



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

Wednesday 4th December 2019

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Week 8, Term 4

Calendar Dates

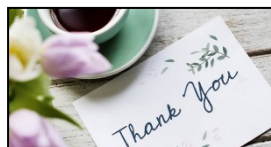
Week 8, Term 4	
Wednesday 4 th December	Kindergarten Orientation Day 3, 9:00-10:00am Galston High School Orientation Day
Thursday 5 th December	Annual Presentation Day Assembly, 9:00am Evacuation Drill 1:00pm
Friday 6 th December	Assembly, 2:05pm – Year 6 item
Week 9, Term 4	
Monday 9 th December	Principal's 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
Week 10, Term 4	
Monday 16 th December	Parent Helper and Volunteers' Breakfast, 7:30 – 8:45am K-6 Party Day Extra Play Student Reports sent home
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 6 Arch Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 6 to Vision Valley Last day of Term 4 for students

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

Parent Helpers and Volunteers' Breakfast

In recognition of the valuable contribution to Galston Public School from 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 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

Year 5 Readers

On Monday, a group of our Year 5 students went to Galston KU and Galston ELC to spend time reading to the preschool children. This minor, yet special event assists us to form connections with our community and the children who will attend Galston PS in future years. Thank you to Mrs Bolger for organising the visits.



Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly (PRC)

Congratulations to all the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. They received their certificates at a COLA assembly over the past 3 weeks. Thank you to the parents who encouraged their children at home during the challenge and thank you to Mrs Morgan for her hard work to make this year's challenge successful.

Well done to the students who received a Gold Award for completing the PRC for four years. Congratulations to Braeden, Jessica, Hannah, Amelie and Jasmine who received a Platinum Award for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge for seven consecutive years – what a great effort!



Week 8 PBL Awards

Gold Pins

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Gold Awards

Silver Award



Bronze Awards

Citizenship Awards





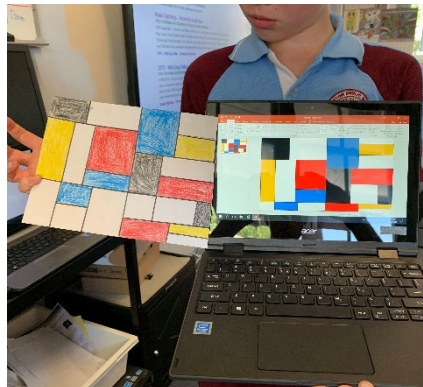
Rebecca Wallace

News From 3-4P

What an exciting term 3-4P has had so far! We have done some very exciting things and have worked really well to learn, share and produce some amazing things.

We have been using our laptops this term for lots of different things, practising lots of different skills to produce our best work:

- in Geography, during our inquisitive unit, where we have navigated eBooks and OneNote to learn about the environment and how we can protect it;
- in reading groups, when using Pobble 365 and Literacy Planet, to help us with our comprehension and word skills;
- in our Disney Pixar English unit, which is completely interactive on Microsoft OneNote!; and
- in digital representations in our Art lessons.



During our PDH lessons this term we have been looking at drug education. We have discussed the effects of medicine, caffeine and smoking on the body, and how to make safe decisions about drugs now and in the future.

In Sport we have been getting stuck into dance, with a mixture of contemporary 'Just Dance' songs and the 'Git up', and have recently started partner dancing to songs such as 'Heel, heel, toe'. It has been a blast! We have continued to have fitness on Wednesday, where we have taken part in a variety of games and activities which has been a heap of fun.

Last week, we took part in the amazing Zoo Snooze excursion, where we had so much fun seeing the animals at night, eating together with our friends, and going behind the scenes to see—and touch—some incredible animals! We



were tired, but it was certainly the highlight of the term!

Term 4 has also seen us take part in an activity called Genius Hour, which gives students the opportunity to teach the class about topics of their choosing that they are experts in. We have learnt many new things such as new sport games, skills to improve our soccer and basketball, and how to draw cartoon cats and dogs. Even Mr Fraser has learnt a new thing or two!

We are looking forward to Christmas and the carols and a great finish to 2019!

Sam Fraser – 3-4P

P&C News

Thank You

As we near the end of the school year (and again I say where has the time gone.....) I would like to say thank you to some of our volunteers.

Firstly, thank you to all our class coordinators for this year: Jenni, Alana, Shannon, Belinda, Ali, Leanne, Lucy, Sjaan, Jacqueline and Tanya. That weekend email to remind us about the week ahead is a great assistance!

Next, thank you to my executive and committee members for the P&C this past year: Megan, Ali, Farah, Kris, Jodie, Louise, Rosie, Sarah, Amal, Lucy, Kristie and Lachlan.

And a very big thank you to all the parents and carers who have assisted at the canteen or a fundraising event this year. Your help is key for us to be able to keep running these and benefiting our P&C to give back to the school. I would particularly like to thank a couple of parents who are leaving us this year for good and have over their years here worked many hours in our canteen: Liz Eren, Carolyn Somner, Julie Parker and Sarah Aviani.

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=IwAR0DrZwRmbapI42fYjc0gwt_PULA-I0ePH4UDhJPmfwr6S9xPdYGRDxKeo

Last cash raffle sales accepted through the school office on Wednesday 11th December at 3.00pm. Online raffle sales can still be made until Thursday 12th December at 10.00am.

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

Canteen News

Friday 6th and Monday 9th 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.

Party Day ordering is now available in Flexischools. Orders will close on Wednesday 11th December at 9.15am.

Low stock of Monday meals: we are out of stock of the Monday meal Macaroni Cheese. We are also running low on Lasagne. If your child orders an item that we run out of, we will speak with them and advise alternatives that are available.

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.

Friday 13th December – the canteen will be closed for lunch orders and only open for lunch time counter sales; this is reflected in Flexischools.

Louise O'Rourke – *Canteen Committee*

Friday Roster

6th December

Helpers	Assistant	Supervisor
9:30-12:00 Annie Norton-Taylor	9:00-3:00 Sandra Clarke	9:00-3:00 Jeff Best
12:00-3:00 Cholena Izzard		

Monday Roster

	Morning 10:30 to 1:30	Afternoon 12:30-2:30
9th December	Megan Kirkland	Megan Kirkland

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 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

Uniform shop opening dates for Term 1 2020 will be as follows.

- Wednesday 5th February 2.30 - 3.15pm
- Wednesday 12th February 2.30 - 3.15pm
- Wednesday 1st April 2.30 - 3.15pm
- Wednesday 29th April 2.30 - 3.15pm

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:

- ▶ An educational, play-based curriculum
- ▶ Qualified, caring and experienced educators
- ▶ A safe and nurturing environment
- ▶ A program specialising in environmental sustainability
- ▶ A full transition to school program
- ▶ Independently rated as **Exceeding** the National Quality Standard

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KU Galston Preschool
Open 8:00am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday
37 Arcadia Road (rear section), Galston
T 9653 2252 E ku.galston@ku.com.au





Summer Writing Club


For Kids

35 BOREDOM BUSTING creative writing challenges over summer!



- Beat boredom and become a better writer
- Sign up anytime
- 1st challenge available from December 16th
- New challenges unlocked daily
- Access challenges online anywhere, anytime
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
- Sign up at www.juniorwritersclub.com.au
- Use Codeword **SUMMER19** to claim your discount

www.juniorwritersclub.com.au



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

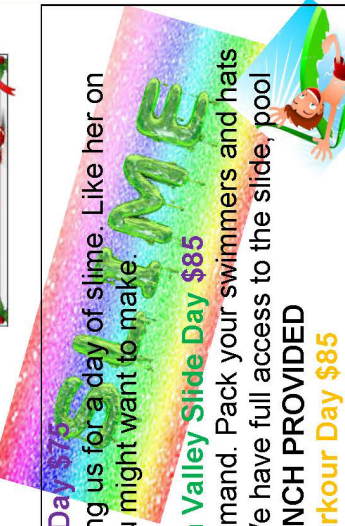
Tickets will be exclusively available to GPS families and friends until Friday 15th November. After this time, tickets will be open to the local community, so please be sure to secure your spot before that in order to avoid disappointment.

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!

Galston Vacation Care



Thursday 19th December – Christmas Day \$60
A day of all things Christmas!

Friday 20th December – Santa's Little Helper \$60
A free-for-all over all things craft in the cottage to help us clean up ready for 2020.

Closed from 23rd December – 10th January

Monday 13th January – Wheels Day \$60
Bring your helmet and your wheels for a day of tricks around the school.

Tuesday 14th January – Water and Slushie Day \$60
Bring your cozzies and towels for a day about all things water. We will make sure to teach the kids how to be water savvy.

Wednesday 15th January – Aldi's Greatest Race \$75
Back by popular demand! Let's get our recipes and race down to Aldi and back to cook up a storm. Will your team win?
***ALL MEALS INCLUDED**

Thursday 16th January – Strike Bowling and Mini Golf \$85
Off on an excursion to Castle Towers for Strike Bowling and Mini Golf. Bus is leaving at 9:30

Friday 17th January - Coding Day \$75
Join us for a day of all things technology. Where will your drone end up?

Please use our online Fully Booked system for bookings
<https://galstonoosh.fullybookedccms.com.au/family>
For enquiries email Shanna at galstonoosh@gmail.com or call 0467 563 533.

Please make sure children have hats, water bottles and closed in shoes. Only afternoon tea is provided everyday unless stated otherwise.

Monday 20th January – Slime Day \$75
One of our local legends is joining us for a day of slime. Like her on Instagram to see what slime you might want to make.
~Magikslimes ~

Tuesday 21st January – Vision Valley Slide Day \$85
Another one back by popular demand. Pack your swimmers and hats for an excursion to the valley. We have full access to the slide, pool and beach volleyball areas! ***LUNCH PROVIDED**

Wednesday 22nd January – Parkour Day \$85
An excursion over to Mt Kuring-gai's Moving Bodies centre where the children will learn all things parkour! This is going to be a good one! Please wear closed in shoes and socks for this one and don't forget your water bottle.

Thursday 23rd January – Inflatable Sports Day \$75
Today's incursion is a giant inflatable sports stadium. Join us for the games.

Friday 24th January – Australia Day \$60
Today we are celebrating all things Aussie. Don't worry about lunch today, we will provide a sausage sizzle for lunch.
***LUNCH PROVIDED**

Monday 27th – Closed for Australia Day
Tuesday 28th January - Move for Maccas Day \$70
Join us for a jam-packed day of sports and games to earn our McDonald's for lunch.
***LUNCH PROVIDED**



DURAL ANGLICAN RATED EXTREME

DARE

KIDS HOLIDAY EVENT

THURSDAY 19 & FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

ST JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH DURAL

DARE

For kids in school years K-6 (2019)

Thu 19 & Fri 20 Dec
9am - 3pm

Bookings
trybooking.com/BGSJM

Cost
\$25 for 2 days
Family max \$50

DARE is a new kids holiday event at St Jude's Anglican Church in Dural. The 2 days are filled with games and craft and music and food ... and lots more. We'll also learn about how good Jesus is.

DARE is for all kids in years K-6 (2019). Bring some friends and make new ones.

Morning tea & lunch included.

DARE is held at St Jude's Anglican Church Dural

Further Information
duralanglican.org.au


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0404 838 649
matt@duralanglican.org.au

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duralanglican.org.au
9651 1119



Piano

Small Group Piano lessons will start at
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Enrolment New Students for 2020



Digital Piano for each student. use our special
use our special Piano book learn piano easy and fun

\$18 per 30 Min \$18 per 30
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Tuesday Friday. 1;30-2:00
lesson at school

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Or Call 9651 4892 after 6:00 PM



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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: \$9.00 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.

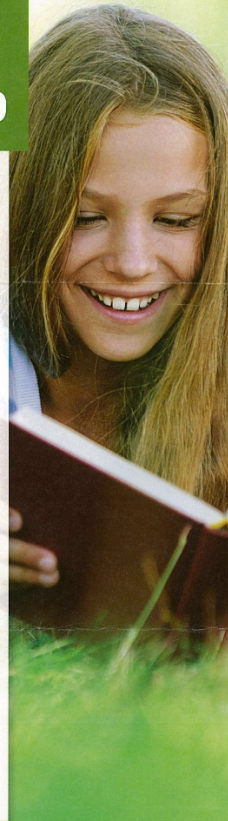
Otherwise, you can either log into Beanstack at the Hornsby library website at: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or download the free mobile app from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store.

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



CHILDREN'S TERM 1, 2020 SCIENCE PROGRAMS

A series of interactive science programs presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Children will develop ideas and skills that will inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning.

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

A four week program aimed for 6 to 8 years young scientists presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

SESSION 1: Bottled Planet Monday 16 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Dive into the science of life cycles by creating your own bottled planet aquarium with living plants and animals (algae and brine shrimp) to take home.

SESSION 2: Science of Sherbet Monday 23 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Explore the sometimes explosive effects of acid-base reactions to discover how sherbet tingles your tongue, and make your own to take home.

SESSION 3: All Wired Up Monday 30 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Get all wired up with real-world circuitry using LEDs, switches, motors and buzzers, and discover the role and function of these common electronic components.

SESSION 4: Marble Run Monday 6 April, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Challenge yourself in our marble-ous marble run, using household items and recycled materials to race your marble against the clock.

Location: Hornsby Library
28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Ages: Strictly 6-8 years.
Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$60 for the 4 week program.

Limit: 25 children.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.

Lego Club Term 1 2020

A brick-tacular workshop where students combine coding, robotics and Lego! This term, we will be learning how to make a robot that walks.

When: **Monday 10 February**, 4pm-5pm
Pennant Hills Community Centre
Thursday 19 March, 4pm-5pm
Berowra Balcony Room

Ages: Strictly 7-12 years

Cost: **\$5 per child.** Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library
Places are extremely limited.



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CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2020
Y3 - Y8 Students

Hornsby Library
Meeting Room

Every Tuesday
from 4 February to 7 April
(10 weeks)

INTERMEDIATE COURSE
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Y3- Y8 students
continuing and with previous experience

PRO COURSE
5:10 pm - 6:10 pm, Y4 - Y8 students
continuing and with previous experience

For new **BEGINNERS COURSE** please email us at info@code4fun.com.au

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