



The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

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Respect

Responsibility

Personal Best

Week 5, Term 1

Calendar Dates

| Week 5, Term 1 | |
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| Thursday 25 th February | Kindergarten welcome afternoon tea and second hand uniform sale |
| Friday 26 th February | SRC Induction Assembly |
| Week 6, Term 1 | |
| Monday 1 st March | Peer Support K-6 |
| Wednesday 3 rd March | Beecroft Zone PSSA Carnival |
| Friday 5 th March | K-6 Assembly 2:05pm |

| Note | Due Date |
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| School invoice | OVERDUE |
| Beecroft Zone PSSA Carnival (selected students) | Friday 26 th February |
| NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021 | Friday 5 th March |
| P&C Membership and Contributions 2021 | Friday 5 th March |

From the Principal

COVID update – further information

Now that school routines have been established for the first few weeks of the year, we have received updated guidance from the Department of Education and NSW Health that parents (including K-2) are not allowed on school sites, except for limited purposes. While we understand that restrictions have eased in many parts of the community, all NSW DoE schools must follow guidelines issued. We have been very fortunate to have time over the first few weeks to settle our youngest students (K-2) into their morning and afternoon routines, and we hope that as restrictions ease further that we will be able to return to on site morning and afternoon pickup as the year progresses.

As Term 1 continues and until further updates become available, some clarification on planned school activities:

- Parent/carer can attend a school's administration building or other defined location for the purpose of picking up or dropping off a child with disability.
- Uniform shop and canteen are able to still operate as normal.
- Kindergarten welcome afternoon tea and second-hand uniform sale can proceed as planned this Thursday afternoon. Outdoor gatherings of up to 50 people can still occur with appropriate social distancing.
- Parent volunteers can attend to support student learning (eg reading groups). This will commence in the coming weeks and parents will need to sign in at the office prior to entering classrooms.
- Parents of children being inducted at the SRC assembly can attend with outdoor seating. Invitations were sent out late last week.
- SRE and SEE can continue as normal, with volunteers signing in at the office.
- Other activities such as Grandparents Day, Easter Hat Parade etc will be reviewed closer to the date and in accordance with guidelines at the time.
- Sports events (eg cross country, AFL Clinics etc) can proceed as planned.
- Drum Group, Band and Dance Group are able to proceed as planned. Choir remains on hold due to restrictions on singing and chanting.
- Visitors (ie tradespeople, external providers etc) are able to attend the site with appropriate sign in procedures.
- P&C meetings can go ahead after hours. Last year it was decided to hold half of these meetings at school and in person, with the other half to be via Zoom. This allows more flexibility for families to attend from home. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday 9th March.
- Working Bee planned for Week 8 (18th March) can proceed as planned.
- Our office will remain open for parents who need to attend in person if required.

All parents K-6 will be able to pick up and drop off from the gates of our three entry/exit points in School Road, Arcadia Road as well as near the KU preschool. Kindergarten teachers will continue to walk children over to the School Road gates each afternoon to facilitate a smooth pickup.

If all parents/carers could take the time to speak with their children about pick up and drop off arrangements, that would be greatly appreciated. It is also vitally important that parents are punctual to meet their child at the arranged gate each afternoon and we thank you in advance for this organisation.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and as always, we will keep you updated should the guidelines change.

Working Bee Week 8

It's official! Take out your diary and set aside the date: after school on Thursday 18th March (Week 8) our P&C, led by Belinda Crofts, will be hosting our first working bee for 2021. This will be an opportunity to begin tidying some of the spaces which are in need of a little TLC. We look forward to welcoming any parents, students or family members who are able to volunteer a few hours in the interests of brightening up our beautiful grounds. This will also be a time to share ideas and plan for future working bees in the many playground areas, as well as to network as a community. A BBQ will be organised at the end of the day for all of our volunteers.

Data Talks Kick off!

This week, our teachers have engaged in their first round of Data Talks. Data Talks are based on the work of Lyn Sharratt, and allow our teachers time to collaboratively analyse specific student data.

These Data Talk sessions are led by Mrs Muscat as our school's Instructional Leader and involve teachers collaborating over attendance data, as well as specific data targeting reading and number acquisition K-6. While this data is readily available, providing time to analyse, group and plan is invaluable to then impacting teaching and learning back in classrooms. Mrs Muscat will spend time from 9am–11am each morning session between each 5 weekly check in, team-teaching with teachers based on the previous data talk and targeting specific groups of students as they complete their reading session. In this way, intervention is daily and ongoing for the entire school year. This powerful professional learning will impact not only on our teachers' practice, but also allows us to regularly check in on our student progress.



Maths Support – Newman's Prompts

As one of the starting points to supporting student learning in Mathematics this year, Mrs Cansdale will begin working with all students in Year 5 on Newman's Error Analysis.

In the 1970s, Australian educator Dr Ann Newman identified 5 basic steps students must work through in order to solve written word problems. Newman suggested 5 prompts to help guide students through this problem-solving process:

1. Reading – Read the question to me
2. Comprehension – What is the question asking you to do?
3. Transformation – How are you going to work out the answer?
4. Processing – Show me how you are going to find the answer
5. Encoding – Write down your answer

All students in Year 5 will be working in small groups with Mrs Cansdale to apply this process to a range of word-based problems to strengthen their problem-solving skills. All teachers in Years 2-6 will also be undertaking professional learning in these prompts over the coming weeks to be implemented in class. Often, our children are able to do the mathematics, and Newman's Prompts are a way of breaking down the literacy challenges these problems can present.

Acknowledgement of Country

On Monday 22nd February, our Indigenous students in Years 3-6, along with the school leaders and parents worked collaboratively to create an Acknowledgement of Country unique to Galston Public School. As the year progresses, we will seek input from our Indigenous students and their families in Years K-2, as well as our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) as we edit and refine this work. Rondelle Ryan (Aboriginal Education Officer) was instrumental in this process, providing leadership and guidance as the children and adults combined their ideas.

Meaningful recognition of the purpose of an Acknowledgement of Country, as well as our community's Indigenous heritage/links, is an important part of our children's education, and it was with great pleasure that we began this work this week.

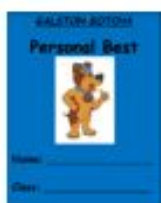
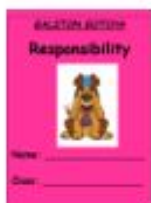


Allan Ison (Principal)

At Galston PS we can be rewarded for doing many things when we are demonstrating



We can receive our Gotchas when we are following our 3 school values in the classroom or in the playground



The five Gotchas can be made up of any colour combination.

Gotchas go into the weekly prize draw as well as toward the whole school reward each term

When we get 5 Gotchas we receive a Mini Merit



Mini Merits are awarded in class each week and kept at school. Teacher initials and dates the back of the 3 mini merits. Teacher enters data on tracking sheet and mini merits are sent home.

When we get 3 Mini Merits we receive an Excellence Award



Excellence Awards are awarded at each School Assembly. Excellence Awards are kept at home and when students have received 3 they are to hand them into the front office ready for the presentation their next badge.

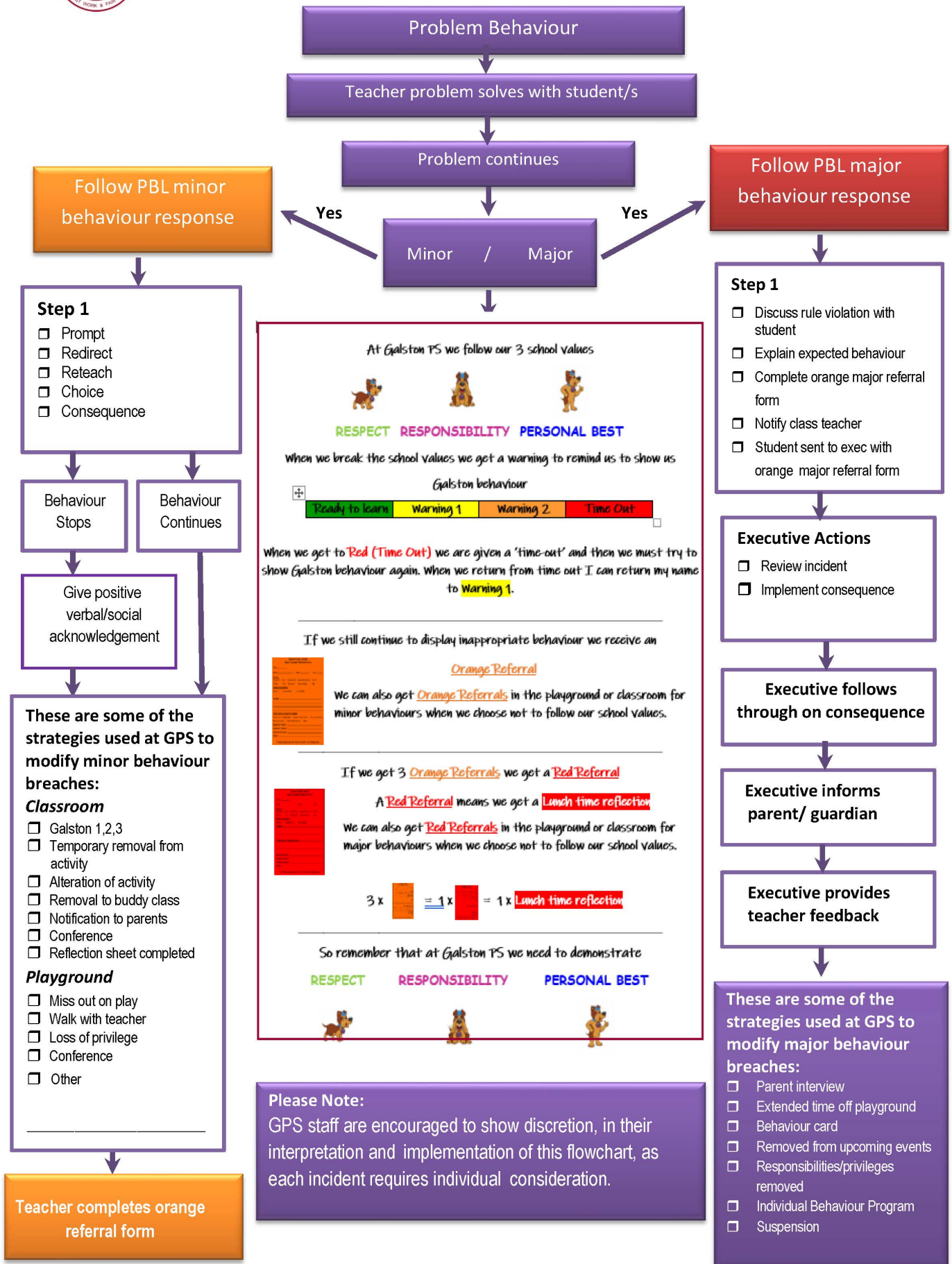
When we get 3 Excellence Awards we receive a Badge

(Once a badge is received, the process begins again and the student works toward their next level/colour of badge)

Parents/Care Givers will be invited to attend the Principals Afternoon Tea at the end of each term. Principal's Afternoon Tea is held for every first, fifth and tenth level badge.



GPS Behaviour Management Flowchart



At Galston PS we follow our 3 school values

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY PERSONAL BEST

When we break the school values we get a warning to remind us to show us Galston behaviour

Ready to learn | Warning 1 | Warning 2 | Time Out

When we get to **Red (Time Out)** we are given a 'time-out' and then we must try to show Galston behaviour again. When we return from time out I can return my name to **Warning 1**.

If we still continue to display inappropriate behaviour we receive an **Orange Referral**

We can also get **Orange Referrals** in the playground or classroom for minor behaviours when we choose not to follow our school values.

If we get 3 **Orange Referrals** we get a **Red Referral**

A **Red Referral** means we get a **Lunch time reflection**

We can also get **Red Referrals** in the playground or classroom for major behaviours when we choose not to follow our school values.

3 x [Orange] = 1 x [Red] = 1 x **Lunch time reflection**

So remember that at Galston PS we need to demonstrate

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY PERSONAL BEST

Please Note:
GPS staff are encouraged to show discretion, in their interpretation and implementation of this flowchart, as each incident requires individual consideration.

Galston High School Open Day: Potential Starts Here

Galston High School will be open for prospective future students on Wednesday 10th March from 9.30am. Due to COVID-19, an additional layer of planning is required.

Interested parties are encouraged to visit Galston High School's website (<https://galston-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>) to register their interest via a Google docs form. This will provide the school with contact details, enabling them to communicate directly in the event any changes are required because of the COVID situation at that time.

Harmony Day Poster Competition

Harmony Day is celebrated every year. For Australia, it is a day to celebrate our diverse and multi-cultural society. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. At Galston Public School we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 19th March. This is a special day where we recognise and show respect for everyone who calls Australia home, from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

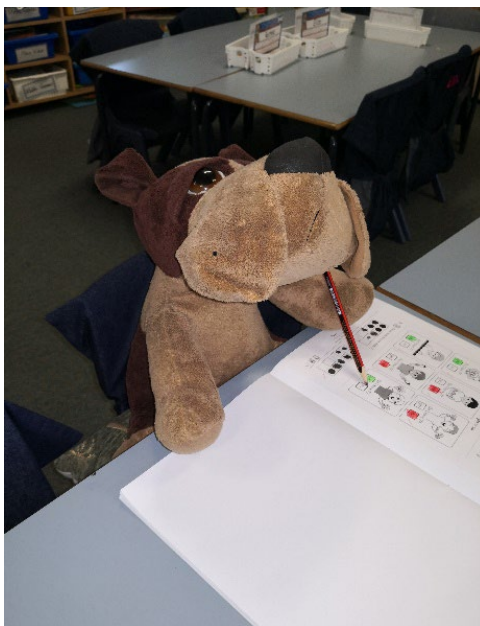


In the lead up to Harmony Day students may wish to enter the Harmony Day Poster Competition which is open to school students in all schools in NSW and the ACT. This year the theme is: Everyone Belongs. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2021 and numerous \$500 prizes will be awarded. Entries close on Friday 2nd April 2021 and are to be an A3 drawing, painting or mixed media work. For further details about entering, see <https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/poster-competition/>

Madelaine Mifsud – Year 6 teacher

News From KM

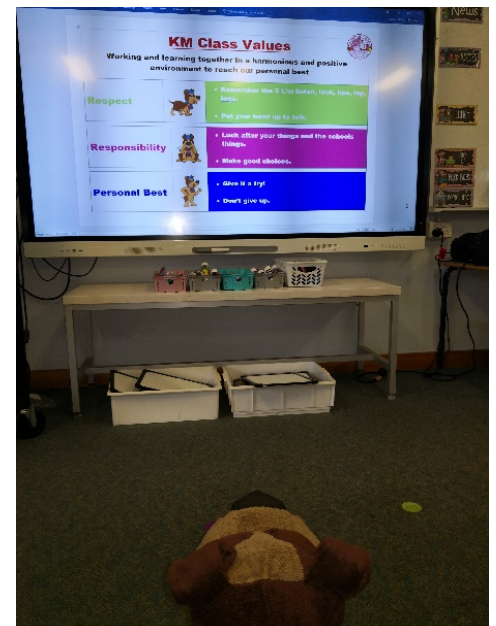
Who could believe Kindy has only been at school for 16 days?! . We have learnt so much and achieved so much more. KM were so lucky to have received a whole class reward on our very first Assembly. We have loved having Walston in our room and look at all the different things he has been doing with us...



Walston has helped us with our Maths work learning about the numbers from 1 to 8, length and days of the week.



He has helped us with Art—but sometimes he is much messier than us.....Walston!!



He has been very Respectful, Responsible and is always trying to do his Personal Best.....Well done Walston! A Gotcha for you for such good listening – very respectful.



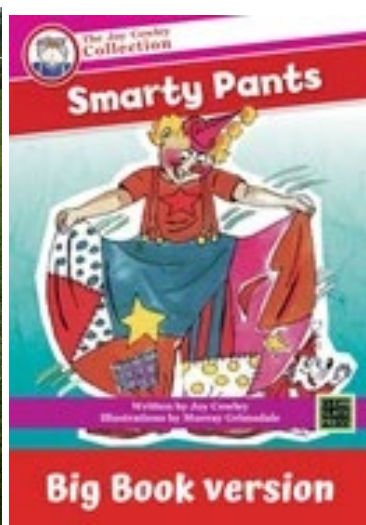
We think Walston might have been hungry when learning phonics...Walston, you're not supposed to eat the cheese!!



Miss McRae said that we weren't allowed to take Walston outside but we know he would have loved the AFL clinic just like us. Ollie has been the best coach and we have had so much fun learning new skills.



Walston is such a good dog – he waits for us to come to school each day and can't wait to help us hang up our bags and take out our things ready for learning. Thanks Walston!



We were very excited when we had a surprise visit from Smarty Pants, aka Mr Ison: we had just finished reading that story when to our amazement the real person arrived in our room! We all read the story to Smarty Pants along with KB to show him that we too can be 'smarty pants' with our reading!!

Our classroom is starting to fill up with all our 'pawsome' artworks with t...t...trucks, s...s...snakes and soon to be f...f...fish.



We can't wait for all the new and exciting learning we will be doing this term and showing our families our new skills.

Melinda McRae – KM

Canteen News

Week ending Friday 26th February

Not much to report this week: we have had a few weeks where Stages 2 & 3 have been off school grounds so the canteen has been a little quiet, but from this week everyone is back in the classroom and the canteen volunteers are looking forward to seeing all the children at the canteen at recess and/or lunch.

Did you know that you can place a lunch order through Flexischools a long time in advance? It doesn't have to be done on a canteen day or the night before, but can be done any time that you are thinking about your child/ren's school lunches. Simply click on "load more dates" if the date for the lunch order doesn't appear.

Please let me know if you have any queries about Flexischools that perhaps you would like explained.

Friday Roster

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| Friday 26th February | |
| Canteen Orientation 10.30am – 11.30am | Loretta McLaughlin |
| Helper 9.30am – 12pm | Jessica Margules |
| Helper 12pm – 3pm | Belinda Lagos |
| Assistant 9am – 3pm | Alison Toy |
| Supervisor 9am – 3pm | Pamela Ferris |

Monday Roster

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| Monday 1st March | |
| Morning shift 10.45am – 1.45pm | Cat Jennings |
| Recess counter sales 10.45am-11.15am | Debbie Trebble |
| Afternoon shift 11.30am – 2.45pm | Farah Miles |

Thank you all for your wonderful support of our canteen.

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

Megan Kirkland – *Roster Coordinator* (0422 394 577)

P&C News

Welcome Afternoon Tea and Giant Second Hand Uniform Sale

It's on this Thursday 25th February from 3-4pm outside the canteen! All items are \$5 so come grab a bargain, enjoy afternoon tea and meet some of the lovely families at our school. It's an affordable and sustainable way to stock up on uniforms while helping to raise money for our school and connecting with other families.

Donations of second hand uniforms and school shoes can be made to the uniform shop/canteen when open or to the school office up until Thursday. We are also calling out for a few volunteers to make or buy a small plate of

afternoon tea to share on the day. Afternoon tea items can be dropped off directly to Pam in the canteen from 8.45am-9.15am on Thursday morning.

P&C Secretary Required

Looking for a new challenge in 2021? Do you have an hour or so per week to help out at school? The P&C are looking for a new Secretary - a parent/carer who can support the P&C by taking meeting minutes, emailing P&C members and other administration duties. We will train and support you and it's a great way to get involved and make a difference to our school. Please feel free to ring, SMS or email me for more information.

Class Coordinator Program: It's Not Too Late

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be included in our Class Coordinator program this year. Parents/carers who have signed up will start to receive emails from the Class Coordinator for their child/ren's class very soon. For those who haven't signed up yet but are keen to receive news and information in this way - just complete the quick survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRK8WJ6>

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

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday afternoons 2.30-3pm and 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.

Recent purchasers please note: a glitch at Flexischools could mean that you receive the order that you paid for more than once. If this affects you, please return the duplicate order as soon as possible to the school office or directly to the uniform shop. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Any enquiries please contact us via uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au.

Ali Toy – Uniform Shop Coordinator



HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

2021 Theme: **Everyone Belongs**
Entries close: **Friday 2 April 2021**
Specifications: **A3 drawing, painting or mixed media work**

[ENTER HERE](#)



WHO CAN ENTER?

The Harmony Day Poster Competition is open to school students in all schools in NSW and the ACT. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2021.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

*Primary (Year K – 6), Secondary (Year 7 – 12)

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- State Winner's School: Primary & Secondary \$500 each

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OPEN NIGHT 2021
March 2nd 4pm - 6pm
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PERFORMANCES GUIDED TOURS INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES ENROLMENT INFORMATION

OPEN NIGHT 2021

Sessions will be run at half hour intervals commencing 4.00pm. The last session will commence at 5.30pm. Guests will be escorted to the MPC (Hall) for a welcome address from Mr Warren, Principal followed by organised tours in small groups as per current COVID-19 restrictions.