



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

Wednesday 27th November 2019

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Week 7, Term 4

Calendar Dates

Week 7, Term 4	
Monday 25 th November	Stage 2 ZooSnooz
Tuesday 26 th November	Stage 2 ZooSnooz
Wednesday 27 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Day 2, 9:00-10:00am Stage 3 Paul Wade Presentation League Tag Sydney North Final
Friday 29 th November	Assembly, 2:05pm – Dance group & Drama group items
Week 8, Term 4	
Wednesday 4 th December	Kindergarten Orientation Day 3, 9:00-10:00am Galston High School Orientation Day
Thursday 5 th December	Annual Presentation Day Assembly, 9:00am Evacuation Drill 1:00pm
Friday 6 th December	Assembly, 2:05pm – Year 6 item
Week 9, Term 4	
Monday 9 th December	Principal's Morning Tea, 10:30am Senior Choir to Bendigo Bank, 11:00am
Thursday 12 th December	P&C Carols Night
Friday 13 th December	Talent Quest No Assembly

Note	Due Date
Year 5: Year 6 jerseys for 2020	Thursday 12 th December
Year 6: party day permission	Thursday 12 th December

From the Relieving Principal

Aussie Ark Fundraiser

Last Thursday, the students were thoroughly excited to meet two baby Tasmanian Devils and to hear all about these amazing Australian animals. Our school generously raised \$567 to support the Aussie Ark project. Aussie Ark was established in 2011 as 'Devil Ark', with a focus on saving the iconic Tasmanian devil from extinction. Since then and due to overwhelming success, the role of the organisation has expanded, and now has a vision of creating a long-term future for our threatened Australian species.

Thank you to the Cepak and Smart families for driving this fundraiser and to all of the families who donated cakes for the cake stall.





Stage 2 ZooSnooz

On Monday afternoon we waved to the many smiling and excited faces of our Stage 2 students as they set off on their journey to the zoo. The children experienced a Night Safari where they were able to get up close to the animals and talk to the zoo keepers. They also enjoyed a night view of our beautiful Sydney Harbour! On Tuesday the students successfully navigated the weather to enjoy many of the zoos exhibits. Thank you to Mr Finch, Miss Mahony and Mr Fraser for taking time away from their families to provide this educational and social / emotional learning experience for our students. Congratulations to the students on your excellent behaviour throughout the excursion.



2020 School Captains, House Captains and Library Monitors

We have now concluded nominations, voting and selection of School Captains and Vice-Captains, House Captains and Vice-Captains and Library Monitors. Well done to all of the Year 5 students who nominated themselves for a leadership position. A letter will shortly be mailed home to the families of the children who have been elected or selected to fill a leadership role for next year and the students will be inducted at our Presentation Assembly on Thursday 5th December.

Presentation Day Assembly RSVPs

A letter has been mailed home to the families of the children who will receive an award at our Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday 5 December, 9:00am. Please ensure you RSVP to the school office to confirm you have received this correspondence.

ICAS

Well done to students who participated in the ICAS Writing Assessment online. These certificates were presented at the COLA assembly on Monday.



Parent Helpers and Volunteers' Breakfast

In recognition of the valuable contribution to Galston Public School of our parent helpers and volunteers, we would like to invite all who have helped and volunteered at the school in any way during the year to join us for a breakfast hosted by the teachers. This includes helping in the classroom, library, sport, scripture, special days, transporting students, computers, excursions, canteen and P&C.

Date: Monday 16th December
Time: 7:30am – 8:45am
Venue: School Hall



Planning for 2020

We are currently planning for 2020 and would greatly appreciate receiving information regarding student movement. If your child is not returning to Galston Public School next year, please let us know.

2020 Classes

This Friday 29th November is the last day for submitting a letter noting any factors that may affect the placement of your child in our 2020 classes. Whilst I cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requests, we will consider the information provided and, if possible, find a satisfactory solution. To minimise disruption and to retain balanced numbers, changes will not be made to classes once they have been formed in 2020.



Rebecca Wallace

Hills Bus Route 3128 Travel Advice

There will be a minor time adjustment for route 3128 commencing 9 December 2019. Please see the school bus travel advice sheet for Galston Public School further on in the newsletter. A reminder that students must have a valid Opal card to travel on school buses, and must tap on and off morning and afternoon.

Library Notice

Overdue notices have been sent home with students who have outstanding books. Please check at home for any books with the Galston Public School barcode on and return them to the library by the end of this week. If you received a note and have looked for the books but cannot find them, please write this on the note, sign it, and return the note to the library so that we know a search has been made. Thank you.

Mrs Antonie, Mrs Weiss and Mrs Morgan – *Librarians*

Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 - Christmas Shopping Edition!!

- **Cash or cheque** orders must be returned to school by **Thursday 28th November**– in an envelope clearly marked with Book Club, child's name and class.
- **Credit payment** must be completed using Scholastic's **LOOP** facility.
- If paying by cash or cheque (return order to school) and ensure **correct** payment is enclosed
 - **CHEQUES** – payable to Scholastic Books
 - **CASH** – must be exact amount: change not available.
- If the order is completed by your child – **please check it!**
- **Late orders will not be accepted.**



Quick return to ensure delivery before the holidays.

- **Parent orders** (e.g. a present for child) – mark the envelope as a parent order and include your phone number.

Delia Morgan – *Book Club Coordinator*

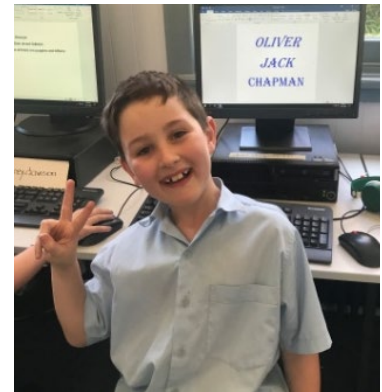
News From 1-2M

1-2M have really let their light shine this year! As a class we have worked together to help each other learn each and every day.

This term, we have had a great time learning about fairytales and we have really enjoyed growing our creative minds to create fractured fairy tales! What's a fractured fairytale, you might ask? A fractured fairytale is a well-known fairy tale with a *twist!* This term we have twisted many fairytales, including Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Cinderella, Jack and the Bean Stalk, and many more! Fracturing fairytales gives us the giggles in 1-2M, because our stories are so funny and different from the original story. We love sharing our fractured fairytales, so feel free to come and check them out: we would love to read them to you!

This term we have also started to build some new skills on the computers. We are superstars at logging in to our school computers and learning where all the keys are on the keyboard. We have been using Word documents to type information about us, including our name, favourite colour and favourite animals. Miss Mifsud even taught us some cool tricks, like how to change the font style, font size and font colours. It was really cool and lots of fun: we cannot wait until the next time we have a computer lesson.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of the school year.



Madaleine Mifsud – 1-2M

P&C News

Christmas Carols at Vision Valley

Remember to book your FREE tickets to the GPS & Community Carols evenings on Thursday 12th December at Vision Valley. Feel free to bring family and friends along. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

<http://carolsinthevalley.com.au>

Raffle

Our Christmas raffle this year is being sold using an online tool. There are some great prizes on offer, so go online to check them out and buy tickets:

https://www.rafflelink.com.au/galstonpandccarols19?fbclid=IwAR0DrZwRmbapI42fFYjc0gwt_PULA-I0ePH4UDhJPmfwr6S9xPdYGRDxKeo

Kim Alsdorf – *P&C President*, kim@galstonpandc.org.au

Canteen News

Friday 29th November and Monday 2nd December Lunch + Counter Sales

Please lodge orders through Flexischools.com.au by 9.15am.

If your child is absent from school on a lunch ordering day you are able to cancel the order online prior to cut off at 9.15am or call Flexischools on 1300 361 769.

The canteen will be closed for lunch orders on the following Friday and this is reflected in Flexischools:

Friday 13th December – only open for lunch time counter sales

We have had 2 parents indicate that they will open the canteen for 45 mins at lunch time for counter sales on this date. Thank you!

SPECIAL *** This Friday we will be selling choc chip cookies for \$1 each.

We are discontinuing Baked Bean jaffles due to the difficulty in keeping the equipment clean and at a standard that the Health Inspectors will permit. They are no longer able to be ordered in Flexischools..

Louise O'Rourke – Canteen Committee

Friday Roster

29th November

Helpers	Assistant	Supervisor
9:30-12:00 Debbie Webb	9:00-3:00 Amal Grogan	9:00-3:00 Rosie Barba
12:00-3:00 Belinda Lagos		

Monday Roster

	Morning 10:30 to 1:30	Afternoon 12:30-2:30
2 nd December	Kristie Chambers	Susan Vriens

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open twice a term unless the following term will be a change of season/uniform, in which case we will open on an additional afternoon.

We will be open for Kindergarten Orientation at 10am on Wednesday 4th December. While priority will be given to the parents and students commencing Kindergarten in 2020, we welcome other parents to visit at this time if they need to purchase anything. Uniform shop opening dates for 2020 will be announced shortly.

We encourage all parents and carers to order uniforms via Flexischools. Orders will be packed and sent home with students at the start and end of each week. Any enquiries please contact us via uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au

Kristie Chambers and Belinda Crofts – Uniform Shop Coordinators

KU Galston Preschool Enrolling Now for 2020

KU Galston provides high quality, not for profit preschool education for children aged 3 to 5 years old, including:

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KU Galston Preschool

Open 8:00am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday

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T 9653 2252 E ku.galston@ku.com.au



School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

For current Hillsbus school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: www.transportnsw.info

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right

GALSTON PS

Bell Times

Morning: 08:55

Afternoon: 15:00

Effective 09/12/2019

MORNING BUSES		
Route	Time	Bus Route
3128	08:04	EX PINE VALLEY CL via Calderwood, L>Galston, R>Crosslands to Matthew (08:12), return Crosslands, R>Bevans, R>Knights, L>Chadd, turn at Radnor (08:19), R>Knights, L>Bayfield, R>Gribbenmount, L>Arcadia, continues R>Galston, Galston HS (08:35), R>Galston, L>Mid Dural, R>Johnson, R>Hansen (08:39), R>Hakea, L>Hansen, L>Johnson, L>Mid Dural, L>Galston, L>Arcadia to Galston PS
3136	08:11	EX HILLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL via L>Kenthurst, L>Maple, R>Jaffa, R>Derriwong, L>Old Northern, (Redfield College 08:20), R>Old Northern R>Galston, arrive Galston HS and transfer to Route 3128 (due 08:35) (see below)
3127	08:15	EX NORTHOLM GRAMMAR via Cobah, R>Arcadia to school
638	08:40	EX BEROWRA WATERS via Route 638 to school

AFTERNOON BUSES		
Route	Time	Bus Route
3569	15:05	TO CALDERWOOD RD VIA CROSSLANDS RD & HAKEA CRES EX ARCADIA RD (from bus bay facing north) via Arcadia, R>Gribbenmount, L>Byfield, R>Knights, R>Bevans, L>Crosslands to Matthew Close, returns Crosslands, L>Galston, R>Calderwood to Pine Valley (15:17), returns Calderwood, L>Galston, R>Middle Dural, R>Johnson, R>Hansen, R>Hakea (Loop), L>Hansen, L>Johnson, L>Mid Dural, R>Galston to Galston HS
3546	15:05	TO GALSTON HIGH VIA RADNOR RD EX ARCADIA RD (from library facing north) via Arcadia, R>Carrs, R>Bayfield, L>Knights, L>Chadd, turn at Radnor, return Chadd, R>Knights, L>Bevans, R>Crosslands, R>Galston to Galston HS
3585	15:15	TO KENTHURST & MARAYLA via Arcadia, R>Galston Rd, L>Old Northern Rd, R>Derriwong, L>Jaffa, R>Valencia, L>Spring, R>Jaffa, L>Maple, R>Kenthurst, L>Annangrove to Marian College (15:48), return R>Annangrove, L>Kenthurst, R>Dural St to Kenthurst PS (16:00), R>Kenthurst, L>Pitt Town, L>Lang to Alicia, return Lang, L>Pitt Town to Boundary Rd
3562	15:32	TO PEEBLES & NOLLANDS RD via Arcadia, R>Blacks, L>Arcadia, R>Cobah, L>Nollands to Peebles
3524	15:35	TO BEROWRA WATERS via Arcadia, Bay, L>Venner, L>Chilcott, (15:53) to Berowra Waters, return Bay, Arcadia, R>Galston, R>Mid Dural to Old Northern

Comedy for a Cause

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019

Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm / 18+

Show may contain adult themes and offensive language.

Featuring comedians from
**Sydney & Melbourne
International
Comedy Festivals**

comedyforacause.net/BONEDRY

 **The Galston Club**
21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston



In Support of:

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Kids CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 1ST 2019 2-5PM
THE GALSTON CLUB
DISCO / FACE PAINT / CUPCAKE DECORATING
Drink & Chips
And a visit from Santa with a gift for all the children
\$17.00 per child (members)
\$20.00 per child (non members)
Tickets must be purchased by the 25th of November





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GPS Carols in the Valley – 2019 Thursday, 12th December

Exciting news....

Tickets for the GPS Carols in the Valley family fun night are now available for Galston Public School families and friends. Tickets are **FREE** but you do need to book - to ensure we have adequate resources available on the night.

It is going to be a great way to celebrate the end of the year together!

AND ... don't forget to pack your children's swimmers (and yours if you feel like cooling down), towel and a change of clothes for the carols. Closed shoes are required for some of the activities so throw them in the bag too. Here are some fun facts about the night -

Program for the afternoon

- Activities will run from 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- Carols will run from 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Dinner will be served from 5pm-6.30pm

Activities (cost for activities is a gold coin donation)

- Giant waterslide
- Supervised swimming pool
- Canoeing (8 years+)
- Flying fox (10 years+)
- Petting zoo

(Please note for flying fox and canoeing, closed-in shoes are required. NO thongs or sandals.)

Food and Drinks

- Gourmet beef burger \$6.00
- Gourmet chicken burger \$6.00
- Nachos (GF, V) \$6.00
- Hot chips \$3.00
- Sausage sandwich & coleslaw \$3.00



Christmas Carols

GPS teachers will be there on the night to direct the students when it's time to sing their carols.

Please note parents are responsible for their children on the night – teachers will be there to direct children during their songs for the concert only.

Other Details

Christmas candles, soft drinks and ice creams will be available to purchase on the night. (Please note there will be no ATM on-site so bring gold coins!)

Free water points will be available on site so bring your refillable water bottles.

In order to ensure we cater for everyone, please click on the link below to find out all the details and follow the link to register for tickets and pre-order food:

<http://carolsinthevalley.com.au>

The presale code for GPS families and friends is: **jinglebells**

IMPORTANT NOTE

Tickets will be exclusively available to GPS families and friends until Friday 15th November. After this time, tickets will be open to the local community, so please be sure to secure your spot before that in order to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are required to attend the event - so please don't forget to book! All tickets are FREE but numbers are limited.

We're looking forward to celebrating the end of the year and Christmas time together!

Best wishes from your Fab-YULE-us Christmas team!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS



GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. Great Christmas fun for the whole family.

Hornsby Library

Thursday 5 December, 6.30pm-8pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre

Saturday 7 December, 2.30pm-4pm

Ages: All ages. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$35.00 per family. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil board and cellophane for wrapping.

Bookings: Places are strictly limited! Book early to avoid disappointment! Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Followed by a performance from Sean Murphy, also known as Games Boy '18! Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club.

Hornsby Library

Wednesday 4 December. Registration at 4.30pm, performance starts at 5.30pm.

Ages: 0-14 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free for all Summer Reading Club members

Bookings: No bookings required. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show. Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4:30pm. Come early so you don't miss our great show.



CAROL CLAUS CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

It's a musical mission to save Christmas that kids both young and old can be a part of!

Hornsby Library

Tuesday 10 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre

Wednesday 11 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

Berowra Community Centre

Friday 13 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

Ages: 2-7 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$8.00 per child.

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



JOEL HOWLETT BALLOON WORKSHOP

Welcome to the wonderful world of balloon animals! The workshop is a great way to have fun and develop self-confidence at the same time. Every participant will leave the workshop with completed balloon sculptures, plus a sense of satisfaction!

Pennant Hills Leisure and Learning Centre

Tuesday 7 January, 10.30am-11.30am

Ages: 5-8 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$10.00 per child.

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

JOEL HOWLETT MAGIC WORKSHOP

Welcome to the wonderful world of magic! The magic workshop is your chance to learn some simple magic and juggling tricks with items you can find around the house. This workshop is a great way to have fun and develop self-confidence at the same time.

Hornsby Library

Thursday 9 January, 10.30-11.30am

Berowra District Hall

Thursday 9 January, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Ages: 5-8 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$10.00 per child.

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

FOR COUNCIL EVENTS AND LOCAL NEWS JOIN US:



Hornsby Library's Summer Reading Club changes for 2019

The Summer Reading Club will be undergoing some great new changes this year. We will be introducing a whole new way of logging your reading and entering for weekly prizes. Children will need to be registered by their parents in an online program called Beanstack.

Parents will need to select the 'I am an adult registering a child' button on the registration page. Children must have their own library card to register. For participants who wish to register and log their reading at the library, our Public Access computers will have a link to the Beanstack site.

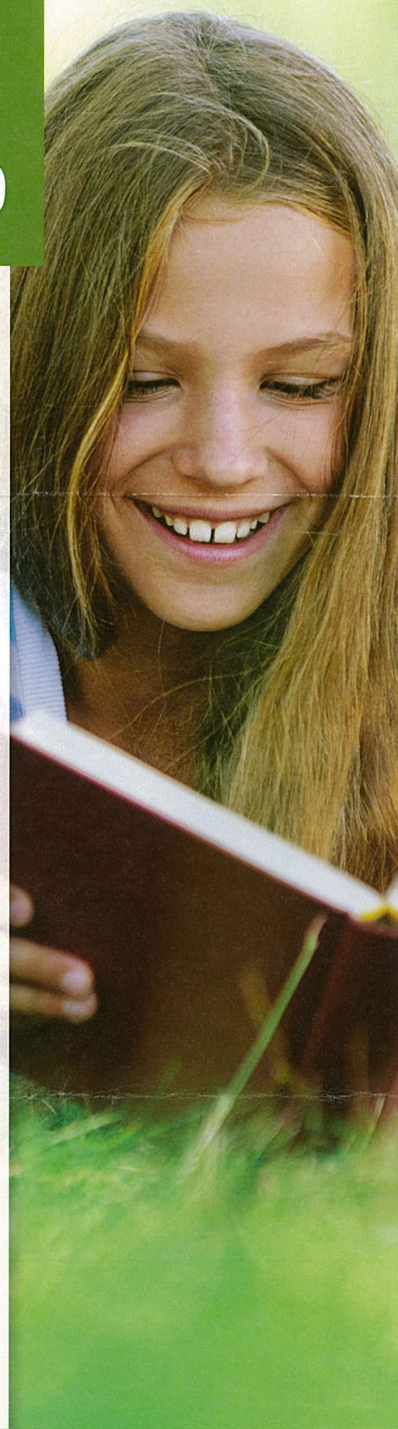
Otherwise, you can either log into Beanstack at the Hornsby library website at: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or download the free mobile app from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store.

What do you need to do?
Please register as soon

as possible before the Summer Reading Club Launch on Wednesday 4 December so that you can attend on the night, get your complimentary bag of goodies and see the hilarious performance by Games Boy '18. You can arrive as early as 4.30pm and there will be plenty to do before the performance starts at 5.30pm.

After 4 December you can start logging the days that you read through the 'Log Reading and Activities' button, record the books you read and even write reviews on them. After three days logged for each week's reading you will be awarded online badges each week and will be entered into your nominated branch's Weekly Draw to win prizes.

If you register after 4 December, go to your local branch to collect your complimentary bag.



For more information
about your local library visit

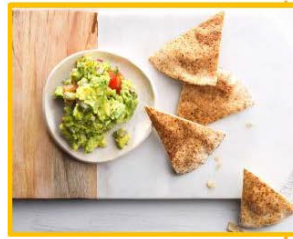
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



The simplest way

... to pack a picnic.

Summer is a great time to enjoy picnics with friends and family. We find it easiest to pack some different kinds of breads and crackers such as baguettes, wholemeal rolls, Lebanese bread, rice cakes and corn thins in the picnic basket and then a range of fillings in an esky for everyone to create their own lunch. Try these delicious fillings:



- [Hummus](#)
- [Kale and basil pesto](#)
- [Guacamole](#)
- Different types of cheese (cheddar, labneh, cream cheese)
- Sliced veg (e.g. tomato, capsicum, beetroot, lettuce)
- BBQ chicken

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The simplest way

... to pack a Christmas lunch box.

This bright and colourful Christmas themed lunch box is delicious and ticks off all 5 food groups. It includes:



- [Chicken and couscous salad](#)
- A yoghurt tub
- Diced watermelon
- Cucumber and cherry tomatoes
- [No bake cookies](#)
- Water

For more recipes, ideas and lunch box inspiration visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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