

Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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Date: 7th February 2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

Weeks 1-3 Class Meetings – refer to Class Teacher Information

Wednesday 12 February Board Meeting 3:45pm

Thursday 13 February Student Councillor & Welcome Assembly 9:00am (Enjoy a cuppa with the P&C)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. We have had a fantastic start to the year. The joy and energy in the classes has been wonderful to see.



Staff 2020

I would like to welcome Mrs Karen Abbott (Chaplain – until Mrs Allen's return) to Gidgegannup PS, I am sure that she will have a fantastic time with us.

Here is the confirmed class structure for 2020

Class	Staff Member	Class	Staff Member
Kindy - Room 2	Mrs Heather Luke	Year 6 - Room 13	Mr John Taylor
Pre-primary - Room 1	Mrs Lisa Anspach & Mrs Heather Luke	Science	Mr Rob Coumbe
Year 1 - Room 3	Mrs Sarah Bykowski & Mrs Josie Matsen	Visual Arts	Ms Cindy Watson
Year 2 - Room 5	Mrs Sian Kelly	PE	Mrs Chelsea Whiteside
Year 3 - Room 8	Mr Russell Pratten & Mrs Heather Luke (Support)	Music	Miss Fleur Hockey
Year 4 - Room 11	Mr Trevor Dent	Literacy Support	Mrs Leanne Snelling
Year 5 - Room 14	Mrs Anna McLennan		

Respect

Summer is Here - Hats on Heads!!

It is fantastic to see almost everyone wearing their hats during recess and lunch time. As the weather is pretty hot at the moment this becomes very important. Remember our rule No Hat – No Play (unshaded areas). During class time you will also need your hat when you are outside, particularly for PE.

Car Park / Drive Through

Please remember to stick to the 5km/h speed limit as you drive through the car parks. When you are dropping off or picking up your children please use the Kiss & Drive (drop off / pick up then move off, no waiting) or pull in to a parking bay. Stopping in the driveway is dangerous for your children and holds up the flow of traffic.

School Security

We have a fantastic community that looks out for our school, particularly after hours and on weekend and holidays. If you see something suspicious, please call Education Security (9264 4771) or the police.

Office Phone Calls / Etiquette

We often receive calls to the office asking for messages to be passed on to children. Unless it is an emergency situation we cannot guarantee that we can pass on the messages prior to the end of the school day. Please ensure that your children are aware of organisational arrangements such as pick-up, drop-off and play date details before arriving at school.

While members of the Admin team are frequently available to meet with you please see Carolyn to check our availability or to make a time if we can't see you immediately. While our doors are open we may be otherwise engaged at that point in time. We will endeavour to make ourselves available as frequently as we can but sometimes that is not possible. Thank you for your consideration with this.

Before and After School

School starts at 8:55am and students are welcome on-site from 8:30am with the obvious exception of students who travel by bus. Prior to 8:30am we are unable to provide supervision for students who arrive early as it is preparation time for teachers.

Please be prompt in collecting your children after school. We have a number of students playing in the ECE playground while waiting to be picked-up. At this early stage in the year the ECE area becomes very crowded at home time. Classroom teachers are **not responsible** for the supervision of students who have been dismissed from their classes and are playing on the equipment. Once students have been dismissed from class duty of care becomes the parents' responsibility.



Thank you for your assistance with this.

Achievement

Student Leaders 2020: Councillors & Faction Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Student Councillors:

Molly B, Daniel N, Riley T & Lily W

Our Faction Captains will be elected shortly and I look forward to announcing them very soon.

Welcome to our student leadership group, I am sure they will do a fantastic job.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have started. They will be run in two series as outlined below:

Series 1 Week 1 and 2 Wednesday 5 th Feb to Friday 14 th Feb	Year Group Attending	Depart School	Start Lesson	Finish Lesson	Depart Pool	Arrive School
Session 1	PP & Yr 6	12.10pm	12.50pm	1.30pm	1.40pm	2.10pm
Session 2	Yr 4 & Yr 5	1.05pm	1.35pm	2.15pm	2.25pm	2.55pm

Series 2 Week 3 and 4 Wednesday 19 th Feb to Friday 28 th Feb	Year Group Attending	Depart School	Start Lesson	Finish Lesson	Depart Pool	Arrive School
Session 1	Yr 1 & Yr 2	12.25pm	1.05pm	1.45pm	1.55pm	2.25pm
Session 2	Yr 3	1.20pm	1.50pm	2.30pm	2.40pm	3.10pm

Please make sure that all items of clothing have your child's name on them, this makes it easier to return them to you when they are dropped / left behind etc.

Relationships

Parent Welcome Assembly

Please join us for our first assembly of the year. It will be held on Thursday 13th Feb at 9:00am and will be run by our Student Councillors. Please stay after the assembly and share a cuppa with members of our P&C and School Board. I look forward to seeing you there.

Engagement

Class Meetings

Over the next few weeks teachers will be holding class meetings after school to inform you of what is going to be happening in their rooms this year. These meetings are a great source of information and provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher/s.

iMaths Tracker Books (Booklists)

There has been some confusion in regards to the Maths Contribution charge in our booklists. This charge covers the cost of the iMaths Tracker books (Years 1-3 \$8.95) and the iMaths Tracker books and Mental Maths books (Years 4-6 \$21.90). It would be greatly appreciated if these could be paid as soon as possible, thank you.

School Buses

As a result of a review by School Bus Services WA we have had a change in the times our school buses are dropping off and picking up our students from school for Term 1. Our earliest bus in the morning now arrives at 8:00am (rather than 7:40am) and our last bus in the afternoon leaves at 3:40pm (rather than 4:00pm). This is much better for our students as some of them are now able to leave home later and arrive home earlier.

We will continue to supervise our bus students before and after school as we have always done. 😊

There is another review happening during Term 1 and the times may change again for terms 2 - 4.

Mobile Phone Policy – Department of Education WA

The DoE has introduced a Mobile Phone Policy for schools which became effective from the first day of term. Please read the following information about the policy.

Effective: 3 February 2020

Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy

All policy and procedural statements contained within this document are lawful orders for the purposes of section 80(a) of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA) and are therefore to be observed by all Department of Education employees.

1 POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

2 POLICY RULES

Principals must:

• implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day (“off and away all day”) unless the student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- implement the following rules for students in different year levels: students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- require students to put their smart watches in ‘aeroplane mode’ so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day;
- determine an appropriate storage approach for mobile phones for students from Kindergarten to Year 6; and
- manage breaches of this policy in accordance with the Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures.

If you have any questions, feel free to have a chat with me.

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.

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. At this point in time we have **170** parents associated with their children and **43** parents / carers who have been invited but have not yet registered. We also 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.

Student Absences – SkoolBag App / MessageYou

From April we will **no longer** be using the SkoolBag App. The Department of Education WA's Connect program has the same functions and is free. The MessageYou mobile phone system has been discontinued and as such we won't be using it any more. If your child is absent due to illness, please phone, use the Connect absentee form or email the school in the morning, or send a written note to the class teacher upon return.

If parents need to pick up students from school during the days for appointments, PEAC or similar activities, please ensure they are signed out at the front office prior to collecting them from the classroom.

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.

Kind regards,

Michael Kovalevs

Principal

Monday 10 February, 2020



Eastern Hills and Districts' Junior Concert Band

Calling all Year 6 BRASS, PERCUSSION and WOODWIND (Flute, Clarinet, saxophone) students!!!!

The Eastern Hills and Districts Junior Concert Band will be commencing rehearsals on

WEDNESDAY February 19 (WEEK 3)

in the Eastern Hills S.H.S. Music Centre

The rehearsal will start at **4:45pm** and finish at **5.45pm**
(students should arrive around 4:30pm and be picked up before 6.00pm.
Parking is available at the front of the school, near the Music Centre)

Uniform orders will be taken during this rehearsal – please don't miss this opportunity!

Please bring:

- ♪ instrument and maintenance equipment (spare reeds, slide/cork grease, valve oil etc.)
- ♪ pencil and eraser
- ♪ water bottle filled with water - not cordial or fizzy drink
- ♪ LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR NAME AND SCHOOL!!!

An information pack will be handed out at the first rehearsal explaining the aims of the program and the performance calendar for the year.

We are looking forward to meeting and working with the talented Year 6 Musicians in the Hills and making some excellent sounds in 2020!

Yours sincerely,

Justin Lynam
Teacher in Charge of Music
Eastern Hills S.H.S.

Elizabeth Lyon
Junior Band Director
Instrumental Music School Services Teacher

Please call Eastern Hills S.H.S. Music Department on **9573 0300**
for any questions that you have in regard to your child's musical development.

P&C News

Canteen

The canteen will be open as from Monday 11/2. This week's helpers are from Year 6. The menu remains the same as Term 4. Spare copies are located in the office. New roster will be circulated soon.

Uniforms

There is still stock available of second hand and previous uniforms at bargain prices!

AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on 25/2/19, time to be advised. All very welcome and all Executive positions are open.

Parent Morning Tea

We will be offering morning tea goodies after the assembly on Thursday 13th February, to welcome all our new families and to meet up with our existing families. Come along for a chat!

Scholastic Bookclub

The first issue of Scholastic Bookclub for 2020 has now been sent home. There are 2 issues per term. Every book ordered raises funds for the school. These funds are used to help run the Literacy Pro program. See easy ways to order and pay. If using method 2 or 3 orders and payment are to be placed in the box in the library. **Issue 1 orders are due on Friday 21st February.**

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Three **Easy** Ways To Pay

- 1 CREDIT CARD** Your School is in the **LOOP!** When you order and pay by **LOOP**, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP
OR download the app:  
- 2 CASH** If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.
- 3 CHEQUE OR CREDIT VOUCHER** If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to **Scholastic Australia**. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.

GIDGEGANNUP PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Office Bearer and Role Descriptions

Please find below the structure of our P&C Association, which is a member of WACCSO (West Australian Council of State School Organisations). WACCSO are an invaluable resource for the P&C providing in-depth guides to Office Bearer roles, training and friendly advice.

How does the P&C work?

The Gidgegannup Primary School P&C Association meets once a term for a General P&C meeting and once a term for an Executive only meeting.

Meetings take place on different days and times to allow for the availability of general members who are juggling work and young children. Ideally, we alternate between morning and evening dates. The duration of most meetings is one and a half hours maximum and we aim to make them as enjoyable as possible.

THE P&C IS NOT JUST ABOUT FUNDRAISING!

Joining the P&C is a wonderful opportunity for parents to make a difference to their children's school environment and it is also a great way to meet others who care about the school community. The P&C has achieved fantastic projects over the years and is a vital link between the school and families. Your participation can help shape the place where your child spends so much of their childhood.

The main roles of the P&C Association are to:

Give parents the opportunity to learn about school policies and programmes

Involve parents in shaping the school community

Provide a voice for parents and students by maintaining positive relationships between the school administration and P&C

Bring parents together to share information and views

Organise social events to build a strong sense of community

Raise funds and provide additional resources for the benefit of the students

Support all the services that the community provides such as Canteen, school banking, lost property etc.

P&C membership is open to all parents and citizens within the school community. The annual subscription fee is \$1 and the P&C maintains a register of current members. (Parents can attend meetings without being member, however they are not entitled to vote in that instance)

P&C Association Executive Office Bearers and Roles

(to be held preferably for a two-year period minimum – three years maximum)

In-depth handover guides, training and continual support available from WACCSO, as well as previous office bearers

PRESIDENT *impartial, tactful, respectful and inclusive*

Acts as a public representative for the P&C

Liaises regularly with school principal

Attends school board meetings on behalf of the P&C

Oversees the P&C executive

Ensures efficient communication exists between P&C members and school

Ex-officio member of all sub-committees

Sets the agenda and chairs the P&C general and executive meetings, ensuring they run efficiently and smoothly.

VICE PRESIDENT *good listener, supportive*

Assists the President with the above duties and chairs meetings in the president's absence

This role can be shared.

SECRETARY *well-organised, approachable*

Collects and distributes P&C mail

Responsible for communication and correspondence

Manages P&C documents

Maintains a register of members

Ensures registration forms are available for new members

Provides notice of upcoming meetings

Distributes agenda, set by chairperson, before meetings

Takes attendance and minutes of meetings, distributing them promptly

Ensures the Treasurer has been reminded to prepare financial reports

Records exact wording of motions and amendments as they are presented

TREASURER *accurate, organised, knowledge of MYOB preferable*

Manages payment and employment contracts for Canteen Coordinator

Receives all monies due and payable to the Association

Banks and issues receipts for all monies received

Keeps an accurate financial record of all receipts and expenditures

Pays accounts as authorised at general meetings

Prepares and presents a written report at each general meeting

Prepares books of account for annual audit

Prepares floats for fundraising events

COMMUNITY NEWS

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019

Rotary Tour of the Blackwood

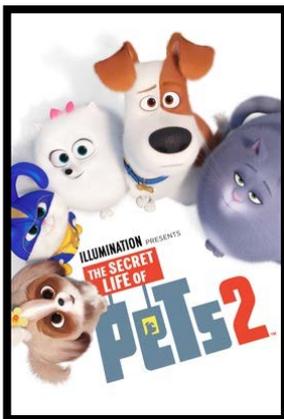
<https://www.blackwoodtour.info/>

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.



Free Movie Night

Saturday 15th February at

Gidgegannup Rec Club – Percy Cullen Oval

Starts at Sundown – bring a

blanket for a picnic on the grass!

