Welcome
Next week you will see a new face walking around the corridors of Gowrie Street, Andrew Cowen. Andrew has been appointed into the role of Leading Teacher – Student Wellbeing and Engagement. Andrew come to us from Woodlands Primary School and is very excited about the opportunity to work at a wonderful place such as Gowrie Street. Over the coming weeks Andrew will be getting to know everyone as he transitions into our school and community, good luck and welcome!

Student, Parent, Teacher Interviews
A very big thanks to all of our families that attended the Student, Parent, Teacher Interview afternoon and evening, it was great to receive the very positive feedback from a lot of the families about this process. Remember that if you still have questions about how your children are going at school please do not hesitate to go in and see your classroom teacher.

Saturday Sports
We are now up to 5 netball teams, 3 soccer teams and a footy team. This means that every Saturday we have approximately 100 students representing Gowrie Street; this is a fantastic effort. Good luck for the rest of the season and remember to always try your hardest.

Victorian Education Excellence Awards
On Friday night this week Di and myself will be representing Gowrie Street at the Victorian Education Excellence Awards; Gowrie Street has been nominated along with St Georges Road and Wilmot Road Primary Schools in the category of Outstanding Partnerships with Families and Communities for the work that we have been doing with the introduction of Paediatric Clinics with Peter Eastaugh. Fingers Crossed!

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.

NAPLAN Week
As you maybe already aware our year 3 & 5 students are currently taking part in the nation wide NAPLAN tests. These test focus on Literacy and Numeracy and all students in these year levels are expected to complete them. Good luck to everyone!

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 Council’s 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.

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.
P&F Meeting

We will be having a quick brainstorming meeting to discuss future fundraising on Friday May 16th in the staffroom at 9.10am
All welcome

Emma Aitken
President

Saturday Sport
Training times for Gowrie Street Primary School Teams

Soccer
Foundation & Grades 1/2 - Wednesday 3.15 to 4.15pm
Grades 3/4 - Thursday 3.30 to 4pm
Grades 5/6 - Thursday 3.30pm @ Chas Johnson Res

Netball
Net Set Go - Wednesday 3.15 to 4.00pm
Grades 2/3 - Monday lunchtime
Grade 4 - Thursday 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Grades 5 - Wednesday 3.30 to 4.30pm
Grade 6 - Wednesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Football
AusKick - Thursday 3.45 to 4.45pm
Football - Wednesday 3.15 to 4.15pm

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Home Reading P-2

Some things to do
- Do talk about the start of the story, what happened by the end of the story, the people in the story ……etc
- Do mention things like:
  - The person who wrote the story – the author
  - The person who did the illustrations – the illustrator
Find these people on the front cover of the book.
Where else can you find their names?
Home Reading  3-6

Reading tips:
- Make a point of buying your child new books when you can and suggesting books as gifts for your child.
- Ensure reading remains a fun activity by changing the setting from time to time. Read in the garden, park or other areas.
- Discuss the themes such as friendship, love, sharing, etc when they are raised in the books you read together.
- Share your child’s surprise when a book contains surprises.

Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup News

Birthdays
Thomas S - 11 years
Kiara W - 10 years
Mathew C - 10 years
Steven W - 12 years
Shayne C - 10 years

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.

Student Free Day
On Thursday May 22nd all educators from Gowrie Street Preschool & Occasional Care will be attending an Early Childhood Conference. This will be a student free day.

Pyjama Party
On Wednesday May 21st we will host a Pyjama Party for all of the Preschool Children. We invite all of the children to dress in their pyjamas and bring a plate of “P” party food to share with their friends. Some examples may include:
- Pinwheels
- Pink biscuits
- Pineapple
- Pasta salad
- Pink/Purple cupcakes
- Pineapple Punch
- Popcorn
- Party pies
- Pizza
- Pigs in blankets
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Our “P” parties are always a fun day, we might even squeeze in some party games such as pass the parcel and pin the tail on the pony. If the weather is not so great we might watch Peter Pan??

Lunchbox Legends
This term we will be starting Lunchbox Legends! Each time we notice a child consistently bringing a healthy lunchbox we will reward them with a new lunchbox and drink bottle! They will also have their photo displayed in the Preschool building. We have been having lots of discussions about sometimes foods and everyday foods, some of the children have noticed that they have more sometimes foods than everyday foods in their lunchbox. Please take the time at home to discuss with your child some healthy lunchbox items that they may like to try.

Drink bottles
We are still noticing that there are lots of children who are coming to Preschool without a drink bottle, please ensure you pack a drink bottle filled with fresh water every day. It is very important that all children have easy access to clean and fresh drinking water whenever they like.

Monkeyboat
Monkeyboat will be visiting us on the 27th of May to take kinder photos of all the children, please make sure that you are on time as it can be a very time consuming process taking photos of 26 children.

Melinda, Naomi & Ky
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

Stars of the Week

PBS Morning Tea Winners

PBS Class Winners
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

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