



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

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Week 7, Term 4

Calendar Dates

| Week 7 Term 4 | |
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| Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th November | Stage 2 camp days (No overnight stay) |
| Friday 27 th November | No Assembly this week |
| Week 8 Term 4 | |
| Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd December | Christmas Sale Extravaganza |
| Friday 4 th December | Stage 3 Big Day Out at Great Aussie Bush Camp Gosford |
| Friday 4 th December | No Assembly this week |

| Note | Due Date |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Stage 3 Big Day Out | OVERDUE |

From the Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

At our next P&C meeting (Tuesday December 8th – Week 9 Term 4), the executive team and I will be presenting the draft of our updated PBL structures. We would encourage any and all available parents to attend, as there are sure to be many questions and feedback which we will need to address prior to implementation in 2021.

This will also be our first face to face P&C meeting since early Term 1, and we look forward to meeting on school grounds in person!

Composite Classes in 2021

Following on from our Week 6 newsletter, in which I outlined the process our teachers go through when forming classes, I would like to provide you with some information about composite classes.

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents who returned our TTFM surveys and feedback after the working from home period earlier this year. Many parents commented positively about the community feel of our school. With a relatively small school such as ours, which offers the sense of community that many of you identify as a real highlight, comes composite classes.

There are two reasons why composite classes are formed instead of, or in addition to, parallel/straight classes:

1. **Administrative** - the NSW Department of Education's state-wide school staffing formula informs a school as to how many staff will be appointed to that school and how many classes can be formed based on numbers enrolled. Students in Years K-2 attract a higher staffing allocation than those in Years 3-6 classes. This usually enables schools to keep K-2 classes smaller. According to the number of students in each year group, classes are formed to meet the staffing allocation provided by the Department of Education.
2. **Educational** - classes are formed on the basis of educational rationale, which includes the need to balance the social and academic needs of all of our students.

Based on our projected student numbers for 2021, we will need to form quite a few composite classes. Within every class grouping, composite or not, there exists a wide range of academic abilities and social needs.

Composite classes are very common in NSW public schools. We have had composite classes at Galston for many, many years and we will continue to have composite classes in the future. In some regards, children have always been in multi-aged classes, as the ages of Kindergarten students can range from 4 years, 9 months to 6 years, 6 months - a 21-month difference.

Some children start school having had no pre-school experience, not being able to write their name and still requiring toileting assistance. Others are quite mature, are able to read, write their name and some words, and even do simple maths problems.

This range of ages and abilities continues to be reflected throughout the schooling process; same class, but very different ability levels and stages of learning.

The meaning of 'composite' is to be mixed, blended, combined. Therefore, any class of more than one student is technically a 'composite' class. Indeed, there is no evidence to show that a group of children who are all within a 12-month age range can be expected to learn the same things, the same way, the same day, at the same time. Most classes have students with widely varying abilities. Our dedicated and hard-working teachers modify their programs according to the needs of their students, regardless of class structure.

I would be only too happy to discuss any of the information above with any parents/carers should you still have any questions regarding composite classes at Galston PS.

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| Week 7 PBL Awards | |
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| Galston Gotcha Prize Draw Winners | |
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School Captain 2021 Nominees

Well done to the 9 boys and 9 girls who nominated themselves for School Captain in 2021. All students did an amazing job presenting their speech to the students in Years 2-6. Thank you to Sue Downing, representing the GPS P&C, for coming in to assist with the counting of the votes. Leadership positions will be announced at presentation day on Thursday 10th December.

Giulia Muscat – Assistant Principal Stage 3



Library News



This week is the last week of borrowing for the year.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE END OF WEEK 8 (3rd December).

This will allow us to have time to return, stocktake and shelve all the books ready for another great year in the library in 2021. Thank you!

Mrs Antonie and Mrs Weiss – Librarians

News From 5-6G

This week 5-6G has been doing several things including:

Mini Fete

This year in mini fete there were eight stalls including:

- Haunted house
- Nerf wars
- Food frenzy
- Water warzone
- Slime splasher 'n' slushies (the best)
- Mini mix
- Quack scoop
- Sponge throw/dunk it

At the end of the day, with most of the Stage 3 students dripping wet (and dripping with slime), the raffle with lots of fabulous prizes was drawn. The three main prizes were a \$100 visa voucher (won by Sam), apple air pods (won by Grace) and the main affair an apple iPad (won by Charlie).

Gala Day

On Tuesday, Stage 2 and Stage 3 went to the League Tag Gala Day. Stage 3 went to Montview Oval and played about 5-7 games of league tag. At the League Tag Gala Day there were 4 senior boys teams and 2 senior girls teams. There were lots of different schools from private schools to public schools.



Book Report

5-6G have been studying a senior picture book. *I Saw Nothing* by Gary Crew is about a young girl, Rosie, who tells the story of the capture and death of the last Tasmanian tiger, tragically declared a protected species after the last of its kind had already died. This is a sophisticated picture book based on a true story. After the book was read to us, we did some research on the Thylacine (Tasmanian tiger) and learnt some interesting facts.

PBL – Project Based Learning

We are continuing to work on improving Area 3. We have cleared the area and have assembled some garden beds. We needed to use our maths skills to calculate the area of the various design combinations. We finally agreed and were able to start assembling with the help of Victor. We also saved some extra turf we found. We are so proud to see how the grass is (mostly) a beautiful shade of green... even requiring a little bit of grass cutting soon!



Preparing the ground



Deciding on the different garden bed designs



Assembling the garden beds





Laying some turf we found!



Assembling a bird bath



Cutting the grass



Jack, Cooper, Elijah and Amy – 5-6G

Canteen News:

Week ending Friday 27th November

Can you believe we only have 3 Monday and 3 Friday canteen days left for 2020?! As we are winding down to the end of the year and the Party Day, please note that some of the menu items may become unavailable. This is because I don't want a large amount of stock left in the freezers over the summer holiday break, as we experience some wonderful summer storms in our area and the chance of a power outage during that time is highly likely, so the least amount of stock in the freezer means the less we will lose if this occurs. Our full menu will be back for our first canteen day of 2021, Friday 5th February.

Monday Menu – Due to quality issues with the Cheese & Bacon Pizzas these have been removed from the menu for the remainder of the term. Ham & Pineapple Pizzas are still available on the Monday menu.

Monday Roster

Below is the roster for the next two weeks. *Please note the shift time changes to the Monday Roster.*

| | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|
| Monday 30th November | | |
| 10.45am – 1.45pm | Adele Newby | |
| Recess: 10.45am-11.15am | Ali Toy | |
| 11.30am – 2.45pm | | Debbie Trebble |

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| Monday 7th December | | |
| 10.45am – 1.45pm | Lucy Parrin | |
| Recess: 10.45am-11.15am | Leanne Kennedy | |
| 11.30am – 2.45pm | | Adele Newby |

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| Monday 14th December | HELP REQUIRED PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY | |
| 10.45am – 1.45pm | | |
| Recess: 10.45am-11.15am | | |
| 11.30am – 2.45pm | | |

Friday Roster

Below is the roster for the remainder of the term:

| Friday 27th November | Helper | Helper | Assistant | Supervisor |
|--|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 9.30am – 12pm | Sjaan Perlowski | | | |
| 12pm – 3pm | | Debbie Trebble | | |
| 9am – 12pm | | | Belinda Crofts | |
| 12pm-3pm | | | Lucy Parrin | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | | Pamela Ferris |

| Friday 4th December | Helper | Helper | Assistant | Supervisor |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 9.30am – 12pm | Edyta Lynch | | | |
| 12pm – 3pm | | Debbie Trebble | | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | Jenni Bohman | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | | Megan Kirkland |

| Friday 11th December | Helper | Helper | Assistant | Supervisor |
|--|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 9.30am – 12pm | Sjaan Perlowski | | | |
| 12pm – 3pm | | Carol Hellams | | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | Jess Margules | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | | Pamela Ferris |

| Weds 16th December PARTY DAY | Helper | Helper | Assistant | Supervisor |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9.30am – 12pm | Sjaan Perlowski | | | |
| 12pm – 3pm | | Jenni Bohman | | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | Megan Kirkland Kim Alsdorf | |
| 9am – 3pm | | | | Pamela Ferris |

Your continued support of our canteen is very much appreciated!

Pamela Ferris – *Canteen Manager*, canteen@galstonpandc.org.au (0413 048 028)

P&C News

Our final P&C meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 8th December at 7pm. This meeting will be held in person in the school library and we'll be serving a few Christmas treats. It'll be a great chance to connect with families and staff before the school year finishes - hope to see you there!!

Sue Downing – *P&C President*, sedowning88@gmail.com (0487 601 925)

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be filling uniform orders placed through Flexischools weekly. If you do not have a Flexischools account, please contact the Uniform Shop so that other arrangements can be made. 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.

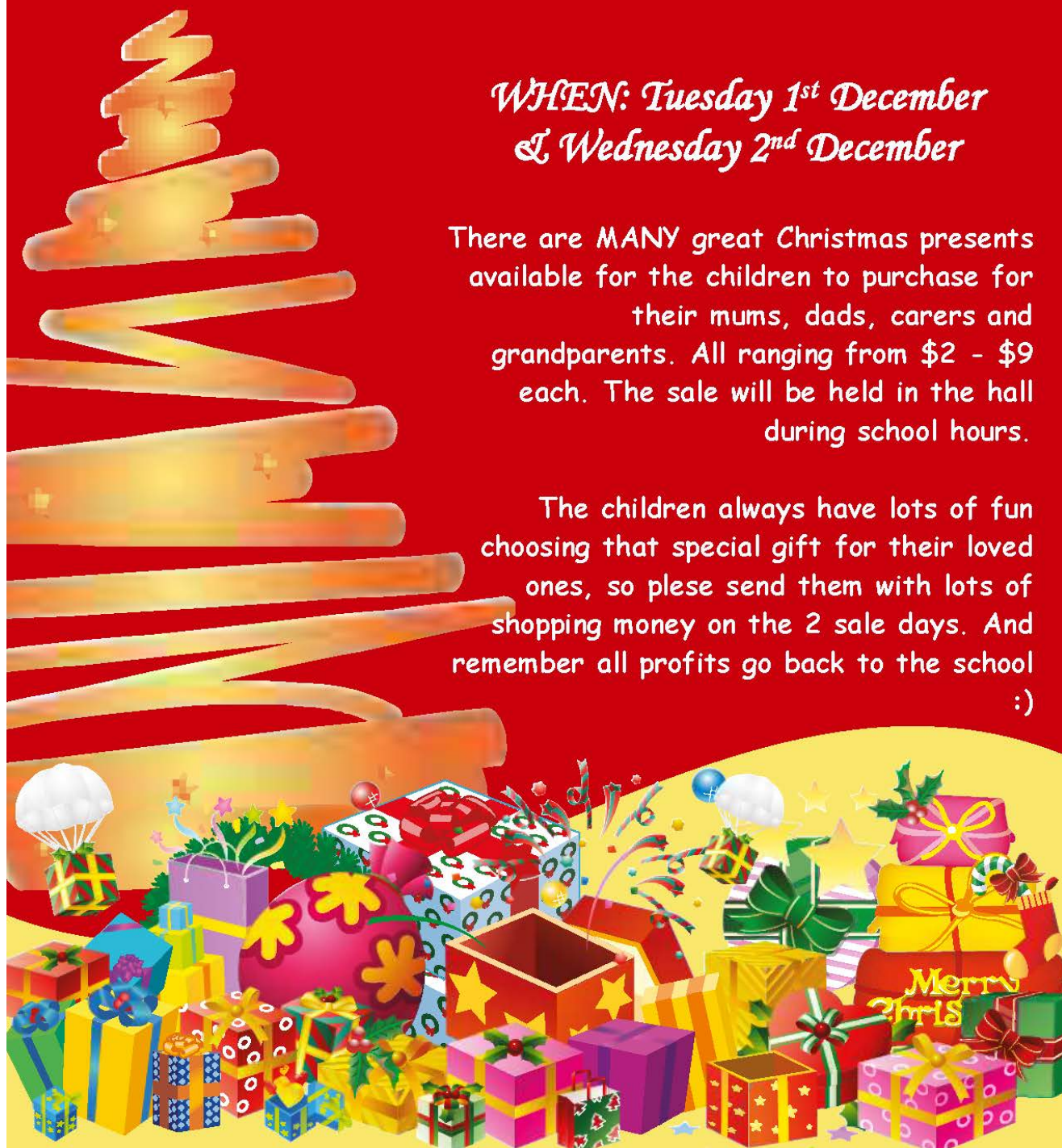
Ali Toy – *Uniform Shop Coordinator*

CHRISTMAS SALE EXTRAVAGANZA!

*WHEN: Tuesday 1st December
& Wednesday 2nd December*

There are MANY great Christmas presents available for the children to purchase for their mums, dads, carers and grandparents. All ranging from \$2 - \$9 each. The sale will be held in the hall during school hours.

The children always have lots of fun choosing that special gift for their loved ones, so please send them with lots of shopping money on the 2 sale days. And remember all profits go back to the school :)



🐝🐝🐝 LOCAL PURE HONEY FOR SALE 🐝🐝🐝

If Spring, the flowers and bees have inspired you to buy some real honey, I have plenty of pure, delicious and healthy local raw honey for sale from my hives in Arcadia, for \$15/kg.

Following a successful honey extraction day last Friday, 6th, I can now offer honey from either this or my previous extraction. Both batches are very similar in taste, and the slight variations are due to variations in the range of flowers, which change with the seasons.

If you are interested please contact me on **0411 744 914**. We of course have no coverage at home, but a text will work, and it may even turn up on my iPad.

Warren Birkinshaw

School Band Program

Dear Parents,

Today your child attended a demonstration showcasing the instruments available to learn at school in 2021. If you would like more information please register your interest within the next **5 days**. Follow the link below and you can register online or download and print a hard copy of the note if you prefer.

Once you have registered your child's interest TSA will then conduct instrument trials at school to help your child discover which instrument they are most suited to (this will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines). Following the instrument trials, an *Enrolment Pack* will be sent home with your child. This will contain more detailed information about the school band program along with the result of their instrument trial.



Band Program Structure

Rehearsal (all students work together in a full band setting)

- Once a week, generally before or after school, for 30-60 minutes

Tuition (students work in small groups or individually to learn new skills)

- 30min per week, at school, usually on the same day as rehearsal

Students attend both rehearsal and tuition at school. Regular practise at home (3-4 times a week) is essential.

Band Program Costs

Rehearsal & Tuition Fees – there are two main tuition options available to parents. Group tuition (average of 5 per group) is the most affordable. Individual tuition is more expensive and is not available at all schools.

- Group tuition + band rehearsal fee = \$195 per term
- OR
- Individual tuition (\$395) + band rehearsal fee (\$95) = \$490 per term

Instrument – students must have their own instrument

- HIRE – TSA offers a rent-to-buy scheme starting at \$43 per month
- OR
- BUY – TSA also has a range of quality new instruments available for purchase (see overleaf for details)

Other

- method book (\$22)
- music stand (\$25)
- TSA resource levy (\$10 per term)
- some instruments need occasional items such as reeds, strings, grease or oil (between \$10-\$50 each year)
- some schools charge a facility hire fee (\$10-\$30 per term)

More information can also be found at www.teachingservices.com.au or use the QR codes overleaf.

Expression of Interest

How to register your child's interest in the band

Simply provide your child's name, class and school along with your contact email and phone number and TSA will include them in instrument trials at school. There is no commitment required and the online form will take less than a minute to complete.



- Open your smartphone camera app and point the camera at the QR code. Your device will recognise the QR code and shows a notification. Tap the notification and you will be taken to the online *Expression Of Interest* form.

OR

- Visit www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI

OR

- Email your child's name, class and school to enrolments@teachingservices.com.au

For information on instruments available in the school band open your smartphone camera and point at the QR code. Your device will recognise the QR code and show a notification. Tap the notification and you will be taken to TSA's website for more information.

Woodwind Section



Flute



teachingservices.com.au/flute



Clarinet



teachingservices.com.au/clarinet



Saxophone



teachingservices.com.au/sax

Brass Section



Trumpet



teachingservices.com.au/trumpet



Trombone



teachingservices.com.au/trombone



Euphonium/Baritone Horn



teachingservices.com.au/euphobaritone

Bass & Percussion Section



Bass Guitar



teachingservices.com.au/bassguitar



Keyboard Bass



teachingservices.com.au/keyboardbass



Percussion



teachingservices.com.au/percussion

Other

Many programs offer the option of learning 'extension' instruments such as oboe, french horn or tuba. Check with TSA office first to see whether these are available at your school.

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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

PRIMARY AGED STUDENTS

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A Day at the
Dale



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minds.



Hive of Fun 12th January

(8 years & over)

Making bees wax wraps, creating lip balm and bee art.

A Day at the Farm

18th, 21st December, 6th Jan, 14th January

Collecting eggs, feeding guinea pigs, learn about and meet a mystery animal, washing chickens, tasting and photographing honeycomb, planting & craft.

Dinosaurs at The Dale 16th December or 11th January

A day exploring dinosaurs, art, creative play and investigation. If you have a favourite dinosaur you would like to bring or dress up as, that will add to the fun!

Fairies at The Dale 22nd December or 7th January

Making fairy garden terrariums, art, music and drama. Everything sparkly with a touch of magic and creativity.

Getting Ready for Big School 18th or 19th January

A day of fun with other students getting ready for Kindergarten. Social stories about students first day at School. Learn how to make new friends and workshop what happens at Big School.

Bee Keeper for a Day (8 years over)

Children will learn all about bees, suit up and inspect a hive. Saturdays -Max 5 students. Weekend bookings on request.

Holidays made easy with fun hands-on workshops

Places are secured on a first in best dressed basis as workshop sizes are capped to ensure a high quality experience.

Price: \$120 per student unless attending Bee Keeper for a Day, this is \$200 per student. Students to pack their own lunch. Fruit platter provided.

All workshops are from 9.00am -3.00pm. If you have any special requirements please call to discuss.

BOOKINGS:

<https://tinyurl.com/dayatdale> or send questions to dayatthedale@outlook.com
0419 232 857

WORKSHOPS

A Messy Day at The Dale 10th or 11th December & 13th January

Slime making, face painting, egg blowing, messy games, chicken handling, art and craft.

Construction at the Dale 14th, 15th or 23rd December

Building teepees, kite making, boat building, paper planes and art activities.

Bugs at the Dale 8th January

A day of investigation and creativity exploring mini beasts, photographing, holding and learning about these amazing creatures.

Imagination and Mess 17th December or 5th January

Children will create dragon eyes, dress up, play games, water wars and be involved in plenty of mess!

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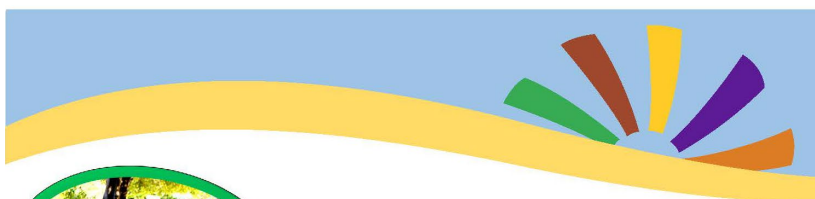
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Hear from local experts on what you
can do for our environment and to
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this summer & coming holiday season.

10am-12pm Monday 30 November

Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939726285?
pwd=Z28ySzY0R2I3aWs5ZUtyUmJiTjUxUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939726285?pwd=Z28ySzY0R2I3aWs5ZUtyUmJiTjUxUT09)

Meeting ID: 889 3972 6285

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