

# Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

School Development Day – No Students

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Students commence Term 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we have made it through the most challenging semester of school! I know that this time has been difficult for our community too and hope that everyone is doing as well as they can, given changing circumstances. Many of you share the concerns that I have for family and friends overseas, and also for those amongst us who have been impacted by loss of employment. The catch phrase "We're all in this together" sound simplistic however shared responsibility for our safety and recovery beyond the pandemic is vital. We are a team.

THANK YOU to our school community. We appreciate the support of parents, families and Board members who have supported and contributed to our decision making, been patient as we learned new ways of doing things and most importantly, care for our students – your children during this difficult time.

THANK YOU to our staff. I do not have enough words to express my gratitude and respect for the staff at Gidgegannup Primary School. With little mid-semester break, they have been working for 22 weeks straight and delivered above and beyond their roles. I wish them a wonderful holiday and hope they take the opportunity to rest up and recharge!

Over the remainder of the year we will continue to monitor health and wellbeing of our entire community.

### 2020 Semester 2 Calendar

We will announce our calendar of events for Semester 2 at the beginning of next term. We are hoping that most of our planned activities will go ahead.

### Good Bye & Thank you

Unfortunately, we need to say good bye to some staff this term. Miss Claudia Millard (Room 8) and Miss Mallory Thompson (Room 14) have completed their preservice training with us this term. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank them for the wonderful contributions they have made to our students. I know they will be missed and I wish them well in their teaching careers.

Miss Ashleigh Kinsella will also be leaving us this term as Mr Dent returns for Term 3. Miss Kinsella stepped into our Year 4 class with little notice and at a very interesting time in education. She has done a wonderful job with our Year 4s and I know she will be missed. On behalf of our school community, particularly the Year 4s, I wish her all the best in her future teaching career.

## Congratulations

Congratulation to Mrs Melissa Mars who has won the position of School Officer for the remainder of this year.

## Semester One Reports

It has been my privilege to spend time over the past few days chatting to every Kindy to Year 6 student about their learning this semester. During these conversations, it became clear some of the impact that COVID-19 had on students and their wellbeing. Overwhelmingly our students have responded with determination and courage despite some underlying concerns. They lived our four school values of Respect, Achievement, Relationships and Engagement. THANK YOU to our students!

You will see that there are no grade allocation on the reports. This was a response by the Department of Education due to the Covid -19 pandemic. This is explained further in the Explanatory Notes section of your children's reports (see below).

***Schooling in Semester 1 2020 has been widely disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, schools are not required to report learning area grades for Semester 1 2020. This means the Overall Learning Area achievement section of the report may be unshaded, and the components for a Learning Area, if applied, may be unchecked or marked as "Not Assessed".***

## Virtual Assembly

Today we had our second virtual assembly presented by the Year 6 class. Thank you to Mr Taylor, Miss Hockey, our Year 6 students and our Student Councillors for a fantastic assembly.

If you would like to watch it again follow the link through Connect.

## Department of Education Guidelines (These may Change for Term 3)

- Parents/carers and visitors may come on to school sites to attend **pre-arranged meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes**. We still need to adhere to a **physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and maintain good hygiene practices**.

Schools may manage this through:

- staggering pick up and drop off times;
- utilising 'Kiss and Drive' facilities/drop off and pick up locations

## Our Continuing School Arrangements:

This means that, until further notice, parents and carers can deliver and collect their children to and from the classroom door but **remain outside the room**.

Please keep an eye on our Connect notices over the holidays for the Term 3 Kiss 'n' Drive arrangements. Normal school drop off and pick up times will continue.

## In summary:

- All students are now due back to school unless they have a medical exemption (please contact me if you are unsure of whether your children qualify.)
- Parents and non-essential visitors are allowed on site (see DoE information above).
- The office door will remain locked, please call ahead or knock on the door if you need to come to the school. All school access for parents and visitors (not dropping or picking up children) must be through the front office.
- Assemblies, excursions, incursions, camps, inter-school sports/events are allowed but with strict guidelines around numbers and physical distancing (more information is coming shortly).
- P&C and Board meetings can recommence as long as there are 100 people or less in attendance and physical distancing rules are adhered to.
- Students who are **unwell must stay home**.

## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open online only. Eclipse will pack the orders and we can give them to your children to bring home.



## COVID-19

The Department of Education has a Parent Helpline for any questions that you might have.

Parent Helpline

1800 882 345

## Prevent the spread of COVID-19

Follow these steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and slow its transmission.

For the latest health information and health related enquiries, refer to the [WA Department of Health](#) or phone the helpline 1800 020 080.

## Regular and thorough hand-washing

Staff and students should:

- wash hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty;
- wash hands with soap and water and use alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR), before and after eating or prior to food preparation;
- wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet;
- avoid using handkerchiefs;
- cough and sneeze with a tissue or bent elbow, dispose of used tissues immediately, and use ABHR or soap and water;
- avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose;
- wash hands with soap and water or ABHR when caring for the sick;
- **if unwell, avoid contact with others. Sick children and adults need to stay away from school until they are well;** and
- make sure workplaces are clean and hygienic, surfaces (e.g. desks and tables) and objects (e.g. telephones, keyboards) need to be wiped with disinfectant regularly.

## 2020 Voluntary Contributions

We would appreciate payment of 2020 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.

Have relaxing and safe holiday and we will see you back for Term 3,

Michael Kovalevs

Principal



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## Apply now to enrol your child in Kindergarten.

If your child is four years old by 30 June 2021 you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2021.

Contact your public school or community kindergarten by 24 July 2020 to apply.

At the time of enrolment your child will need to have an 'up to date' AIR immunisation history statement.

**Every day of a child's education matters.**

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## P&C News

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Coffee and Cookie stall at the Cross Country, it's very much appreciated!  
Enjoy your break and have a safe and happy holiday!

### Old Uniform Jumper Sale



[Gidgegannup Jumper Order Form Link](#)