

Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 30 June

P&C Pyjama Day

Students last day

Monday 17th July

Students commence school



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, your child will have come home with their Semester 1 report.

I ask that all parents take the time to read and understand their child's report as it contains valuable information about their achievement and progress in first semester. Vital explanatory notes to assist you in making sense of your child's report are also provided on the reverse of the report's cover page.

As our expectations of students at each year of school has increased under the West Australian Curriculum, it is possible that your child's 'grades' may appear to have declined in comparison to recent years. This does not exactly mean that they have not progressed; rather it is most likely that our expectations of them have lifted. It is important at this stage to clarify that 'A' and 'B' grades are only issued when a student is consistently performing at a level that exceeds the expected standard for their year level – these grades are awarded far less than when you and I went to school.

I am confident that the information provided by your child's teacher/s in this report is a valid and reliable summary of their achievement, attitude, behaviour and effort throughout the first two terms of 2023.

I would strongly recommend that if you are concerned about any aspect of your child's report that you make an appointment with the classroom teacher after the holidays. If you are still concerned after this, please feel free to discuss any concerns further with me.

Kindergarten Applications

If you know a child who turns 4 years old before **June 30, 2024**, now is the time to apply to enrol them at Gidgegannup Primary School. Applications for Kindergarten enrolment are due before **July 21, 2023**.

To find out or collect an application form, please contact the school office on 9578 4000, drop in or email Gidgegannup.PS@education.wa.edu.au

Lightning Carnival

Last week students in Years 4, 5 & 6 and some members of staff, braved the cold, wet and windy weather to take part in a Lightning Carnival. Students had the opportunity to compete against other schools, in either netball, ultimate frisbee and AFL Football. Students had a great day and took this opportunity to display our school values of Respect, Achievement, Responsibility and Engagement. Thanks to Mrs Holder for organising this event for not only Gidgegannup Primary School but surrounding schools.



Hills Education Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 21 June, Gidgegannup Primary School hosted the Hills Education Community Schools taking part in the annual Public Speaking Competition. Students represented their school in the Junior (Year 1 – 3) or Senior (Year 3 – 6) sections, presenting either a poem or a short speech. Gidgegannup Primary School was represented by Aliviah Linthorne in the Junior Section and Carys Kitur Rono in the Senior Section. Congratulations to all the students from across the HEC network that competed in this wonderful event, they should all be very proud.



Reading Challenge

Don't forget to sign your child/children up for the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are challenged to read as many books as they can until Friday 8 September.

You can help your children sign up via the website, choose their own avatar and log all of the books they read over the course of the challenge. Weekly prizes will be awarded to students who log a book that week, with major prizes drawn when the challenge ends.

Sign up your children on the website to begin their magical journey:

<https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/>

Holidays

The last day for Term 2 is **Friday 30 June** and this is also PJ Day! Staff and students are invited to wear their PJ's to school for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go directly to our P&C.

Staff and students return for Term 3 on **Monday 17 July**.

happy
holidays!

Rapid Antigen Tests

Thanks to the WA Government we have received a further allocation of 10 Rapid Antigen Tests per student. This is to ensure that all member of all school communities have access to COVID-19 testing.

COVID-19 remains prevalent in Western Australia and testing for COVID-19 when you have cold and flu like symptoms is a quick and convenient way to detect and limit the spread of COVID-19, keeping our school communities safe. Please drop by the office to collect your child's allocation of RATs.



Suspicious Activity

If you see any suspicious activity after hours or during the weekend or holiday break I would encourage you to contact School Watch on 1800 177 777 or the WA Police on 131 444.

2023 Voluntary Contributions

Friendly reminders went out this week via classrooms. We would appreciate payment of 2023 voluntary contributions. The contribution is \$40 per Kindergarten student and \$60 per Pre Primary – Year 6 student.

K-Yr 2 contributions go towards classroom budgets for materials for art and crafts, design and technology, science experiments and cooking activities.

Yr 3- 6 contributions go towards purchasing text books, work books and web based curriculum materials.

The above amounts have been approved by the school council/board. Payments are optional, however parents/carers are encouraged to support our school. The collection of GPS voluntary contributions has always played a significant role in enabling the purchase of resources and supplies which enhance our students learning journey.

Payment can be made to the office by cash or cheque (made out to Gidgegannup Primary School). Payment envelopes are available from the Office or the classroom teacher.

Alternatively, Direct Deposit is available.

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BSB: 633 000

Account: 156300055

Please include your child's surname, room number and the payment reason.

Eg: Citizen, Room 1 Vol Cons (Voluntary Contributions)

We would like to thank our families who have already paid voluntary contributions for this year via the campion booklist and directly to the school.

Connect

Parent Connect and our School Space (**Gidgegannup Primary School's Connect Parent Community**) is our main platform for communication. Teachers will also be communicating with parents through their child's Connect Class. We are moving away from Facebook, using it to direct families to Connect or as a backup when urgent information is required to be disseminated.

Currently we have 200 parents associated with Connect.

Teachers have created their class Connect pages which you will have access to.

If you don't have access to Connect please get in touch with us so that we can rectify this. We have a number of parents who have invalid or no email addresses. Please update these as soon as possible so that we can get you on to Connect.

In this space you will be able to:

- view your children's reports (K-6)
- receive notices to keep you informed about what is happening,
- access documents in the library (Newsletters etc), and
- be kept up to date with events through the calendar.

Connect is our main source of communication with our school community. Teachers will also be communicating with you through your child's Connect Class.

Updating email, contact and medical details

Please inform the office if there are any changes to medical information, contact details, emergency contact details or email addresses. It is important that these are accurate so that we can get in contact with you if needed.

Kind regards,

Lauren Hook

Principal

P&C News

PYJAMA DAY

Give the washing machine a rest and send them straight from bed!

Gold
Coin
Donation



FRI
30
JUNE



Community News



NAIDOC ROUND

Inviting all children!
Play **MARNGROOK**
at half time of
the WAFL game



SAT JULY 8
2:40pm
Steel Blue Oval
Meet at Kids Play Zone

*Register your interest on the QR code
for FREE ENTRY for an accompanying
adult*