



NEWSLETTER NO. 1

GINGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO 2020!

I am delighted to join the Gingin District High School family as Principal for Semester 1 and extend a warm welcome to all families and students as we share in the exciting journey ahead. It has been so nice to meet so many of you already. We have proudly enjoyed the happy smiles and positivity around the school campus over the last week, from welcoming our new kindies to celebrating 100% compliance with our secondary students with the 'Off and Away all day policy'.

The Gingin DHS team is committed to celebrating success and to keep working towards being an even better Gingin. We need to ensure that we are responsive to our community and to keeping our sights set firmly on the future.

At times this will bring change, all of which is based around the heart of our school; our kids.

One such change has been the move to three factions. We recognise the tradition around the faction names and will be involving students, parents and community in the decision around the naming of our factions with our elected student council members being key to this process.

Some of the changes are happening behind the scenes. This includes a new build to replace the learning area block lost in the fire, working with local partners to continue to develop opportunities to work together and exploration around joining 89% of Public Schools in WA in our move towards becoming an Independent Public School (IPS).

Throughout each newsletter you will see a range of learning experiences, events and activities that our students have had the opportunity to participate in. We encourage our students to try new things and develop their strengths, both inside the classroom and beyond classroom walls.

We have had a great start to 2020, and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank and acknowledge our families for their support.

Please do follow us on Facebook 'Gingindhs' to share in this journey and to keep up to date with opportunities, information and events. With such incredible students, families, staff and community the future is bright here at Gingin DHS.

Deb Unwin
Principal



Coming Events

Term 1 2020

WEEK 2 & 3

Monday 10th February - Friday 21st February

Primary In-term Swimming

WEEK 4

Friday 28th February

Faction Swimming Carnival

WEEK 5

Monday 2nd March

LABOUR DAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEEK 6

Friday 13th March

MDSA Primary I/School Swimming

WEEK 8

Monday 23rd March-Tuesday 24th March

Kapture School Photos

Thursday 26th March

Assembly- Room 13 item

WEEK 10

Thursday 9th April

ANZAC Ceremony

Last Day- Term 1

Friday 10th April

GOOD FRIDAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Off and Away, All Day

From 2020, all public schools will implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for students from the time they arrive at school until the end of the school day - including before school and at break times. This includes using smart watches, earbuds and headphones unless students are under the instruction of a teacher. Exceptions will be made for students with special circumstances. Read more <http://spr.ly/61861Jido>

Sun Hat Policy

In primary a NO HAT, NO PLAY policy is in place and it is compulsory for students to wear a hat all year round. We have always strongly encouraged all secondary students to wear hats as well. All staff do continuously advise students to do so and remind students through Health and Physical Education about the dangers of skin cancer. Sun screen is supplied in all classrooms and in Phys Ed classes throughout the year. We would like to call on all parents to assist us by discussing the importance of sun safety with your teenager also.

Parking on Daw Street

A reminder to parents that there is no drop off, pick up or parking on Daw St. The buses park along Daw St and it is too dangerous to have students crossing the road. You are able to park on the grassed area at the very bottom of Daw St.

P & C News

A huge welcome back to our school from our P&C. Our P&C is a dynamic group of people who are interested in working with the school to support the great things that are happening. The AGM was held last night and we would like to welcome our new and old members.

Our committee consists of President-Ashlee Howard, Vice President-Amanda Miles, Secretary-Mel Kingston, Treasurer-Jill Skevington, Canteen Manager- Sheena Parker and Uniform Coordinator- Susie Dale.

Canteen: The Canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this year.

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday from 8.30am- 9.15 a.m.

Uniforms can still be ordered using paper order forms and left at reception or preferably via QuickCliq

If you have any queries, please contact via email gdhsuniform@gmail.com



is available for Canteen & Uniform orders <https://quickcliq.com.au/>

QuickCliQ. is easy to use! Simply google QuickCliQ. & sign up to create yourself a login. For existing users once you have logged on you will find the uniform tab under the the QuickCliq logo.

Community News



If you don't already have the School Stream app, go to the iTunes Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone.

Make sure you **allow push notifications** to get the most of the app.

When School Stream has finished installing,

open the app,

search for and select **Gingin District High School**.

Download Instructions: [iPhone/iPad and Android/Tablet](#)

Or find them on the school website

WA Country Health Service- Colour Blindness

Once received brochures will be given to all Pre Primary students.

You can also find the brochure on the School Website under the 'Parents and Community' tab >'Community Resources'. <http://gingin.wa.edu.au/index.php/2018/05/22/community-resources/>

Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people, but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people.

Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar.

It's good to know if a child is colour blind because he may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers.

When do children know colours?

- Very young children can see the difference between colours if they are not colour blind. They do not see colours very well at first but soon begin to like colours, especially bright colours.
- However, children under about 4 years may not understand that a green ball is the same colour as green grass. They can be confused when we use the same describing word for 2 very different things.
- Children need more understanding of things like colours, shapes and sizes to 'see' that different things can be the same colour.
- Many children are able to recognise and name colours by the time they are 4 years old.

What is colour blindness?

In the retina at the back of the eye – the part of the eye that picks up light coming in – there are 2 types of cell, 'rod cells' and 'cone cells'.

- Rod cells work in low light but they do not 'see' colours. At night, our rod cells allow us to see things around us, but only in shades of grey and white.
- Cone cells react to daylight and they help us to see the detail in objects. They also pick up colours.

There are 3 types of cone cells: ones that pick up red light, others green and others blue.

- By combining the messages from each set of cone cells, we get the wide range of colours that we can normally see.
- If one or more of these types of cone cells is faulty, a person can be colour blind.

How do I know if my child is colour blind?

It can be hard to tell if children are colour blind as they won't know that they have problems with their colour vision. Some children will seem to know their colours because they've been taught that a strawberry is red and that grass is green.

If your child seems to have trouble identifying colours after the age of four, such as sorting objects by colour or colouring in, talk to your doctor or community health nurse.

Who is colour blind?

Colour blindness is usually inherited. If you have inherited colour blindness, it won't get any better or worse.

Most people inherit colour blindness from their mother, who is a carrier but is probably not colour blind.

Around 8 in every 100 boys, but only 4 in every 1,000 girls, have some level of colour blindness.

For more information contact

- Local school health nurse
- Local family doctor or optometrist
- Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group
members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton
- Raising Children Network
www.raisingchildren.net.au
- HealthyWA
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au



Our next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 19 February at the Uniting Church from 3.30-5.45 pm when our theme will be "Creation".

Everyone is most welcome to come along at any time. Afternoon tea and evening meal are supplied at no charge.

Contacts - Marian (9575 1357) or Sharon (9655 7057)



Seeking interest from girls (year 3 to Year 12) that would like to play in 'All Girl Football' teams for Chattering Broncos in 2020.

The teams will be:

Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8, Year 9/10 and Year 11/12.

Please register online at www.chatteringfc.sportingpulse.net

Please note payment is not required until late May when your child has played 3 games and find she loves it! Grab your friends and let's play!



**Gingin - Bindoon - Moora
Woodridge - Lancelin**

"Dance, Tap & Acro"

Tinys to Teens/Girls & Boys

Enrol now for 2020!!

Classes start back up Week 2 of Term 1

**We offer "Fun" classes with disc for
families with 2 or more!**

To enrol or to find out more info

Please email, msg or call Roxanne

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