

Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Stay tuned for important dates and the Term 3 Planner.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are half way through Term 3 already. Thank you to everyone for their support of our school and students, it has been greatly appreciated by all staff.

Book Week

Our school is celebrating Book Week in Week 5. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character next **Wednesday 19th August**.



The theme for Book Week this year is "**Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**".

2020 Semester 2 Calendar

Our Semester 2 calendar has been posted in Connect. Please be aware that if the situation with Covid-19 alters we will have to make some adjustments to our calendar.

School Board Open Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (Week 7)

The School Board will hold its annual Open Meeting on Wednesday 2nd September. Please come and join us and meet your Board representatives.

The meeting starts at 3:45pm and finishes at 5pm. It will be held in the School Library.

Faction Athletics Carnival

Our Faction Athletics Carnival is coming up in Week 8. At the moment our oval is not in a condition to host the event. We are looking at a range of options to determine how and where we can run the carnival. We will keep you updated.

Relief School Cleaners

We are looking for cleaners to be added to our relief list. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested please contact Carolyn in the Office.

Virtual Assembly

Congratulations to our Year 2's for a wonderful virtual assembly, it was outstanding.

Open Night

We will be unable to hold our traditional Open Night this year as we will not be able to comply with the two square meter rule from the Government and DoE (See below).

“Of **particular importance** is the **requirement to adhere** to the **two square metres per person rule** when determining the **capacity of venues**.”

We are looking at alternatives and will be in touch shortly to let you know how it will be done.

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 Update from the Department of Education

Maintaining vigilance

Thank you to all schools who have maintained vigilant with promoting and reinforcing physical distancing and health and hygiene messages.

Principals are asked to remind their school community of the current requirements to maintain good hygiene practices and physical distancing of adults. Daily cleaning regimes, access to hand sanitiser and actively promoting hand hygiene, physical distancing and coughing/sneezing etiquette through signage will serve to keep Western Australia as safe as we can during Phase 4 of the WA Roadmap to Recovery.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) continues to note that there is very limited evidence of transmission between children in the school environment, resulting in a relaxing of the physical distancing requirements between students.

Adults in schools should continue to keep up physical distancing of 1.5 metres where possible. All members of the school community must continue to practice good personal hygiene to better protect themselves and the general health of society.



Gathering limits are now only determined by WA's reduced two square metres per person rule. This measurement is specifically for determining the capacity of venues where adults are present.

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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 buildings**.

Please see our Connect notices 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**.

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.

Looking forward to an exciting Term 3.

Michael Kovalevs

Principal

P&C News

The Tree of 2020

The P & C would like to commemorate the school year of 2020. To do this we would love to celebrate the kids for the resilience they have shown since the Covid 19 pandemic commenced. This encompasses each individual child.

We are going to develop a Mural that represents growth. The idea is of a tree the trunk will represent the strength of our school community with branches that withstands all weather and exposure and we would like to use the handprints and or fingerprints from each child as the leaves. We will conduct this using water based paints and when completed we are hoping to seal it for longevity.

Below is an example of the type/styles of Mural we are thinking of but not exactly the finished product.

We would also love any input and assistance for this project.

Any questions please contact any of the P & C members.

Everyone who would like their child to participate in The Tree of 2020 painting, please click on the link below and submit your permission for each child.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1446850162214084/permalink/2785399951692425/>



P&C News



GIDGEGANNUP PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

FATHER'S

Raffle

DAY



\$2 TICKET

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THIS FLYER,
RAFFLE TICKETS AND INSTRUCTIONS
COMING HOME NEXT WEEK

1ST PRIZE
\$400 VALUE

2ND PRIZE
\$200 VALUE

3RD PRIZE
\$100 VALUE

Prizes include: \$25 Coles gift card, \$25 Dan Murphy's voucher, \$50 Parkerville Tavern meal voucher, Weber grill, Koolhaide cooler, Maltesees, SCA cleaning supplies, and various food items.

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