



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

Wednesday 17th June 2020

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Respect

Responsibility

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Week 8, Term 2

Calendar Dates

Week 8, Term 2	
Friday 19 th June	K-6 Assembly 2:05pm
Week 9, Term 2	
Throughout Week 9	Dance, Choirs, STEM and Drum Group recommence!
Monday 22 nd June	Band and Piano lessons recommence
Friday 26 th June	Principal's Morning Tea
Friday 26 th June	K-6 Honour Assembly 2:05pm

Note	Due Date
Parent Teacher Interviews	Friday 19 th June
Goal Setting Parent Questionnaire	Friday 19 th June
Year 4: Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to opportunity class in 2021	Friday 19 th June

From the Principal

Increase in activities for students

Last week, the NSW Department of Education sent out guidelines for the increase of school activities throughout the remainder of Term 2 and into Term 3. This is exciting news for our students, as we will now begin to engage more fully in the extra-curricular activities which are the icing on the school cake!

Having time over the past three weeks to settle in to classroom routines 5 days a week has been very worthwhile, however this feels one step closer to our full educational routine.

Please see below for how these changes impact our students at Galston Public School:

- Parents/carers are still required to limit their access onto school grounds unless absolutely essential. This includes assemblies and drop off/pick up. Gates will continue to be opened each morning and afternoon to facilitate multiple entry/exit points for students.
- Performance/interest groups – Dance, Drums, STEM group, Junior and Senior Choir will commence Week 9 Term 2 (week beginning Monday 22nd June). Teachers will advise their groups of specific times/days.
- Assemblies – COLA and Friday assemblies have commenced Week 8 Term 2. Parents will not be able to attend these events until further notice.
- Principal's Morning Tea and Honour Assembly – Friday 26th June (Week 9). Students involved will be notified ASAP.
- Band & Piano lessons – Commencing Week 9 Term 2 (week beginning Monday 22nd June).
- Canteen – Commencing Term 3. This will allow enough time for volunteers, food supplies etc to be organised. More details regarding canteen operations will be provided prior to Term 3.
- Uniform shop – Online orders until further notice.
- School Photos – Booked Tuesday 15th September (late Term 3). Details to be sent out early Term 3.
- SRE/SEE – Commencing Term 3.
- Reports/Assessments – Reports home to parents Friday 24th July (Week 1 Term 3). Parent/Teacher interviews Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th July. Discussions around student progress have been ongoing throughout the learning from home period, with each family contacted by their teacher weekly.
- PSSA Sport – We are still awaiting advice from Sydney North PSSA prior to Term 3. Students and families will be advised once we know more.

New School App Developments

Over the next few weeks of Term 2 and into Term 3 as we begin to engage in more of our extra-curricular activities, it is timely that we activate one of the most valuable features of our new app: our calendar!



This calendar will replace the paper copy which used to be sent out at the beginning of each term, and will be a live version of the many and varied activities taking place at our school.

Some points worth noting:

- New events will come through the events tab on the main screen of the app.
- To access the full calendar, simply open the menu and select Calendar.
- Once accessed, you may choose day, month or year view.
- Events from the calendar can be synced to your personal calendar, tailoring events from our calendar to events relevant to your child/children.

Opportunity Class Process 2021

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement for entry in 2021 has begun.

Important dates in the application process are as follows:

Tuesday 9th June 2020: Online applications open

Friday 26th June 2020: Online applications close (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

Wednesday 16th September 2020: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Between **Tuesday 9th June and Friday 26th June 2020** Parents and carers must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

A note outlining these dates and processes around the OC placement for 2021 was sent home last week to the families of all students in Year 4.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kindergarten 2021

If you or anyone you know has children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2021, we are now accepting enrolment enquiries, applications and completed enrolment forms!

As you may be aware, the Department of Education updated the enrolment policy for all NSW public schools toward the end of 2019. For those schools over their allocated cap of students, out of area applications will not be accepted, except in extraordinary circumstances.

As Galston Public School is currently over cap, priority will be given to students from our local drawing area. At this stage, we are also able to accept siblings of students who currently attend our school and live out of area.

If you or families you know are unsure if you are in the GPS drawing area, please enquire at the school office, or check your address using the school finder link below:

<https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

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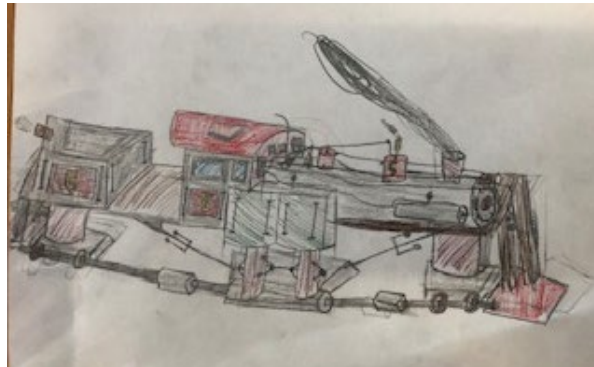
News From 3-4H

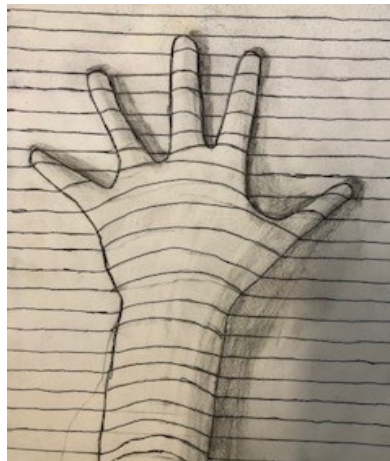
Students in 3-4H have been working very hard since coming back to school fulltime. I am so proud of how all of our students have managed to keep up with their learning during this unusual time, and a huge thank you to all the parents and carers out there for your patience and support!

We have been working hard in the classroom on maths, spelling and reading assessments this term. It is pleasing to see our students trying their best, even when they are not feeling confident. It is important to remind our students that it is okay to make a mistake in their work, as long they try their best. If they are struggling with a particular concept, or finding it too easy, assessments can identify where we need to support or extend our students in the future.

This term, we are focusing on being independent in the classroom. This means that we are ready to learn with all of our equipment (pencils, erasers, rulers, sharpeners etc) and that we listen to instructions so that we can complete tasks without interrupting others' learning.

3-4H has some incredibly talented artists – check out some of our work below!





As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or at pick up time after school.

Fran Haine – 3-4H

P&C News

P&C Positions

Our next P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September, and with luck we can hold this at the Galston Club, as we have done in recent years. All executive and committee positions are on a volunteer basis and we have always been lucky to have some wonderful parents put their hands up for these. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight 2 key positions that will need to be filled this year:

- **P&C President** – after over 5 years of various roles on our P&C I will be stepping down this year. If anyone is keen to take on this role, please feel free to contact me to find out more.
- **Fundraising** – Kris and Jodie have spent many years supporting our various fundraising activities at the school, however will also be stepping down this year. This is a great opportunity to support our school with fundraising.

Next P&C Meeting

As we are not having a meeting in July due to the school holidays, we are going to have our next meeting on Tuesday 30th June, at 7pm. At this stage it will most likely be another Zoom meeting; however, if that changes we will run this meeting face-to-face in the library. Please join us if you can.

Canteen

We are reviewing options for opening our canteen as soon as possible. At this stage it will be Term 3; however, we are working hard to at least offer lunch orders for Monday and Fridays.

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

Canteen News

We are reviewing options for opening our canteen. At this stage it will be Term 3. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to parents, and we will update parents as soon as we are able to regarding the date of reopening.


Louise O'Rourke – Canteen Committee

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.

Kristie Chambers and Belinda Crofts – Uniform Shop Coordinators



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- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

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2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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Galston OOSH Vacation Care Schedule



Monday 6th July Messy Day

Join us for a day of messy games and activities. Do not forget to wear your old clothes.

what a mess!

Tuesday 7th July Galston Skate Park

We are off for a walk to the skate park at Galston. Don't forget your wheels and your helmet!

Wednesday 8th July Cake Decorating Day

Let's get our creative minds going wild on all things cakes and cupcakes and then reward ourselves by eating them.

Thursday 9th July

Walkabout Reptiles – Incursion

Back again for an exciting show of all thing's reptile. Will you be brave enough to hold a snake?



Friday 10th of July

Garden and Builder Day

A Big Thank You to Matt from Purpose Built Building and Maintenance, we will be building a new special something for our garden out the front of the cottage.



Located: Galston Public School in the cottage on Arcadia Road.

Children are to wear closed in shoes.

Please ensure allergen free food is provided daily for your children. Only Afternoon Tea will be provided every day



A perfect day for a lazy Monday and some popcorn at the cottage



Monday 13th July - \$60 Movie Day

Tuesday 14th July \$60 Fagan Park Excursion

Let's take our wheels to Fagan Park to ride around for the day. Don't forget your helmet! Feel free to leave your wheels locked away at OOSH overnight ready for tomorrow too.

Wednesday 15th July \$60

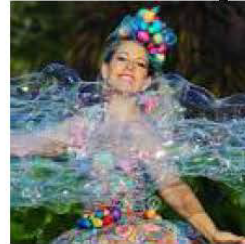
Wheels Day On School Grounds

Seeing as though we love our wheels, let's throw another wheels day in!

Thursday 16th July \$80

Bubble Girl – Incursion

Join us for a bubble party! We have invited "Bubble Girl" to visit and show us all things bubbles.



Friday 17th July \$60

Pyjama Day

Today we will be celebrating our awesome fundraiser for foster children. If you haven't donated already please do at <https://the-pyjama-foundation.giveeasy.org/campaigns/galston-oosh/>



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Please book online at

<https://galstonoosh.fullybookedccms.com.au/family>

Phone: 0467 563 533 or email

galstonoosh@gmail.com for any queries.

Dear Families,

Galston OOSH are fundraising for The Pyjama Foundation and we need your help.



The Pyjama Foundation provide children in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their lives with learning, life skills and confidence. Through the Love of Learning program, volunteers called 'Pyjama Angels' are recruited, screened, trained and then matched with a child in care and spend time with them once a week, focusing on learning-based activities. Pyjama Angels read books aloud with their child, play educational games and help children with their homework. Most importantly, the volunteers give foster children a chance to reach their life potential, despite a fragile start. Children in care have the lowest education outcomes nationally. By improving their learning skills, The Pyjama Foundation is making a positive, life-long impact.

Please help me help The Pyjama Foundation by giving what you can to this great cause. We are looking to raise \$500 and we need your help with a donation, of any size. You can also "share" my page with your friends or leave a comment or "like it". It all helps!

Simply click the link below to view my fundraising page and donate:

<https://the-pyjama-foundation.giveeasy.org/campaigns/galston-oosh/>

Once you have donated you will receive a tax receipt straight away to your email address. All donations made from this link will go straight to The Pyjama Foundation.



Thank you for your support.

Galston OOSH



Catholic SRE Message

The Catholic Parish of St Benedict's Arcadia sends its best wishes to the children, families, and staff of Galston Public School community. Simple to follow **Catholic SRE lessons** are available online at the following link: [Catholic SRE Online](#)

Ethics lessons available for K – 6 students and their families

Primary Ethics has created a series of 10 lessons each for K-2 and 3-6 to help children practise their skills in critical thinking and ethical reasoning as they continue their mixed learning methods during term 2. These age-appropriate lessons are available from primaryethics.com.au/education

Live Life Well @ School

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**



Choose a variety of foods from each food group

Fruit	
+	
Vegetables	
+	
Dairy	
+	
Wholegrains	
+	
Lean meat & alternatives	
=	A Healthy Lunch Box

More ideas:
healthylunchbox.com.au



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HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

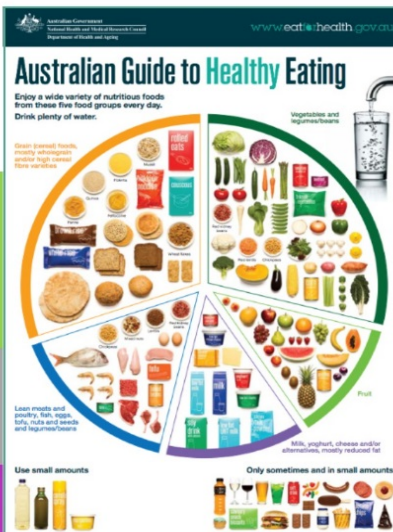
NSW school canteens are helping students to make the healthy choice, the easy choice.

Thanks to the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and our canteens:

EVERYDAY, healthy, tasty, food and drink options will be the main items available*

OCCASIONAL foods will be limited on the menu

Sugary drinks will not be sold.



*based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines above.

For more information, visit:
healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au



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Local Health District