



Principal Update

Like me, you are perhaps dumbfounded by how quickly our term is progressing. Throughout this newsletter you will be able to share in just how much there has been to celebrate and the progress and achievements of our incredible students both within and beyond the classroom. Our students deserve nothing but the best and our focus will continue to be around ensuring that students are at the centre of every decision we make. Every student, every classroom and every day.

It has been delightful to meet many of you within the community, with overwhelming support of presence in cheering on our students at our wonderful swimming carnival where many of you took the time to give me important feedback. I thank each of you for your ongoing support and in working together with us as a school to ensure that our kids always come first. Congratulations to the winning green faction and to all the champions, runner-up champions and the record breakers.

Over the term the school together with the school council and with local shire support have been exploring the opportunity to join 89% of public schools in the state to become an Independent Public School (IPS). This will allow for the school to have greater independence for decisions in school which directly reflect the needs of our students. We encourage all families and community members to share in our journey and you are invited to attend a public forum evening for further information. This exciting opportunity which will start with a harmony day assembly and free BBQ directly after school followed by the forum at 4pm. The flyer contained within this newsletter has further information so please do not hesitate to contact school direct for more details.

In terms of the build update, this continues to unfold as planning and arrangements are organised, at this stage we are looking to be ready to move into our new building by the start of the new year. In the meantime, the school will be undergoing some refurbishment of carpet, paint and split air conditioning systems so that our students are able to learn in a more comfortable environment.

I look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming semester and it continues to be an absolute pleasure to watch our kids shine. If you haven't already, please follow us on facebook for ongoing updates.



Coming Events

Term 1 2020

WEEK 6

Friday 13th March

MDSA Primary I/School Swimming

WEEK 7

Friday 20th March

Harmony Day Assembly- Period 6

WEEK 8

Monday 23rd March-Tuesday 24th March

Kapture School Photos

Thursday 26th March

Assembly- Room 6 item

WEEK 10

Thursday 9th April

ANZAC Ceremony

Last Day- Term 1

Friday 10th April

GOOD FRIDAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Honour Award Recipients



Student Council 2020



Library Corner

What a start to 2020! It has been encouraging to see students borrowing and books travelling to and from school in protective book bags. Reading is brain food and such a wonderful way to switch off and escape to faraway places, or learn about interesting facts.

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

We have purchased many new titles and extended our range of titles in well-loved series. On that note, thank you to Eleisha George for covering books earlier in the term. The downside to accessioning all these new titles, is that they need covering. We **welcome any offers of help to cover these books** as they come in. If you may be interested in helping with the covering of these books, please contact the front office to leave your details. You may like to come into school and we will set you up in the library, or you might prefer to take some home to cover. Either way, your help will be appreciated.

Finally, if your child has read a book they love and would be happy to recommend it to others, please encourage them to write a book review and bring it to school to be published in our newsletter. To assist with understanding the structure to follow when writing a book review, blank templates are available at the library. See Mrs Slater. Happy reading everyone.

Featured Author: **Jeff Kinny**



In 1998 Jeff came up with the idea for Diary of a Wimpy Kid, a story about a middle-school weakling named Greg Heffley. The first Diary of a Wimpy Kid book was published in 2007 and became an instant bestseller. There are now more than 180 million copies of the series in print worldwide. There have been four movies released based on the book series and a new film was released in 2017, titled, Diary of A Wimpy Kid- The Long Haul.

Student Council- Annual Easter Eggs-Travaganza!

As you all might be aware, our Student Council lost everything in the fire last year. Therefore, this year, instead of just asking for Easter Egg donations, we are asking for donations of Easter Baskets, Bunny Ears and anything else Easter related to help with the joy we spread at this time of year!

If you are not aware, your Student Council hold a raffle of donated Easter Eggs, a Guess-the-Eggs in a jar completion, an Easter Egg hunt for Kindy and bring the actual Easter Bunny in to wander the school and spread happiness!!

This fun and frivolity starts in Week 9 on Monday 30th March. We are asking for your help, sending in any donations to the Front Office where you will find a box ready to accept your generosity!



Room 13 Swimming Buddies!

Earlier in the year, some students in Room 13 were lucky enough to be asked to be a swimming buddy for a student in Room 1. This required the room 13 students to help them out before and after their lesson. They got to know their buddy quite well and looked forward to the chance to help out their younger friends.

Miss Miller and the Room 1 students paid a visit to Room 13 last week. They each gave their Swimming Buddy a letter and a small gift to say thank you. There were lots of hugs all round and it brought huge smiles to the faces of the Room 13 students!



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Students will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home this week. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. Please note the photographers cannot open sealed envelopes and cannot provide change.

Sibling orders can ONLY be placed online. Late requests cannot be granted.

You have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note sibling orders will close in most instances at 12-midday sharp, one business day before the first photo date. We suggest you place your online sibling order as soon as you receive your order envelope with your order instructions as places are limited.

Log on to kapture.com.au for your sibling photo order cut-off date and time.

Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You can place an order online for class or individual photographs at any time for the remainder of the current school year; however a \$20 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

If your child is in a sports or special group photo, you can use the same school code on your order envelope to view and order these photos on Kapture's website, around the time that school photos are ready to be delivered. Please note; Class group, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families.

Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.

P & C News

Next meeting: Monday 16th March at 6.30pm

Canteen: Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Uniform Shop: Open Thursday from 8.30am - 9.15 a.m.

Gingin District High School Independent Public School (IPS) Community Forum



You are invited to our BBQ for our families and community

Friday 20th March

GDHS Performing Arts Centre 2:55–4:00pm

No RSVP required for this event—Enquiries 9575 5300

Followed by our IPS community forum:

Come and find out what an IPS is and what it will do for

GINGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 9 April 2020