



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

Wednesday 11th December 2019

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Week 9, Term 4

Calendar Dates

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
Week 1, Term 1 - 2019	
Monday 27 th January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 th January	School Development Day
Wednesday 29 th January	Students in Years 1-6 return Best Start Kindergarten Assessment
Thursday 28 th January	Best Start Kindergarten Assessment
Friday 30 th January	No Assembly Best Start Kindergarten Assessment
Week 2, Term 1 - 2019	
Monday 3 th February	Kindergarten students commence

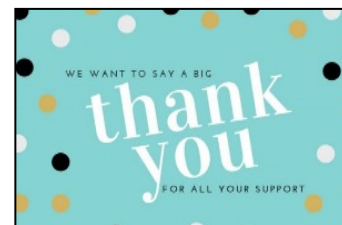
Note	Due Date
Year 5: Year 6 jerseys for 2020	Thursday 12 th December
Year 6: party day permission	Thursday 12 th December
Year 1 and 2: school swimming program 2020 expression of interest	ASAP

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 6 Item

Last Friday our Year 6 students performed 'The Cup Song' at our final assembly for the year. We will certainly 'miss you when you're gone' but we know you will take on your new adventure with enthusiasm and effort! Good luck in High School.

Presentation Assembly

Thank you to all the parents, community members and special guests who attended our annual Presentation Assembly to join us in recognising and celebrating student achievement, effort, improvement and performance for 2019. Well done to all of our students for their tremendous efforts throughout the year. The following awards were presented:

Class Awards

KW

Shaun Academic Achievement
Tyson Consistent Effort
Marc Most Improved
Layla Citizenship

1-2M

Audrey Academic Achievement
Finn M Academic Achievement
Arianna Most Improved
Grace Citizenship

3-4F

Annabelle Academic Achievement
Sophie Academic Achievement
Fletcher Most Improved
Elijah Citizenship

3-4P

Lachlan Academic Achievement
Jessica Academic Achievement
Nikole Most Improved
Cooper Citizenship

5-6S

Caitlan Academic Achievement
Amelie Academic Achievement
Ben Most Improved
Emily Citizenship

1-2B

Lanthe Academic Achievement
Jethro Academic Achievement
Tony Most Improved
Dallas Citizenship

1-2P

Xavier Academic Achievement
Tama Academic Achievement
Sophie Most Improved
Gregory Citizenship

3-4M

Billie Academic Achievement
Eva Academic Achievement
Ariana Most Improved
Sabella Citizenship

5-6M

Cooper Academic Achievement
Milla Academic Achievement
Caitlin Most Improved
Ruby Citizenship

5-6W

Simon Academic Achievement
Michael Academic Achievement
Lachlan Most Improved
Hannah Citizenship

Mrs Ward's Reading Awards

Tiana 1-2M, Brayden 3-4M and Indiana 5-6M

Year 6 Special Awards

Premiers Sporting Challenge Medallion: Kaden 5-6W

Sportsperson of the Year: Amber 5-6M

Library Service Award: Rachel H 5-6W

Performing Arts: Amelie 5-6S

The Year 6 Award: Rachel P 5-6S

Year 6 Citizen of the Year: Michael 5-6W

School Dux: Jasmine 5-6M

Sport Awards

Junior Girl Swimming Champion	Evy
Junior Boy Swimming Champion	Ben
11 Years Girl Swimming Champion	Madison
11 Years Boy Swimming Champion	Flynn
Senior Girl Swimming Champion	Amber
Senior Boy Swimming Champion	Rhys
Junior Girl Athletics Champion	Sohpie
Junior Boy Athletics Champion	Tyler
11 Years Girl Athletics Champion	Alannah
11 Years Boy Athletics Champion	Matthew

Senior Girl Athletics Champion Amber
Senior Boy Athletics Champion Braeden
Winning House for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Cross Carnivals Boronia
Student Leaders

2020 School Captains Caitlan & Jack
2020 Vice-Captains Myffy & Jordan

House Captains

Banksia House Captains	Kiera & Cooper
Banksia House Vice-Captains	Emily & Lachlan E
Boronia House Captains	Rose & Matthew
Boronia House Vice-Captains	Lexi & Finn
Waratah House Captains	Indiana & William L
Waratah House Vice-Captains	Dean
Wattle House Captains	Charli & Lachlan C
Wattle House Vice-Captains	Isabelle & William S

Library Monitors

Caddie	Ruby	Charlie	Cooper	Jordan	Dean
Flynn	Indiana	Will L	Lachlan	Kiera	Myffy



Student Reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Monday 16th December. Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts during the year. Thank you to our teachers, who have spent a tremendous amount of time writing reports based on a semester of quality teaching and assessment.

The Australian Government requires schools to report on student progress using an A to E scale, or equivalent wording. Our reports use wording, as follows: A = Outstanding, B = High, C = Sound, D = Basic and E = Limited. This grading scale may be different to that used on reports from your school days.

A 'Sound' (or 'C') grade indicates that a student has achieved what we expect against the particular syllabus outcomes; their skills are sound. A 'Basic' (or 'D') grade indicates that they have not quite achieved the particular syllabus outcomes, but have some skills to draw upon. Other students may be in the early stages of achieving the syllabus outcomes; they have elementary skills and would receive a 'Limited' (or 'E') grade.

Some students who have consistently demonstrated a high level of achievement against the syllabus outcomes may receive a 'High' (or 'B') grade. Students who consistently perform at a level beyond the syllabus expectations may receive an 'Outstanding' (or 'A') grade.

Don't forget to look closely at your child's effort description, as this is a key factor in his/her application and, more often than not, enjoyment of learning. If you have any questions about your child's report, you are most welcome to contact the school to arrange a time to speak to the class teacher.

Parking and School Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Please take care and be patient when dropping off and/or collecting your child from school and take note of the parking signs. A number of community members have recently expressed concern about the congestion out the front of the school, cars parking in the Kiss and Drop zone, children crossing roads without supervision, and cars double parking. Please consider the safety of all of our children.

Week 9 PBL Awards

Gold Pins and Gold Awards

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Galston Gotcha Prize Draw Winners



Rebecca Wallace

News From 5-6W

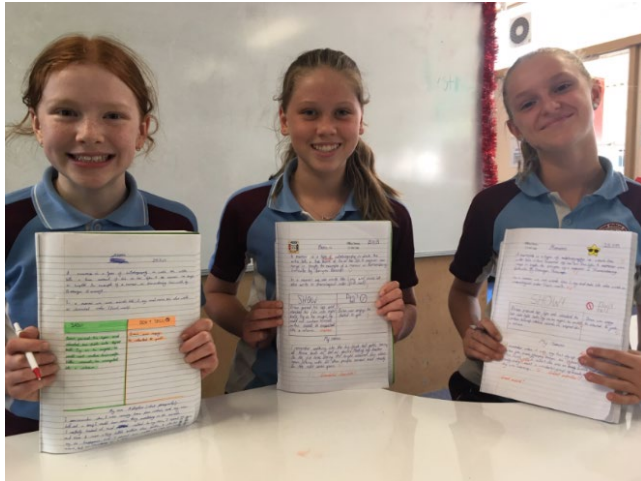
The last few weeks have been very busy. 5-6W really enjoyed the Paul Wade incursion. We had a lot a lot of fun participating in some fitness and team building / cooperation activities.



The students have been working hard in Visual Arts. They have produced some amazing artworks!

In English this term, we have been learning about the elements of visual literacy. Students have been identifying these elements in a variety of texts and explaining their meaning. We have also been learning to 'Show, Don't Tell!' Mrs Ambler has been very impressed by the creative writing pieces 5-6W has produced this semester.





Well done on all your hard work this semester, 5-6W!

Amy Ambler – 5-6W

P&C News

Carols Evening

We look forward to seeing all our GPS families tomorrow night at Carols in the Valley! Come early and let the kids enjoy some activities (gold coin donation). Find a good spot for your picnic blanket and enjoy the show.

<http://carolsinthevalley.com.au>

Christmas 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=IwAR0DrZwRmbapI42fFYjc0qwt_PULA-I0ePH4UDhJPmfwr6S9xPdYGRDxKeo

Last cash sales for our Christmas raffle will be 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 13th (CLOSED for lunch orders) and Monday 16th December (PARTY DAY) Counter Sales

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

Monday December 16 – PARTY DAY. Lunch orders have now closed. We will be selling cakes and slices at recess. During lunch we will have a selection of icecreams available including Calippo, Zooper Doopers, Paddle Pops and our usual Moosies and Juicies.

If you would like the canteen to open on all Mondays and Fridays in Term 1 next year, please consider whether you are able to join our volunteer roster. **Term 1 2020 Roster is now available for shift selection and sign up.** Please see:

Monday roster: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ba8a823a6f58-monday2>

Friday roster: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ba8a823a6f58-friday2>

As we have done this year, if we don't fill all the shifts on a particular day we will close the canteen.

The Canteen Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who give up their time to assist with the running of the canteen. Without your help the school would not have a service that the children enjoy using, nor would the school be able to as easily provide air conditioning, whiteboards, school recreation equipment and additional teaching staff for those children in need of assistance. We are very lucky to have a small group of dedicated volunteers. Your assistance is appreciated!
All the best wishes for the festive season.

Louise O'Rourke, Rosie Barba, Susan Vriens and Megan Kirkland – *Canteen Committee*

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*

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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!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 sizzlie 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**





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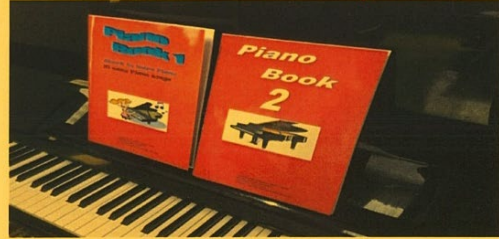
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