistant Principal. Dan has worked across a number of sections within the school, his most recent being as one of our Leading Teachers; Student Engagement and Wellbeing. Dan has done a terrific job in continuing the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour and in this role Dan worked with our children and families to ensure that all children got every opportunity to learn. On behalf of the school community I’d like to thank Dan for his commitment to Gowrie Street, congratulate him on his promotion and wish him all the very best with his new challenge.

Tara Climas is leaving us to go on Maternity Leave. Tara has been with us at Gowrie Street for the past 5 years and has worked with many of our children supporting their needs and helping them with their learning. I’d like to wish Tara, Brian and Lincoln all the best and we all look forward to meeting the new addition to their family.

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**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.

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**Gowrie Street Primary School Fete – Wrap Up**
A very big thanks to all of our community who supported a very successful School Fete. It was fantastic to see so many family members having a great time participating in all the activities that were available on the day. An extended thanks to all of our parents who helped out on the activities including the Parents and Friends Stall. Each of the classrooms did an excellent job in organising their activities and running them throughout the day. All in all we raised $2500 towards new seating in our playground areas around the school.

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**Student, Parent & Teacher Conferences**
On Thursday school will finish at 1.00pm to enable us to give all of our families the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher, to discuss how they are going and to set learning goals for the rest of the semester. Bookings are essential and it is my expectation that all families take up this opportunity. Bookings can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the code UP7s5. To book you will need to have a current email address. If you do not have internet please contact the school and we will assist you in making your appointments.

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**Saturday School Sport**
Last week Saturday School Sport began with Gowrie Street teams competing in soccer and big netball; this week football starts. A very big thanks to all our volunteers who coach and manage teams; without you our children would not be able to play.
Birthdays
Jordan B - 8 years
Jason - 9 years
Riley T - 9 years
Bronte M - 6 years
Connor N - 10 years
Nicholas F - 8 years
Chenoa L-L - 9 years
Neitana M - 6 years
Tianna D - 5 years
Logan C - 11 years
Grace B - 12 years
Paige A - 9 years
Jaime-Lee D - 6 years

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.

Home Reading  P-2

Some things to do
- Do encourage your child to guess what the story is about.
- Do praise your child when an idea or word is used that you know will come up in the story.
- Do ask questions like: “What can you tell about the story from the picture?”.  
- Do read from the pictures, encouraging your child to build up a story before looking at the print.

Dates to Remember
P & F Meeting - May 1, 2014
Mothers Day Stall - May 9, 2014

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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.

A Big Thankyou

To the students, staff and families of Gowrie Street Primary School I’d like to say goodbye and good luck. It is certainly with mixed emotions that I move onto Orrvale Primary School, however I am extremely thankful for the opportunities and experiences I have had and I have some wonderful memories from my time at Gowrie Street. It has been a privilege being able to see each student achieve their best and I have enjoyed helping create a safe and happy school environment. I look forward to catching up with you all when I return for a visit later this year.

Regards,

Mr Poole

Chaplain’s Report

Howdy everyone!! You haven’t heard from me for a while so I hope you are ready for some great encouraging news. My first thought is for you and your children in your care. You know your children are only children for a very short time in their life so the importance of a positive, caring and good disciplined environment is important. We all work towards an atmosphere where our children grow in maturity and knowledge to have as stable life. I know it is a challenge but we all need a foundation to stabilise our goals for the future.

Your standards and expectations for your children need to be consistent and supported by your spouse or if you’re the only adult, support from friends and school support team is available to you or agencies we can suggest and organize for you. Don’t hesitate to gain access to these supports.

As chaplain and part of the wellbeing team I am ready to listen to you as you find the best ways for your household to live together.

Recently I spoke with a parent where the siblings were fighting at home. My suggestion was to find an individual activity that they enjoy doing on their own; example drawing, or playing with lego or a toy, something they find relaxing for a short period of time keeping them apart. Little by little with calm clear instructions you can see constructive activity taking place in your home.

Well that is enough for this time.

Please remember we are in this together so if your struggling with answers you are not on your own. “A problem shared is a problem halved”.

God’s book says: The love of the Father God is always there for you. You are not forgotten.

Your children are important to me

Richard Poole
Chaplain

Buba Solofa has finally arrived!
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners

PBS Weekly Winner

PBS Morning Tea Winners

Stars of the Week

PBS Class Winners