



# The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

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*Personal Best*

Week 3, Term 1

## Calendar Dates

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<b>Week 3, Term 1</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Textbook Collection day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	SRE/SEE classes 2020 commence
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	No Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	GPS Swimming Carnival at Galston Aquatic Centre
<b>Week 4, Term 1</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Evening, 6pm – 7:25pm P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Peer Support Training Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Peer Support Session 1
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	No Assembly
<b>Week 5, Term 1</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Galston High School Open Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Peer Support Session 2
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	SRC Induction Assembly

## From the Principal

### Extreme Weather Update

Much like the majority of Sydney, throughout the weekend our local area was inundated with strong winds and high volumes of rain. While we welcome this downpour in a time of bushfires and drought, interruptions to electricity supplies have been a challenge to our school as well as to local homes over the past few days. Many thanks to our families for their patience during this time. Our teachers have been extremely professional, ensuring lessons and routines for children remain as uninterrupted as possible.

We are also very fortunate that although we had a large tree blown down within the school grounds during the storms on the weekend, no buildings were damaged and our playground was unaffected. This meant that students were able to attend school this week with no interruptions to playground space or movement between classes. Please rest assured that our children's safety is of paramount importance and that security fencing has been erected to ensure student, staff and visitors are not at risk. We are working to have this tree removed as soon as possible.

### Meet the Teacher Evening

Unfortunately, with the recent storms and electricity disruptions, a decision was made to postpone our Meet the Teacher evening and P&C meeting. This evening will now take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at the following times:

**6pm to 6:25pm** - Kindergarten to Year 2

**6:30 to 6:55pm** - Years 3 and 4

**7pm to 7:25pm** - Years 5 and 6

**7:30pm** - P&C Meeting (All parents welcome to attend)

Many thanks for your understanding regarding the movement of this event and we look forward to an informative evening next week.

## Sports Uniform Term 1

Throughout Term 1, classes will be required to wear sports uniform on the following days:

Class	Fitness Day	Sports Day
KM (Miss McRae)	Thursday	Monday
KB (Mrs Bolger)	Thursday	Monday
1B (Mrs Bolger)	Friday	Monday
1-2M (Mrs McDonald)	Friday	Monday
2P (Mrs Pendharkar)	Friday	Monday
3-4B (Mrs Hitchcock)	Wednesday	Friday
3-4H (Mrs Haine)	Wednesday	Friday
3-4P (Mr Finch)	Wednesday	Friday
5-6G (Mrs Muscat)	Monday	Friday
5-6M (Mrs Mifsud)	Wednesday	Friday
5-6S (Miss Sundin)	Tuesday	Friday

As in previous years, students are expected to wear sports uniform on both fitness and sports days. If for any reason, however, your child does not have their sports uniform, they will still be permitted to participate in sport/fitness lessons.

Many thanks to parents for the weekly organisation of these uniforms, as this allows our teachers to deliver high quality instruction in sport, fitness and PE for all students.

### Dural/Hornsby Leadership Camp

Over the last three days of Week 2, our Year 6 student leaders Jack, Caitlan, Jordan and Myffy represented Galston PS at the Dural/Hornsby network Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. The aim of this camp was to identify, encourage and develop leadership skills in our young student leaders so that they are more able to meet the challenges of their leadership roles back at school throughout the year. We are very proud of these 4 students and are certain they will continue to develop their leadership skills in 2020, using this camp experience as inspiration.



### Maintenance Updates

As is the case in many schools, holiday works in January are commonplace, and Galston PS is no different. A new septic tank has been added to the OOSH cottage, increasing capacity for the building and improving our already impressive facilities. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the septic tanks at the back of the Library received a much-needed deep cleanout. Further litter will need to be removed from this tank in the not too distant future. Hopefully this can occur in the holiday break so there is minimal disruption to the children's playground space.

Painting – we have been informed this week that we will be receiving external painting on the OOSH building, the main admin building, as well as all four demountables. Teachers will be updated regularly about interruptions this may cause for our students in the playground (security fencing, no go zones etc). As it is external painting only, there should be minimal disruption to lessons. Please let our children know that while there will be some temporary inconveniences, the end result will be a fantastic addition to our school.

Flagpole and Flags – Work is scheduled for the flagpole to be fixed ASAP. I would also like to thank Julian Leeser (Federal Member for Parliament) for generously donating three brand new flags to our school. The Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags will be beautiful additions to our playground.

### Visiting Classrooms

Finally, I have had the great pleasure of being invited to visit many of our classrooms over the past few days, with students and teachers proudly showing off their achievements. Kindergarten students from K-1B writing sentences with illustrations on the second day of school blew me away, and visiting 3-4F as they went through a process of research, presentation and reflection was amazing. These chances to connect with the students are a “sparkle in my day” as an educator and our teachers are very passionate about the work they undertake with each student at Galston PS. I look forward in 2020 to celebrating their moments of joy and achievement at every available opportunity. Please keep an eye out in each newsletter as different classes share this love of learning, and wherever possible, encourage your children to share the sparkle in their day with you in the car, at the dinner table or wherever the moment occurs...

*Allan Ison*

### Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the two students from each class elected to our Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2020. These boys and girls were voted onto the council by their class peers and will receive their badges at the Friday assembly in Week 5. The SRC will meet throughout the year to organise fundraising days and discuss suggestions from class students.

KM	Louise H	Oliver I
K-1B	Maddie D	James S
1-2M	Layla B	Will Z
2P	Vivienne A	Tama P
3-4B	Sophie O	Benjamin L
3-4H	Summer N	Thomas B
3-4F	Avalon C	Aidan Z
5-6S	Ben G	Joshua B
5-6M	Chloe B	Riley M
5-6G	Makayla B	Tyler C

Geeta Pendharkar - SRC Coordinator

### Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

Notes about the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge were sent home last Thursday and children have begun to return completed forms indicating they would like to participate in this year's challenge. It's not too late for your child to take up the challenge too! Parents, please help your child to select appropriate books and log them accurately, to assist with processing.

Delia Morgan – PRC Coordinator

### News From 3-4F

The first 2 weeks of Term 1 have flown by so quickly and 3-4F has had a very busy start to 2020. They have all settled in to our class routines and have been following our PBL classroom expectations to work together at achieving our Personal Best. We are using Class Dojo this year to reinforce positive behaviour and you should have received the login so you can get updates on their progress.

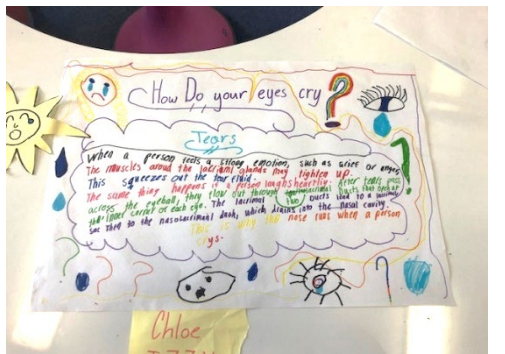
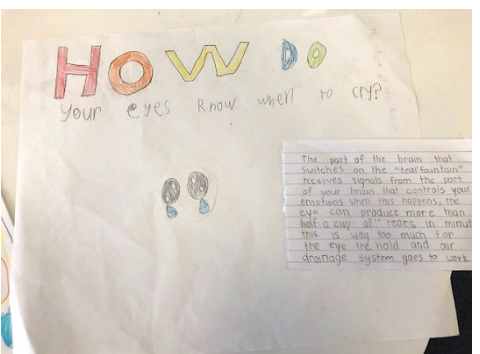
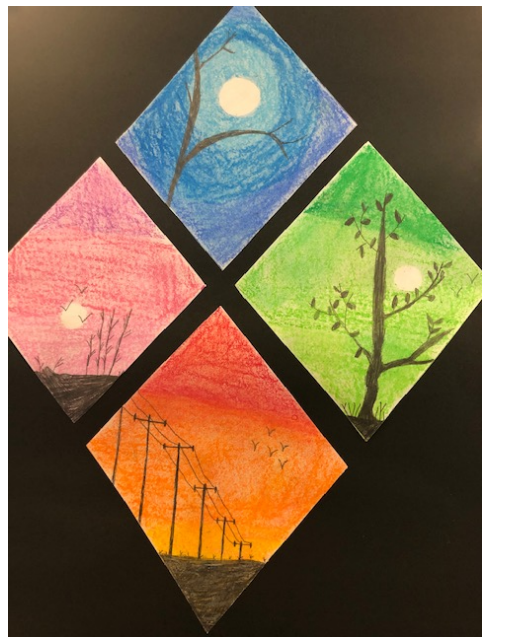
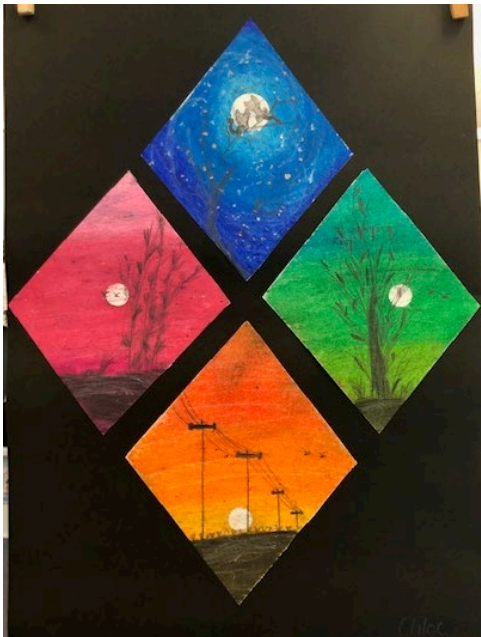
Luckily the power has come back and we are looking forward to getting started with our Stage 2 programs.

In English this term we are focussing on imaginative writing and using the Seven Steps to Writing techniques to develop interesting ideas and quality mentor texts to improve student writing. Reading groups will commence next week, as well as our 'Words Their Way' spelling program.

The class has really enjoyed our first group inquiry-based activity and have all worked extremely well as part of their groups when researching and presenting their tasks.



To brighten up our classroom the students did a fantastic job creating oil pastel silhouette artworks. We are planning to do another similar activity this week.



The students are looking forward to the swimming carnival on Friday, especially our Year 3 students attending for the first time.

Looking forward to some more exciting things throughout the term.

Dean Finch – 3-4F

## *P&C News*

Wow, what a week it has been already.... Thankful for the rain we desperately need, not that happy about not having any power for 3 days. Anyway, good on the Ausgrid workers for all of their hard work (and I hope everyone now has their power back)!

### **P&C Meeting**

Obviously due to the lack of power we postponed our first P&C meeting for this year. We will reschedule with the open classrooms for next Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February and look forward to seeing you there at 7:30pm.

### **Parent Directory and Class Contact List**

I've had a great response to the class lists, so thanks to everyone for being organised. Lists went out over the last couple of days. Do not worry if you got nothing this week, as with the lack of power it was not expected to get information out. However, if you haven't sent your information back yet please do so ASAP:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2L9G3GB>

I am also still looking for a class coordinator for 3-4H, so if you can help out please let me know.

PS – just a reminder that classes in years 3-4 and 5-6 have teachers with similar initials this year, which has required some changes to the initial that particular teachers' classes have gone by in previous years, so do check with your child or last week's newsletter just what their class is called. Mrs Hitchcock's class is 3-4B and Mrs Muscat's class is 5-6G this year.

### **P&C Facebook Page**

If you are a Facebook user, we do have a P&C Facebook page which is useful for any last minute messages for the school community, so search for us.

Kim Alsdorf – *P&C President*, [kim@galstonpandc.org.au](mailto:kim@galstonpandc.org.au)

## *Canteen News*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> (CLOSED: SWIMMING CARNIVAL) and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February (CLOSED: STOCK LOST DUE TO POWER OUTAGE)**

Flexischools is closed off for these dates. If you had a recurring order placed for your child covering these dates, the lunch will not be provided.

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 [uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au)

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2.30 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 - 3.15pm

Kristie Chambers and Belinda Crofts – *Uniform Shop Coordinators*



## Impacts to the pressurised and vacuum wastewater system

Greater Sydney is experiencing a severe weather event with torrential rainfall, damaging winds and flash flooding. As a result, Sydney Water's operations have experienced power failures and flooding.

Power failures and flooding can cause problems with pressurised and vacuum wastewater systems. We'll help affected customers, however customers can help by using less water.

### How does this affect you?

The pressurised and vacuum wastewater system will be affected and not working to full capacity. **Customers may experience a wastewater overflow at their property because of this.**

If you're connected to a pressure or vacuum system, we ask that you help by minimising your water and wastewater use. If you have a problem, contact Sydney Water on 13 20 90 and ask for assistance if required. There may be a delay in responding to you given the current demand for our limited resources.

You can help by:

- keeping showers brief
- not leaving taps running
- not using the washing machine unless you can direct the water to a plugged laundry tub (where it can be transferred by bucket onto the garden).
- not using dishwashers

We're working to restore the system and thank you for your understanding and patience.



## PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

**RESPONSIBILITY INTEGRITY ACHIEVEMENT**

# OPEN NIGHT 2020

**March 3rd 4pm - 6pm**

PERFORMANCES REFRESHMENTS GUIDED TOURS  
INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES ENROLMENT INFORMATION

**LAURENCE STREET PENNANT HILLS**  
**9473 5000 pennanthil-h.schools.nsw.edu.au**



# POTENTIAL STARTS HERE.

## GHS GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL



Visit us on Open Day and see how we offer

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community  
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opportunity

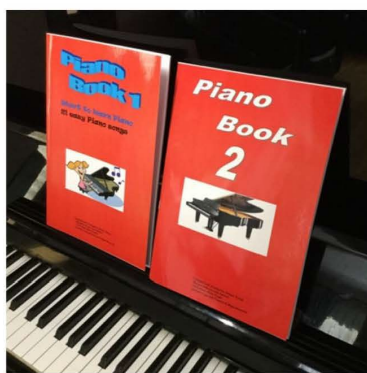
Wednesday 11 March  
9.30am-noon  
[galston-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://galston-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

J&E PIANO MUSIC CENTRE IS TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW!

# SMALL GROUP PIANO LESSONS

LEARN PIANO IN A FAST AND FUN WAY WITH OUR OWN EXCLUSIVE PIANO MUSIC BOOK!

\$18 for 30 min lessons  
Pay by term at first lesson till end of the term  
New book for sale \$14



Lessons held in AV Room  
Wednesday 1:00-1:30  
Friday , . 1:00-1:30 At AV Room  
pick up from school Class room available

Apply: SMS 0411-88-44-08  
Email: je-music@live.com.au  
include School + Child's name

We accept Creative Kids Vouchers

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## HILLS HAWKS FOOTBALL CLUB 2020



Hills Hawks Football Club are a proud sponsor of **Galston Public School** and are fortunate to have a number of students and parents already playing from the school community.

A great opportunity for your children to build friendships, stay healthy & active, develop new skills and have a whole lot of fun along the way...

**Registrations close shortly.**

**Grading this Sunday 9am-4pm at Galston High school**

U/8 9:30am | U/9 10:00am | U/10 10:30am | U/11 11:00am | U/12 11:30am | U/13  
12:00 pm | U/14 12:30pm | U/15 2:00pm | U/16 2:30pm | U/17 3:15pm

**Come along to find out more at our free BBQ this Saturday 830am-1pm at the  
Chriss Family IGA, Galston.**

We look forward to welcoming you into our community for another great year of soccer  
in 2020!

[www.hillshawksfc.com.au](http://www.hillshawksfc.com.au)



**NSW Primary All-Schools  
Girls 12 Years & Under  
Australian Football  
Selection Trial  
Term 1, Weeks 10/11**

**Registrations for this event  
close 5:00pm Friday 13 March 2020**

All girls who trial must be available, if selected, for the School Sport Australia Championships in Adelaide, South Australia from 1 to 8 August 2020.

**How to enter:**

To apply for the Primary All-Schools Selection Trial in your area, you must complete the on-line registration and payment by the closing date, Friday 13 March 2020.

Further information is available from the NSW School Sport website by clicking on the link for each trial.

**Registrations close  
5:00pm  
Friday 13 March 2020**

**Cost  
\$10.00 per student**

**Who**

The trial is only for Primary School Girls 12 Years and Under.

Girls can be 12, however must not be turning 13 in 2020. Girls enrolled in Secondary Schools are ineligible to trial.

**When and Where**

Thursday 2 April 2020

- **Southern Inland**  
@ Jubilee Park, Wagga Wagga

Wednesday 8 April 2020

- **South Coast**  
@ Hanging Rock Sports Ground, Batemans Bay

- **Metro East**  
@ Olds Park, Penshurst

- **Mid North Coast & Inland**  
@ Tulkaba Park, Newcastle

Thursday 9 April 2020

- **Metro West**  
@ Blacktown International Sports Park (Field 2), Rooty Hill

- **Northern Coastal & Inland**  
@ Fitzroy Oval, Coffs Harbour

