

Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday	11 April	Easter Hat Parade
		Students last day
Monday	28 April	Students commence school
Friday	9 May	Pre-Primary Mother's Day afternoon tea
Thursday	15 May	Gidgegannup Public Speaking
Thursday	22 May	Room 3 Assembly



Principal's Report

As Term One comes to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a wonderful start to the school year at Gidgegannup Primary School.

You may have noticed a fresh new look in our front office. The space has been updated to reflect the high standards we value at Gidgegannup Primary School—professional, welcoming, and student-focused, and there is still a little bit to do.

Our Easter Hat Parade was an absolute delight! The creativity on display was truly heart-warming, and we are incredibly grateful to *The Vibe* for their generous donations, which ensured that every child received a special Easter gift. Your support brought so much joy to our students.

The ANZAC service held this week was a moving and respectful tribute to the men and women who have served our country. A heartfelt thank you to Simone Harris for her dedication and meticulous organisation, ensuring that the service was both memorable and meaningful.

Thank you to those families who have paid voluntary contributions for this year. We have raised our percentage of those paid from 24% to 45% this term. 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 subsidises activities during the year.

Payment can be made to the office or the classroom teacher by cash. 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 continue to use bottled drinking water at school, though I am pleased to say that the required part has been replaced, and we are just waiting for the results of quality testing. We have plenty of bottled water for staff, students and visitors to the school and parents will be notified when the drinking water is restored.

We are very proud of the music programs available at Gidgegannup, as we have many talented musical students. I have had the pleasure of hearing the fabulous music of our two resident bands, *Rising from the Ashes* and *The Hellhounds*. These two bands work with Miss Hockey on alternate weeks, during their lunchtimes, learning how to refine their music as a band. They are working toward performing at the music assembly at the end of term 3 and I also hear that there have been requests to perform from the local community! Rock on boys!

The Hellhounds



Rising From the Ashes



The Year 5 students in Room 14, celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by wearing fun, bright, or odd socks to school at the end of Week 7. Blake C's mum sent along cakes to enjoy, with a PowerPoint presentation and video explaining what DS is and how we can support him at school. We took this class photo with Blake C in the middle, surrounded by lots of socks, which is the theme for World Down Syndrome Day.

Next term, we extend a warm welcome to Heidi Middleton, who joins us as our new Chaplain. Heidi replaces Felicity De Beer, and we are excited to have her as part of our school community. We look forward to the care and support she will bring to our students and staff.

On a personal note, this will be my final newsletter as Principal. I want to sincerely thank the parent community for your ongoing support throughout the term. Gidgegannup is a truly special place, and it has been an honour and privilege to be a part of the Gidgie Team.

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday break. Happy Easter.

Rachelle Lorimer
Principal

Student Councillors Report

On week 9 Monday the four student councillors went to a ROAR leadership summit. At ROAR, we did lots of group activities that helped us learn to work together and be great leaders. Going to ROAR was a great experience for everyone. The first leadership activity that we did, we went outside to the basketball court with 8 mats. Our job was to get everyone (21 people) across the whole basketball court with 8 mats and if anyone touched the ground, even just a shoelace, we had to start again! It took a long time to get across but eventually we figured it out. The next activity was really fun and our favourite. We got to build trikes for our kindy's and pre-primary's. We had to follow the instructions, and every school got one to take a trike back with them.

We would like to thank Coach Kate and all the workers for the great time.

Written by Benjamin Hintz and Will Noble.



Faction Captains Report



On week 8 Friday some of Gidgegannup students from years 4 to 6 teamed up Sawers Vally students for a swimming carnival at Bilgoman Aquatic centre. In fourth place was Mundaring PS, in third place was Gidgegannup/Sawyers Valley team, in second place was Glen Forrest PS and in first place was Darlington PS.

Lily Jane Kolk came Runner Up Champion Year 4 Girl at the interschool swimming carnival at Bilgoman Pool.

On week 8 Thursday some girls in year 5 and 6 went to a girl's football carnival they played a total of 4 games, and they won two and lost two. The boys also played the week after and they came second place and lost against Maylands.

Written by Zach Bond and Will Tibbertsma – Avon Captains



The Deputy's Desk

Here we are at the end of week 10 and it feels like term 1 has simply flown by. I guess that's the advantage of working in such a great environment and a testament to what a fantastic school this is.

It certainly has been a busy term, and a lot has happened since the last newsletter. In weeks 6 and 7 our years 3 and 5 students completed NAPLAN testing. This went very smoothly, and I was proud of the positive way the students (and teachers) dealt with what can be a very challenging occurrence.

Friday the 21st of March was Harmony Day. It was lovely to see staff and students wearing orange and celebrating all the diversity of our community. In class students took part in related activities planned by our wonderful teachers.

It's been a busy few weeks for sporting activities with 2 Footy Carnivals and the Interschool Swimming Carnival. It is so great to see our students proudly representing our school. All involved performed well and showed great sportsmanship.

On Monday 31st March I accompanied the Student Councillors to Mundaring Arena to take part in the Roar Leadership Workshop. It was a fantastic day full of quests and challenges designed to develop leadership potential and hosted by Kate Kendrik. The Leaders are a great bunch and represented the school with pride.

This week we held our very solemn ANZAC Ceremony on Thursday and our very silly Easter Hat Parade on Friday. Two very different events showing the adaptability of our community.

As the term draws to an end, I want to thank you all for the way you have warmly embraced me, it is a pleasure to turn up each day. I wish you all a Happy Easter, a safe and healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all when we return next term.

Claire Mansveld

Deputy Principal



Community News

REGISTER FOR AUSKICK

STARTS 2ND MAY

PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 2

- FUN INTRODUCTION TO AFL FOOTBALL**
- FRIDAY AFTERNOON** ALONGSIDE JUNIOR TRAINING CANTEN & SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE
- 15 WEEK PROGRAM** WITH GALA DAY AND HALF TIME GAME OPPORTUNITIES
- BOYS AND GIRLS**
- KIDSPORT VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

ONE TIME FEE \$125 PP INCLUDES:
FREE Polo, Shorts & Socks
FREE 2025 Team Photo
FREE Individual Photo



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REGISTER FOR JUNIOR FOOTBALL

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6 PLAYERS WANTED!

- FUN AND FITNESS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS**
- SATURDAY GAMES** PLAYED IN THE SWANS DISTRICT
- TRAINING 2X WEEK**
TUESDAY 5pm - 6pm
FRIDAY 4.30pm - 6pm
- FRIDAY NIGHT AUSKICK (PP - Year 2)** CANTEN & SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE
- KIDSPORT VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

ONE TIME FEE \$140 PP INCLUDES:
FREE Playing Jumper to keep!
FREE Polo, Shorts & Socks
FREE 2025 Team Photo
FREE Individual Photo
NO Weekly Game Fee



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

For **APRIL**

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-17

APR 16TH VR EXPERIENCE!
2:30 - 4:00
 @ Gidgegannup Hall

Come and experience a complete different world with VR goggle set. Games will include Fruit Ninja, Beat Saber and Ragnar Rock- this!!

APR 17TH BEAR PAINTING
12:00 - 1:00
 @ Gidgegannup Hall

Learn a new way to paint with these pour pals. Mix and pour paint to create your own little personalized bear character.

For more information please contact
 Teisha Morley
 PH- 0428633034
 Email: teisha.morley@swan.wa.gov.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

FOR AGES 7 - 14
REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL AND LIMITED!!!
 For a registration form contact Toyah at
 Toyah.Worsley@swan.wa.gov.au or 0436 480 576

14TH APRIL CANVAS PAINTING AND MILKSHAKES

Come along and create your own masterpiece using a variety of painting styles, then relax with a milkshake with your choice of flavors.

WHERE: Gidgegannup Hall
 TIME: 10am-12pm

15TH APRIL THINKING GREEN

Join us in some seed and seedling planting in the CWA garden and then construct your own fairy or insect house

WHERE: CWA Gidgegannup
 TIME: 10am-12pm

23RD APRIL ROCK ART & DIAMOND ART WITH CAHOOTS

Come along for a relaxing time with friends and create your own rock art or diamond art creations using your favorite colours and designs facilitated by CAHOOTS.

WHERE: Gidgegannup Hall
 TIME: 10am-12pm

Supported by **City of Swan** **Meerilinga** **CAHOOTS**



BACK THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!



DISCO GLOW PARTY

11 April



RC Racing Car Day

15 April

*more events
to come*

We do parties too!

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PARTIES**

**SLIME MAKING
PARTIES**

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