



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

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Respect

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Week 10, Term 2

Calendar Dates	
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Friday 3 rd July	12pm Lockdown Practice Drill
Friday 3 rd July	K-6 Assembly 2:05pm
Friday 3 rd July	Last Day Term 2
Week 1, Term 3	
Monday 20 th July	Staff Development Day Term 3
Tuesday 21 st July	Students resume
Friday 24 th July	K-6 Assembly 2:05pm

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a term this has been! We began the term with around 20 students in attendance each day, with a balancing act between working from home (for both students and parents!) four days a week and working from school one day a week. By Week 5, we had moved through Phase 1 and were back to 5 days a week learning in classrooms. As the term has progressed, we have seen gradual progressions back to normality (such as assemblies, band, performance groups etc), all underpinned by extra cleaning services to ensure the ongoing safety of our students.

For these gradual steps back to more face to face interaction, we are truly grateful. Ours is a people profession, and I believe that this community connection is particularly important in a community like Galston. While we found innovative ways to connect during lockdown, nothing beats the human connection evident in our classrooms each day.

As we move into the latter part of 2020, we enter the next phase of planning for our learning community. Recently, the Department has announced new professional learning and tools to help facilitate this planning process, and we look forward to getting feedback and ideas on future directions for our school from our staff, students and community throughout Semester 2 as we plan for the future. This new phase will take us through the next four years (2021 – 2024) with a strong focus on the development of Literacy and Numeracy Skills, wellbeing and attendance for all students.

If Semester 1 2020 has taught us anything, it is that we have much to be grateful for in the people surrounding us every day. Our families, our teachers and support staff, our children and our friends. Above all, the relationships we share at Galston PS are our bond and motivation to build a better future each day for the children we serve.

Thank you everyone for your work, kindness to one another and learning this Semester. Please enjoy a restful, well-earned break, and we look forward to continuing our learning journey in Semester 2...

WHS Drills – Lockdown and Evacuation

Each term, students and staff complete Lockdown and Evacuation drills in preparation for the rare chance that a real emergency occurs. Last week, teachers talked students through both of these procedures and finished up with a run through of the different sirens they will hear should we require them in an emergency. This Friday (3rd July), all classes will complete a lockdown drill within their classrooms. Families may wish to speak with their children about these drills, emphasising that they are a practice and not the real thing.

With student and staff safety our main priority, these drills are extremely important in making sure we are all aware of our different roles should the need arise.

Regional North Operational Directorate Community Service Award

This Wednesday, our amazing School Administrative Officer Delia Morgan will be recognised for her outstanding contribution to community at Galston. Delia is an amazing resource for our school, consistently setting the tone for our learning environment through her dedication and care for our children, staff and families. Delia also contributes to a number of local and national charities in addition to the invaluable role she plays at our school. It is a pleasure to have nominated her for this award, and certainly no surprise that she has been recognised appropriately. Today, we hosted a morning tea for staff to share this achievement with Delia. Many thanks to the P&C for arranging a card and small gift voucher for Delia in honour of this achievement.



Principal's Morning Tea and Honour Assembly Week 9

It was with great pleasure that we were able to finally host our Principal's Morning Tea and Honour Assembly (celebrating achievement and effort in the Creative and Performing Arts) last Friday. At our school, recognition of many different areas of learning is essential and valued. Also having the chance to celebrate students nominated because of their demonstration of our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best was wonderful. We have many positive achievements to share at our school and we look forward to hopefully celebrating this learning with parents and community as restrictions ease further throughout the year.



Canteen Term 3

In light of the current lifting of restrictions, our canteen will be opening on Fridays from the start of Term 3 for both lunch orders and over the counter sales. Based on our available numbers of volunteers, we will be looking to extend this to Mondays as soon as we are able next term.

Allan Ison

Week 10 PBL Awards	
Galston Gotcha Prize Draw Winners	
<p><i>Respect</i> <i>Responsibility</i> <i>Personal Best</i></p>	A photograph of five students in school uniforms sitting on a bench outdoors. In the background, there is a large lion's head sculpture. To the right of the photo is a cartoon illustration of a brown dog wearing a blue cap and a blue collar with a 'W' on it, giving a thumbs up.

News From KM

We have had a very different and busy start to Term 3 but we have been having so much fun and learning so many different things. Miss McRae is so proud of us.....she tells us EVERY day!!

Our artwork has really filled the room, making it look so bright and colourful. We made art from sounds of the alphabet and then sound blends like sh, wh, th, ch.



In Maths we have learnt about addition using lots of different materials to count, and subtraction using dice and teddies, and—our favourite!—learning the friends of ten. 2D objects were fun too!





We are all so lucky to be coming to school and here are some comments from KM about their favourite things about school:

Mekonnen – I love spelling words.

Mason – I love writing sentences and I'm starting to sound out my words.

Chase – I love Art because we made the sharks and chickens and x-rays—lots of things.

Addison – I love doing Maths because we learn numbers.

Ava – I love learning our sounds.

Sophia – I love Art because there are heaps of things you can do.

Izabela – I love the iPads, learning about the alphabet and games.

Michael – Science is my favourite because we do cool stuff and learn stuff about animals.

Hope – Reading Groups because I get to do fun activities.

Zara – Free time.

Oliver – Helping and learning about seeds and plants.

Tyler – I love Maths and English the most.

Noah – Maths, it helps me learn.

Alicia – Learning how to read.

James – When we practise lots of things.

Lillian – Playing on the equipment.

Louise – Reading Groups because we do lots of different activities.

Ashton – Learning on the iPads.

Harry – Playing with my friends.

Thank you Miss McRae and all the amazing teachers who have helped us to learn so far this year!!!

Melinda McRae – KM

P&C News

P&C Meeting

Thank you to those that attended our P&C meeting last night via Zoom. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th August at 7pm. I will need to wait and hear feedback from the Department of Education as to whether this can be held onsite in our library, so watch this space for updates.

Arcadia & Galston Residents Association (AGRA)

We were lucky to have Sonja Cameron; President of AGRA attend our meeting last night and give us a run down on what AGRA is and what they do for our community. AGRA was begun in 1966 by a group of residents to make sure our rural community on this side of the Gorge did not get forgotten. Their next meeting will be held on 28th July 7pm at the Galston Club. Membership is \$10 to join and \$5 every year. They would love to see some more members, especially from the Galston community. You can contact Sonja on president@agra2159.com.au They also have a Facebook page which is free to sign up to: <https://www.facebook.com/utopia2159>

Uniform Suggestions

Over our last few P&C meetings we have been discussing uniform options for the future. This process does not happen overnight and will involve lots of consultation from the students, staff and community. No decision has

been made yet; however, we will be discussing this further, with perhaps a vote to proceed with the full Community Consultation process at our next face-to-face P&C meeting. Watch this space for further details

Fundraising

We have some fundraising activities we hope to proceed with from Term 3, although this is of course is dependent on further restrictions lifting for schools. We will be running our Father's Day stall on 3rd-4th September, and are hoping to get DJ Andy for Friday 11th September for our school disco. We will also run a "Thanks Mum" stall in early Term 4, to make up for missing our Mother's Day stall earlier in the year. Stay tuned for more details.

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.

Kim Alsdorf – P&C President, kim@galstonpandc.org.au (0481 439 663)

Canteen News:

Week ending Friday 3rd July

As you are all aware, our canteen will be reopening next term commencing on Friday 24th July.

Thank you to the wonderful parents and grandparents that have already put their names down on the roster to volunteer next term.

If you can, please spare a few hours on a Friday to assist in the canteen. It is a great way to meet other parents, and also your children just love seeing their parent and/or grandparent in the canteen! Yes, it will probably cost you a few extra dollars than another Friday, but it is such a beautiful memory for your children to have of their time at GPS. So please sign up today for a shift or two:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BA8A823A6F58-friday4>

Each week I will put a reminder in the newsletter for the parents that have volunteered for the following week:

Friday 24 th July	Sushi Collector	Helper	Helper	Assistant	Supervisor
11am	Lucy Parrin				
9.30am – 12pm		Jessica Margules			
12pm – 3pm			Shannon Sandlin		
9am – 3pm				Megan Kirkland	
9am – 3pm					Pamela Ferris

Thank you, ladies: we appreciate your help!

Pamela Ferris – Canteen Committee (0413 048 028)

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



Galston OOSH Vacation Care Schedule

what a mess!

Monday 6th July Messy Day

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

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 things 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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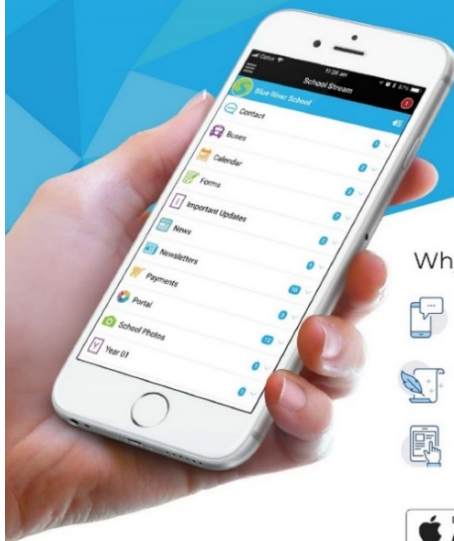
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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to enjoy autumn produce.

In-season fruit and veg not only taste great, they're much cheaper than at other times of the year.



Plus there are plenty of ways to turn excess autumn produce into easy family-friendly meals and lunch box snacks.

- Apple (red delicious, Granny Smith):** apple porridge; apple crumble.
- Banana:** banana bread; banana and oats smoothie.
- Mushroom:** ginger, mushroom and fish stir-fry; chicken and mushroom sausage rolls; beef and mushroom meatloaf.
- Pumpkin:** pumpkin, spinach and cheese cannelloni; spicy pumpkin soup.
- Zucchini:** zucchini quiche with rice crust; zucchini and corn fritters.

Go to eatittobeatit.com.au for the recipes.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to enjoy a healthy holiday season.

You can still enjoy treats this holiday season, just don't forget it's all about moderation and aiming for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg every day.

At family dinners or barbecues with friends try these healthier choices:

- Try vegie sticks with vegie dip as a starter. Fill up on healthier foods first.
- Snack on roasted chickpeas or popcorn, and baked vegie chips.
- Make sure half your lunch or dinner plate is filled with veggies or tasty summer salads.
- Serve a big bowl of fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.



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