

Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday	19 April	Students commence school
Thursday	22 April	Naplan Parent Meeting 2pm
Monday	26 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	28 April	ANZAC Day Service 10am
Friday	30 April	GRIP Leadership Excursion Year 6



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1 2021

Thank you for your all of your support during this Term, it has been greatly appreciated by all.

Connected Practice

Term 2 2021

Term 2 starts on **Monday 19th April** as our School Development Day is attached to the June long weekend.

Annual Report 2020

Our 2020 Annual Report will be available early in Term 2. It will be available from the office, our web site and from the DoE 's Schools Online web site.

Shade Sails

The installation of shade sails for the nature playground with begin in the holidays. Unfortunately the have to bring in a rock breaker to put in the poles and we have picked up the bill for that as it is outside of the grant.

Sculpture by the Sea / Bush

The Sculpture by the Sea / Bush day was very successful. All of our students, either at School or Cottesloe, had a fantastic day. Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

High Quality Teaching

Directors of Education NMER Visit

On Monday 15th April the Directors of Education from the North Metropolitan Education Region came to visit us. Mrs Joanne Harris (Director of Education), Mr Steve Watson (Assistant Director of Education) and Ms Melissa Rinaldi (Coordinator of Regional Operations) arrived around 9:30am to say hello to our school community. There were impressed with what they saw as they walked around the school, particularly with the engagement of our students with their learning and the sense of calm throughout the school. They were also very impressed by the way in which they we met by our Student Councillors.

Public School Review

Our Public School Review (PSR) has been postponed to Term 3. Our proposed dates are:

- Data Upload: Tuesday 10th August 2021 (Week 4)
- Validation Visit: Tuesday 17th August 2021 (Week 5)

We have started collecting ideas for our narratives and have started writing our drafts. Staff will be released from class in order to provide time for this. By completing our drafts this semester will only have to refine and publish our narrative in Term 3.

Learning Environment

3rd Party Services Online Permission Form

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey. We have 102/204 students who have had responses recorded for them. I encourage you to complete this ASAP.

Our school provides access to Department of Education online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum.

If we don't have permission for students to access these services / programs then our ability to track student progress is compromised.

Please note that while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content when using Department provided online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure.

If you agree to your child using these online services, please complete form from the link or QR code (the QR code is also available in your children's classroom). If you cannot access either of these please see me ASAP.



[Third Party Permissions Link](#)

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Parent / Teacher Contact

As we continue to be governed by the Government's Phase 4 restrictions, we will be maintaining the following protocols for parent / teacher contacts:

- Parents / carers are allowed on site for pre-arranged meetings. These meetings must comply with the physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and maintain good hygiene practices.
- Parent are able to help in classrooms now as long as we maintain the physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres.
- Meetings must be pre-arranged and cannot be at pick up and drop off unless this has been negotiated with staff

Community Engagement & Partnerships

Board Development Day

Our first Board Development Day (BDD) will be held on Monday 3rd May (Week 2 Term 2) at the Gidgegannup Recreation Club at Percy Cullen Oval. Our objectives for the day are as follows:

- Increase the knowledge and understanding of the Board's purpose and function.
- Understand the role of the Board in meeting future needs in relation to the Business Plan and School direction.

School Security

We have a fantastic community that looks out for our school, particularly after hours and on weekend and holidays. We recently have had some people picnicking in the ECE playground on the weekends and leaving their rubbish. If you see something suspicious, please call Education Security (9264 4771) or the police

2021 Voluntary Contributions

We would appreciate payment of 2021 voluntary contributions as soon as possible. The contribution is \$40 per Kindergarten student and \$60 per Pre Primary – Year 6 student. These contributions are an important addition to your child's schooling, as funds collected go towards the purchase of extra classroom resources, or subsidies for activities during the year.

Payment can be made to the office or the classroom teacher by cash or cheque (made out to Gidgegannup Primary School). Payment envelopes are available from the Office or the classroom teacher. Alternatively, Direct Deposit is available.

Gidgegannup PS

BSB: 633 000

Account: 156300055

Please include your child's surname, room number and the payment reason.

Eg: Citizen, Room 1 Vol Cons (Voluntary Contributions)

We would like to thank families who have already paid contributions for this year.

Connect

Parent Connect and our School Space (**Gidgegannup Primary School's Connect Parent Community**) on Connect have gone live. If you have given us your email address you will have received an invitation to register for Connect. Please register if you have not already done so and you will be associated with your children and the School Space. Teachers have created their class Connect pages which you will have access to.

If you don't have access to Connect please get in touch with us so that we can rectify this. We have a number of parents who have invalid or no email addresses. Please update these as soon as possible so that we can get you on to Connect.

In this space you will be able to:

- view your children's reports (K-6)
- receive notices to keep you informed about what is happening,
- access documents in the Library (Newsletters etc), and
- be kept up-to-date with events through the calendar.

Connect is our main source of communication with our school community. Teachers will also be communicating with you through your child's Connect Class.

Updating email, contact and medical details

Please inform the office if there are any changes to medical information, contact details, emergency contact details or email addresses. We will be sending forms home to be updated shortly.

It is important that these are accurate so that we can get in contact with you if needed. We were unable to make contact with some families last week as the contact details we have are not accurate.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday, see you next Term.

Kind regards,

Michael Kovalevs

Principal

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Available outside Rm 13 at lunchtime every
Friday for Term 1

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A Yr6 Fundraising Activity

Chaplain's Chat!

Hello Wonderful Gidgegannup PS Families,

Just wanted to say... I think the Gidgegannup Community are pretty amazing! Despite 2021 Term 1 commencing with a covid19 late decision lockdown and then an extensive bush fire that affected many people in the local and surrounding areas, it has still been awesome to witness the joining together as a local Community who totally support and 'look out' for one another. In the past few weeks it has been a privilege to have visited local support services and attended events at Wooroloo and Gidgegannup and seen this huge amazing '**Care in Action**'.

it was so important that your children quickly returned to school and some form of normality as soon as possible and I'm sure many were eager to see their friends after the long holiday break but a reminder that I am available if you would like me to meet with your Child to check in on their general well-being. You may wish to speak to Mrs Simone Harris or please leave your details at Main Reception and I'll contact you promptly.



Leila, a Year 6 Student at Bold Park Community School thought it would be a great idea to make some very colourful **sensory** cushions for our Gidgegannup students who had been directly or indirectly affected by the bush fires. Leila thought about her friend who at times can be anxious. Her friend was also evacuated during the bush fire and Leila had a feeling the cushions would probably be the right thing! Mrs Harris and I met with Leila, sister, Mischa and her Mum (also called Simone) to receive this awesome donation. When asked if her Mum helped to make the cushions, Leila was quick to respond that it was her Gran that had taught her and given her a sewing machine. Thank you so much Leila – We look forward to giving them to our fabulous students.

Friendship Club – We have commenced the Wednesday lunch-time Friendship Club in the Library following this term's topic on 'Truth' and our students appear to be enjoying the different activities on offer, valuing their friendships and working in teams. Harmony Week and Easter are just two other fun items for Term 1 and thank you to Mrs Pettit for your volunteering support with the students!



Please go to the following link to register for the ESafety Commissioner's upcoming webinar dates for ESafety Parents Guide to Cyberbullying and on-line drama. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> "One in five young Australians aged 8 to 17 years say they have been socially excluded, threatened or abused online." This is so informative for our Parents and Carers with a Summary Sheet to download.

Have a great week, Ms Karen 😊

P&C News

The P&C have some very exciting news for this year!

We have all had misfortunes over 2020 with Covid 19 and of course the start of 2021 with the Wooroloo fires.

It has been fantastic to see the community come together although under misfortunate circumstances. We the P&C collectively decided that this year for **one year only** we would try to ease the burden on parents and have a fun filled year with less fundraising costs. What this means is we will still be having all our normal activities but with minimal or no cost to parents.

So, we will still have:

Mother's Day Stall - We will be holding our Mother's day stall however we will purchase gifts for your children to choose with only a coin donation, this year you do not need to buy a gift for the stall or pay the \$5 for the gift.

Small Farm Field Day - This will be kept the same as previous years, we will be looking for helpers for the day as per normal and we will be looking for food donations.

Father's Day - This year for a change we will be organising a special evening for the kids and dads.... Watch this space

Gidge Show - This will be kept the same as previous years, we will be looking for helpers for the day as per normal and we will be looking for food donations.

Halloween Disco - We have yet to vote on this but it was a great success last year.

Containers for Change - We will be allocated bins soon for this and we will place them in a drop point on the school grounds when we avail of the bins we will let everyone know.

After school sport activities - We have been approached by the City of Swan's project manager, we spoke about the fact that we cannot retain before and after school care at GPS. He suggested that if there was a need for something after school then we could have 2 days a week of sport activity from 3pm-4.30pm. The kids would be supervised by the sporting club so parents did not need to attend. We have put out a voting slip on Facebook to see if we have enough kids willing to participate to make this viable. This would be sponsored by the City of Swan for 2 terms.

Fire Relief Fund - The P&C have been approached by many people asking if we could take donations for people impacted by fire. We have opened an account especially for this purpose and have already received some donations. This money will be used to fund the community as well as those in the school. You would have seen us at the community gathering at Percy Cullen oval last Saturday where we dawned the school uniform and had some fun. We gave away a lot of stationary and it was great to be part of the community.

But wait, there is more! We will be planning some more special events throughout the year and with a large committee that we now have, we look forward to seeing the smiles on all the kids' faces which is what we aim for each year. If you have ever considered joining the P&C now is the perfect time jump on board and show your support!

Jo Appelbee – P&C President

Thank You EMRC



In 2020, The P&C once again had the fantastic opportunity to apply for a grant through the EMRC Community Grants Program. We were again successful with our application and were able to source a wonderful new cubby house and 8 wooden picnic tables for our early education area.

The association held a working bee in November, it was a great turn out and we got to see the cubby house established and picnic tables secured.

Our students have loved their new cubby at recess and lunch and are thankful they no longer have to sit on the concrete to eat their lunch.

As part of the P&C we help to raise our children with an understanding of community spirit and this opportunity is a great example of that.

COMMUNITY NEWS



COME & TRY DAY



SUNDAY 14th MARCH 3PM – 6PM

PERCY CULLEN OVAL

Free Sausage Sizzle for the Kids

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Juniors (Yrs. 3-6) and Auskick (Yrs. PP-2)

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME!

Bushfire assistance available to those families in need.

For more information, please contact

Leonie Nesbit 0459 692 222 or Nathan Van Beek 0418 748 232



COMMUNITY NEWS

State Schoolboys 12 Years & Under AFL Team.

Trials for this year's State Team which will take place during 1st term and the April School holidays. This is for any student born in 2009 or 2010 that you believe may be interested in trialling for the state schoolboys AFL team. Please note that only players turning 11 and 12 years of age in 2021 are eligible to nominate.

Please be aware that WA is sending a 12 Years & Under Schoolgirls team to the inaugural National Schoolgirls championships also being held in Adelaide at the same time. Details for these trials can be found on the same website.

This year's championship will be in Adelaide from August 6th – 14th. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website (<https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/afl/>).

In order to nominate for the trials please direct your student(s) to the following School Sport WA website link <https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/afl/boys-12s/> . All relevant details can be found on this webpage. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate in making contact with me or the School Sport WA office (9264 4879).

Please also be aware that School Sport WA sends teams interstate for other sports as well. If you have any students that you feel may be interested in trialling for these teams please pass on this information. To nominate students simply follow the same process as above. Nomination details can be found on the same website (<https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/>).

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019

Rotary Tour of the Blackwood

<https://www.blackwoodtour.info/>

RIDE FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Now in its third year, the Rotary Tour of the Blackwood is one of the most challenging rides in Western Australia. Starting by the banks of the mighty Blackwood River, the [Full Tour](#) meanders some 130km through stunning countryside between beautiful Bridgetown and the magical town sites of Balingup and Nannup, and features over 2000m of climbing including a Category 4 ascent toward the finish line.

The beautiful [Half n Best](#) or [Cozy](#) courses are great fun too!

All proceeds from this ride are donated to [Blackwood Youth Action](#), who provide much needed psychological support services and mental wellness programs for at-risk youth in the Blackwood region.

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Old Guildfordians Mundaring Hockey Club

JUNIOR TEAM TRIAL DAYS

ALL BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

Sunday 7th and Saturday 13th March 2021

New and current players are invited to come and try out.
Meet our coaches for the 2021 season.

WHERE:

Guildford Grammar School Playing Fields
(via the main entrance at the Preparatory School)



TIMES:

2:45 - 4pm: Y5/6 & Y7/8's
3:45 - 5pm: Y9/10 & Y11/12's



For more information or to register your attendance
contact juniors@ogmhc.com.au

