

The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

Wednesday 29th January 2020

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Due Date

Week 1, Term 1

Calendar Dates <u>Week 1, Term 1</u>		
Week 2, Term 1		
Monday 3 rd February	Kinder students commence	
Thursday 6 th February	Textbook Collection Day	
Friday 7 th February	No Assembly	
Wed 5 th to Fri 7 th February	Dural/Hornsby Network Leadership Camp	
Week 3, Term 1		
Tuesday 11 th February	Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm – 7:20pm P&C Meeting 7:30pm	
Wednesday 12 th February	Scripture classes 2020 commence	
Friday 14 th February	No Assembly	
Friday 14 th February	GPS Swimming Carnival at Galston Aquatic Centre	

From the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our new and returning Galston Public School children and families. I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year period, creating memories with family and friends.

Note

Many thanks to all of the families, community members and staff who have made me feel so welcomed at both our end of year Carols in the Valley celebration in 2019 and on our first day back today. My name is Allan Ison and I am thrilled to be taking on the role of Principal at Galston Public School. Prior to this appointment, I have been lucky enough to serve in the role of Deputy Principal at Caddies Creek Public School in Glenwood for the past seven years. Prior to that, I spent 12 years as Assistant Principal at Beaumont Hills, Old Guildford and Jannali East Public Schools. I have also relieved as Principal for extended periods at Seven Hills and Kenthurst Public Schools over the past few years and feel truly privileged to have the opportunity to lead such a vibrant learning community here at Galston Public School.

As I have said to the children at our morning assembly today, it was interesting to read about the Galston Public School learning community over the school break, however it is an entirely different (and more exciting!) privilege to get to work as part of this team and experience the fabulous learning opportunities on offer for the children of our beautiful school each day.

Already today, I have been fortunate enough to tour the school to see our students utilising our extensive facilities, visit each of the classes engaged in their learning, as well as begin to form connections with our students during their breaks at recess and lunch.

Over the past 20 years as a passionate school leader in different contexts all over the Sydney region, it has been my great pleasure to work with a vast array of truly talented teachers and office/support staff. If the interactions I have been involved in throughout the holidays and at our Staff Development Day this week are anything to go by, I look forward to my time leading the ongoing educational journey of the students of Galston Public School, as well as getting to know our community of parents and friends as they are led by this highly engaging group of educators.

Staffing Updates

In the last few days of Term 4 2019, Ms Wallace was successful in her application for the position of Relieving Deputy Principal at Rouse Hill Public School for 2020. This is an amazing opportunity for Ms Wallace, and while her skills and expertise will be sorely missed at Galston PS, we wish her all the best in her professional progression.

Mrs Bolger will take on the role of Relieving Assistant Principal for K-2 in Ms Wallace's absence, and we welcome Mrs Leanne McDonald to the Galston PS staff as she teaches 1-2M in 2020. We also welcome Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Haine to full time class roles this year.

Our classes for 2020 will be as follows:

KM Miss McRae (formerly known as Mrs Bra	ıy)
K-1B Mrs Bolger – Rel Assistant Principal	
1-2M Mrs Leanne McDonald	
2P Mrs Pendharkar	
3-4F Mr Finch – Assistant Principal	
3-4B Mrs Hitchcock	
3-4H Mrs Haine	
5-6G Mrs Muscat – Assistant Principal	
5-6S Miss Sundin	
5-6M Miss Mifsud	

Uniforms Week 1 and Term 1

Parents are asked to have all children attend school this week in summer school uniform Thursday 30th January and sports uniform Friday 31st January. Class teachers will send home information regarding sports days for their classes/stages ASAP as part of their communication of routines for Term 1.

Galston Public School Support Staff

The following staff members will operate in specialist positions during 2019, providing support to the students and teachers throughout the year. We are fortunate to have the services of these dedicated staff members who are committed to providing a quality, well-rounded education for the students of Galston Public School.

Office Staff

The hard-working team of Mrs Le Vavasseure (Rel School Administration Manager) and Mrs Morgan (School Administration Officer), as well as Mrs Steele and Mrs Uebel in a part-time capacity, will continue to run our office. The care they show to your children, friendly manner in which they deal with the many visitors to the office and the support they provide to our teaching staff is first rate.

Relief from face-to-face (RFF) and Library

All teachers have two hours release from face-to-face teaching each week to prepare lessons, assess and mark students' work, and reflect on professional practice. This year, Mrs Cansdale will be filling our three-day per week RFF position and will be teaching the new Science and Technology syllabus.

Mrs Antonie (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Mrs Weiss (Wednesdays), with the assistance of Mrs Morgan, will be running our library. Each class will have a one-hour library lesson, during which they will be encouraged to develop a love of literacy and hone their research skills.

In 2020, our three Assistant Principals will also be utilising one day per week off class to facilitate whole school programs and Staff Professional Learning throughout K-6. Mrs Muscat will be replaced by Mrs Cansdale, while Mr Finch and Mrs Bolger will be replaced by Mrs Payne, with normal programs overseen by the Assistant Principals in operation during this time.

Learning and Support Program

Mrs Ward will continue as our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST), working from Monday to Thursday, with three days funded by the Department of Education. An additional day is funded through our generous P&C. Mrs Rose, Mrs McGhie, Mrs Gage, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Trethowan will be supporting our students in various capacities this year as School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs).

School Counsellor

Mrs Louisa Holm will support the needs of our students as our School Counsellor.

Galston Public School Mobile Phone App

Do you have our school App on your mobile phone yet? Getting the App is free, easy and compatible with both iPhone and Android. The App gives you access to the school calendar, weekly newsletters, instant messages/reminders, absent notes, change of details form, uniform shop and the current canteen menu. Available now for download at the App store and Android/Google Play market.

Labelling

Please label your child's belongings. Clothing can be labelled with either a permanent laundry marker or sew/ironon personalised labels. Pencil case, pencils, pens, glue sticks etc. can be labelled with permanent marker or tapedon labels.

Parent Information Evening

Our annual Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 11th February, coinciding with our first P&C meeting for the year. A note detailing the evening will be sent home soon. The P&C meeting will start at 7:30pm in the school library and parents are most welcome to attend.

Swimming Carnival

The 2020 Galston Public School Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 14th February at Galston Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3–6 will attend. Students in Year 2 turning 8 years old this year who can swim competently are also invited to compete. The permission note will be sent home soon. Children are to bring their recess and lunch to the carnival.

School Information

Have you changed your postal address, email address, phone numbers or work details? It is vital that we have correct student information. Please inform the school office if you need to update this important information.

Before and After School Care

Galston Out of School Hours (OOSH) operates five days per week in the cottage in the southeastern corner of the school. Breakfast and afternoon tea are supplied. Permanent and casual bookings are available. OOSH also offers vacation care. For information on Commonwealth Childcare Assistance, contact the OOSH Centre. For further information and up-to-date fees, please drop in to the cottage or phone on 9653 1823. Galston OOSH shares the school site, however, its operations and policies are overseen by Galston OOSH Incorporated, not Galston Public School. Galston OOSH Incorporated is a not-for-profit operation, run and overseen by a parent committee and an OOSH Supervisor.

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 28th January – Thursday 9th April (Year 1-6 students return Wednesday 29th January, Kindy commence Monday 3rd February)

Term 2 Monday 27th April – Friday 3rd July (Students return Tuesday 28th April)

Term 3

Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September (Students return Tuesday 21st July)

Term 4

Monday 12th October – Friday 18th December (Students return Monday 12th October and finish Wednesday 16th December)



Allan Ison (Principal)

PLC News

P&C Meeting 2020

Our first P&C Meeting for 2020 will be Tuesday 11th February. As it will be held following the Parent Information Evening, the starting time will be 7:30pm instead of the usual 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Kim Alsdorf – *P&C President*, <u>kim@galstonpandc.org.au</u>

Canteen News

Friday 31st January (CLOSED) and Monday 3rd February Lunch + Counter Sales

Please lodge Monday 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.

Welcome back to a new year at Galston Public School! The new 2020 Summer Canteen Menu is included in this newsletter. We have had some price increases due to supplier price increases. We have tried to keep price rises and the number of items affected to a minimum. The new prices are reflected in Flexischools. Please take note of the Counter Menu prices when you supply some spending money. If your child does not have the required amount of cash we are unable to supply the item/s.

We are now stocking OZBAKE Pizza Wraps. A number of students sampled the wraps at the end of 2019. The feedback was very positive. They are heated in their packaging and eaten folded over so that the filling does not fall off.

We will still stock the GF Arrowroot biscuits even though they are not mentioned on the menu. We feel that a low priced GF snack item should be available for students that are unable to eat wheat.

We can no longer sell Honey Soy Chips. We are trying to source a replacement.

****We require a Stock Controller. Our current volunteer has left the school community. If you can assist or would like some details about the role, please contact me as soon as possible on 0424 578 579 or <u>canteen@galstonpandc.org.au</u>.

We still require volunteers for Monday and Friday canteen shifts this term. The links to sign up are below. Please remember if we are unable to fulfill **all shifts for the day we will need to close the canteen.** I will advise the closure dates of the Canteen next weekend (1st February).

Monday roster:https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ba8a823a6f58-monday2Friday roster:https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ba8a823a6f58-monday2

Louise O'Rourke - Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop

All orders placed on Flexischools during the school holidays will be delivered to students in their classes on the first day back at school in 2020.

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 <u>uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au</u>

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

Brad Hazzard



Minister for Health and Medical Research

Sarah Mitchell

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, 28 January 2020

UPDATED ADVICE AHEAD OF SCHOOL RETURNING

The NSW Government has today requested that children who have visited China in the last two weeks not attend school or childcare services until 14 days have lapsed from their date of departure from China.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said although the risk to children is very low, the NSW Government has taken this step as a precautionary measure.

"I've been advised that it's not medically necessary, but the NSW Government has acted in line with community expectations to ensure the safest possible environment for our students," Mr Hazzard said.

"The internationally recognised incubation period for the coronavirus is 14 days, so this is the logical timeframe to ask students to refrain from attending school. After this time, there is no risk.

"Advice about not attending school has already been provided to any close contacts of confirmed cases."

The Commonwealth Department of Health has confirmed that all passengers disembarking from planes from China are being given comprehensive information about coronavirus in both English and Mandarin.

NSW Health has been contacting passengers who were on the same planes as confirmed cases to provide appropriate advice and has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

Ms Mitchell said the Department of Education has issued guidance to schools and childcare services across NSW on protocols in the event of a child becoming sick.

"Although the risk remains very low for children, we believe it is the right thing to do to take this extra step and will continue to update the community with advice," Ms Mitchell said.

There are currently four confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China or had contact with a confirmed case in China.

Parents with concerns can contact their local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** for advice or visit the dedicated NSW Health information page at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

Anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to Hubei or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, should immediately isolate themselves from other people, contact their GP or local emergency department or call the healthdirect helpline **1800 022 222**.



GALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN SUMMER MENU TERM 1, 2020



MONDAY LUNCH

Place your lunch order online using Flexischools anytime by 9.15an	<u>n Monday</u> m	norning.
MACARONI CHEESE Home-style	(E)	\$4.00
MEATBALLS & PASTA Home-style	(E)	\$4.50
BANGERS & MASH (GF) Home-style	(E)	\$4.50
RICE BOLOGNAISE BALLS (ARANCINI)	(0)	\$1.00
OZBAKE BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA WRAP	(E)	\$4.00
OZBAKE MEAT AND CHEESE PIZZA WRAP	(E)	\$4.00
CHEESE TOASTIE (V)	(E)	\$2.30
CHEESE & HAM TOASTIE	(E)	\$2.90
CHEESE & TOMATO TOASTIE (V)	(E)	\$2.90
CHEESE, HAM & TOMATO TOASTIE	(E)	\$3.30

DRINKS

SPRING WATER 600ml	(E)	\$1.00
BIG M MILK Chocolate	(E)	\$2.50
JUICE BOMB 99% Sparkling Juice. Raspberry or Blackcurrant	(E)	\$2.40
APPLETISER 99% Sparkling Apple Juice	(E)	\$2.50
POPPER 100% juice. Apple or Paradise Punch	(E)	\$1.30
SIPAHH STRAW with MILK	(E)	\$1.30
CUP OF MILK	(E)	\$0.70

SNACKS

GINGERBREAD FOLK (GF) (V)	(0)	\$2.00
TASTY CHEESE & CRACKERS (H) (V)	(E)	\$1.70
VANILLA CUSTARD (GF)	(E)	\$1.50
CHEESE TOASTIE (1/2) (V) Recess only	(E)	\$1.20
JATZ MINI'S	(E)	\$1.00
PIKELET & STRAWBERRY JAM (V)	(E)	\$0.60
RAISIN TOAST (1/2 slice) Recess only	(E)	\$0.50
SULTANAS 40g box (GF) (DF)	(E)	\$0.50
GRANOLA BAR	(0)	\$0.40
CHOC MINT FUDGE (GF) (DF)	(0)	\$0.40
BREADSTICKS (DF)	(E)	\$0.20
SEASONAL FRUIT See school newsletter for details	(E)	TBA

FROZEN SNACKS

JUICIES Tropical or Wildberry (GF) (DF)	(E)	\$1.00
MOOSIES Chocolate (GF)	(0)	\$1.20
TWISTED FROZEN YOGHURT Chocolate (GF)	(0)	\$2.20

MISCELLANEOUS

HI BOUNCE BALL (HANDBALL) Assorted colours	\$3.00
HI BOUNCE BALL (HANDBALL) Assorted colours	\$5.00

ALLERGIES & FOOD RATINGS

(GF) Gluten Free	(H) Halal
(DF) Dairy Free	(V) Vegetarian
GF, DF and H indicators are	based on information from suppliers or packaging.
We do our best to source m	enu items that have minimal additives and preservatives.
Menu changes will be notifie	ed in the school newsletter.
Menu items are rated accor	ding to the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

(E) = Everyday food (O) = Occasional food

FRIDAY LUNCH

FRIDAT LUNCH		
Place your lunch order online using Flexischools anytime by <u>9.15am</u>	Friday r	norning.
HOT FOOD		
CHICKEN BURGER	(0)	\$3.90
MUSCAT BURGER	(0)	\$6.00
CRUMBED CHICKEN TENDER (H) (GF)	(0)	\$1.60
SAUSAGE ROLL	(0)	\$2.90
BEEF PIE	(0)	\$3.90
	(E)	\$3.60
BANGERS & MASH Home-style	(E)	\$4.50
BEEF LASAGNE Home-style	(E)	\$4.50
OZBAKE BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA WRAP	(E)	\$4.00
OZBAKE MEAT AND CHEESE PIZZA WRAP	(E)	\$4.00
SUSHI (NO VARIATIONS)		
TERIYAKI CHICKEN & AVOCADO	(A)	\$4.00
TERIYAKI CHICKEN & CUCUMBER	(A)	\$4.00
TUNA & AVOCADO	(G)	\$4.00
TUNA & CUCUMBER	(G)	\$4.00
VEGETARIAN	(G)	\$4.00
BABY TUNA SUSHI (8-pack)	(G)	\$4.00
TOASTIE / JAFFLE		
CHEESE TOASTIE (V)	(E)	\$2.30
CHEESE & HAM TOASTIE	(E)	\$2.90
CHEESE & TOMATO TOASTIE (V)	(E)	\$2.90
CHEESE, HAM & TOMATO TOASTIE	(E)	\$3.30
EVTRAC		
	(5)	+0 50
	(E)	\$0.50
	(0)	\$0.35
	(0)	\$1.00
TOMATO or BBQ SAUCE (GF)		\$0.25
SALAD BOX	(5)	+0.00
SALAD BOX: Lettuce, tomato, cucumber & grated carrot	(E)	\$3.00
EXTRAS:		#0.60
Ham, cheese, hard-boiled egg (each)		\$0.60
Crumbed Chicken Tender (cut)		\$1.60
DRESSING: Balsamic, French, Mayo		\$0.30
SANDWICHES & ROLLS		
VEGEMITE	(E)	\$1.70
CHEESE	(E)	\$2.20
НАМ	(E)	\$2.40
CHEESE & TOMATO	(E)	\$2.80
EGG & MAYONNAISE	(E)	\$2.70
SALAD: Tomato, lettuce, beetroot, cucumber, carrot	(E)	\$2.80
SALAD & HAM	(E)	\$3.40
EXTRAS:		
Beetroot, carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber (each)		\$0.60
Ham, cheese (each)		\$0.70
Crumbed Chicken Tender (cut)		\$1.60
Mayonnaise		\$0.30



GALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN SUMMER MENU **TERM 1, 2020**



OPENING TIMES

The canteen is open at recess and lunchtime on Monday and Friday during the school term. Check the school newsletter for other opening times.

Large frozen items such as Moosies, Juicies and Twisted Frozen Yoghurt are not sold at recess due to limited eating time.

LUNCH ORDERING GUIDELINES

Place your lunch order online at www.flexischools.com.au by 9.15am. A paper lunch bag is included in the price of your order. Should you wish to provide your own Stickybeak bag, your child should place their bag into the canteen basket in their classroom.

Lunch orders through Flexischools are for lunch items and drinks only. Snacks, frozen and miscellaneous items may be purchased over the counter using cash.

We use light wholemeal bread from Goodies Bakery for all toasties and sandwiches. Sandwiches are lightly buttered.

STAFFING

The canteen is run entirely by volunteers and the roster for volunteer shifts is organised online through SignUp Genius. A link to the online roster where you can volunteer for a shift is emailed out at the end of each term for the following term. We would really appreciate your help, even for an hour or two per term. Your children will love seeing you in the canteen and it is a great way to meet other parents. All canteen profits are used by the P&C to purchase equipment and other items for the school. For any enquiries regarding the roster, please contact Rosie or Louise.

CANTEEN TEAM: **Canteen Manager** Canteen Manager Stock Controller

Rosie Barba 0413 114 426 Louise O'Rourke 0424 578 579

Email: canteen@galstonpandc.org.au

Thank you to all the mums and dads who help run our canteen.

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Safety tips for school zones:



Safety tips for students:



Demerit Points:

* The Demerit Points Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/

Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. Please choose safety over convenience.

	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$337	(School Zone)
 P → 	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot cuese on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will not a draw away and park desynkers, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must draw which is draws of your whole at all times and cannot leave your while unaitended times and cannot leave your while unaitended	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$187	(School Zone) 2
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$337	(School Zone) 2
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$448	(School Zone) 2
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$337	(School Zone) 2
2 1 2	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP, or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS	(School Zone) 2





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Learn to code and build your own online projects with CODE4FUN.

Year 3 to Year 8 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.





For more information about your local library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



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 nuing and with previous exper

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

Laptops are provided \$250 per student per term

ENROL NOW AT

code4fun.com.au/hornsby

If you have any questions email us at **info@code4fun.com.au** or call **0452 525 453.**

Check out our website at www.code4fun.com.au for more details about our school





Hornsby Berowra Eagles AFL Club

Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights

Sunday 8:30 - 9:30am (commencing 29/3/2020)

Brendan Limbrey (Auskick Co-ordinator) 0408 219 187 Boys & Girls 4-8 years | Active Kids Provider

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