



WELCOME BACK TO 2019!

Our school welcomes back all of our parents and students to the new school year. Students have returned with stories of things they that have done over the school holidays, but saying they are happy to return to school to start the new school year.

Our school would like to particularly welcome parents who are new to the school. We hope you find the journey a positive one. Please keep in touch with the school if there are any concerns.

Our school staff are looking forward to another positive and successful school year this year. We spent the School Development Days prior to the start of the school year developing our next Strategic Plan which will focus on maximising standards of achievement for all of our students. This will be discussed by School Council next week, and we will publish it on our website.

Email to our School Community

I have just returned from a hiking holiday in Nepal and at the start of my trek I came across a sign. I will assume this is the Gingin north of Perth, as a West Australian I was quite proud. I can tell you the building and surrounds are well kept and although school had not started when I was there the kids I met on the way were all polite and well-spoken in English. Well done for providing for these people they are truly beautiful and well deserved.



Year 9 Canberra Camp

The Canberra Camp will be on again this year from 28th July to 2nd August 2019 (Week 2 Term 3). This is an excellent camp as students visit many exciting places and their learning is reinforced through hands on activities and well informed tours. Shortly we will be emailing parents of Year 9 students details of the camp and due dates for payments. There will be a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure your child's place.

Please feel free to contact me regarding the camp either by phone 95755300 or via email:

carol.fennell@education.wa.edu.au.

Parents are also encouraged to download the School Stream app to receive any notifications regarding the camp.



Student Council

Our 2019 Student Council is only days away from being decided! Year 6's are busy practising their speeches, The Electoral Commission have been invited and political posters are going up around the school! Our voting will take place this Thursday February 14th in the Library under the careful guidance of Nigel Bushby from the Electoral Commission. Our students, who are learning about preferential voting in their HASS classes, will cast a secret ballot that will be taken away and counted by Nigel

himself. Successful candidate will be announced shortly after and parents will be invited to our assembly in week 5 to watch students receive their School Captain, Student Council and Faction Captain Badges.

Representing your school as Captain, Councillor or Faction Captain is a great honour, not to be taken lightly. It looks great on a students' resume or applications for further study. It is a position that opens up great possibilities, endless opportunities and a chance to really make a difference and shine.

NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7 & 9

This year the NAPLAN assessment will be online. Students will be given access to lap tops to complete the assessments. The 2019 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will take place between the 14th -29th May. An information brochure will be given to students in the relevant year groups closer to the date.

Coming Events

Term 1 2019

WEEK 2

Monday 11th February - Friday 22nd February

Primary In-term Swimming

WEEK 3

Year 7 Orientation Camp-**Postponed**

Tuesday 19th February

Parent Afternoon

Wednesday 20th February

School Council-3.15pm -Conference Room

WEEK 4

Tuesday 26th February

P & C Meeting- Conference Room 6.30pm

Friday 1st March

Faction Swimming Carnival

WEEK 5

Monday 4th March

LABOUR DAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th March

Assembly

WEEK 6

Friday 15th March

MDSA Primary I/School Swimming

WEEK 8

Monday 25th March-Tuesday 26th March

Kapture School Photo

Thursday 28th March

Assembly- Room 8 item

WEEK 10

Friday 12th April

Last Day- Term 1

OLNA Year 10

During Weeks 5 & 6 the Year 10 students who have not already achieved the prerequisites for WACE (achieved at the standard in NAPLAN in Year 9) will be sitting a series of on-line tests. There are three tests involved; Numeracy, Reading and Writing. Each of the tests takes about an hour to complete and are largely multiple choice questions, with the exception of the Writing. Once students have achieved the standard (Band 8) they no longer have to sit them. If they do not achieve the standard in this round they will get another opportunity later in the year and 4 more opportunities across Year 11 and 12. It is important that students attend and sit the tests, as achievement of the standard is a prerequisite for entry to further education such as TAFE or and can influence what subjects are taken in Year 11.

Aerosol Cans

A reminder to students and parents that aerosol cans are banned at school due to the fact that we do not have adequate change room facilities and we have a number of staff and students who suffer from asthma to varying degrees. The release of aerosol chemicals can bring about asthma attacks in some. We request that parents purchase roll on deodorants for their children. Roll-ons do not contain titanium, therefore, do not trigger the same respiratory reactions in asthmatics. Any student caught with an aerosol will have it confiscated. Parents will be able to collect them from the front office.

Mobile phone use

Please note students are not to use mobile phone in class (unless under the guidance of the teacher for educational purposes) or between classes. Students in breach of the mobile phone policy will have their phones confiscated. Please note if you need to urgently get in touch with your child please contact the school on 9575 5300.

Secondary 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.

Parent Information Afternoon

Our Parent Information Afternoon will be held next Tuesday, 19th February in teacher's classrooms. Parent information sessions will run for half an hour.

Time	Rooms	Venue
3.05-3.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PP1• PP2• Room 3• Room6• Room 10• Secondary	Classroom Classroom Classroom Classroom Classroom Library
3.40-4.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Room 1• Room 2• Room 7• Room 8	Classroom Classroom Classroom Classroom

P & C News

A huge welcome back to our school from our P&C! It was great to see so many parents at the Kindergarten orientation day last week! 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.

Last year we held a number of fund raisers including the British Car Day, the Fun Run and the Mother's and Father's Day stalls. The money raised is supporting the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program by helping purchase equipment and resources.



We support the school Chaplain and last year we purchased a new trailer that can be used to support fund raisers and school events.

We would like to thank a kind donor who funded the purchase of school hats for our Kindergarten students this year. No excuses now! Please wear your school hat in the sun!

Canteen: The Canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this year. A new yummy menu is available on the school website.

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday until 9.00 a.m.

P&C Meeting: The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th February at 6.30 p.m. in the School Conference Room. Please come along to make this a terrific year for the P&C!

Community News

2019 Citizen of the Year- Shire of Gingin



Sharon Martin for her outstanding contribution to Gingin YouthCARE and her role on the School Council.



Our next Messy Church will be held on Wednesday 20th February from 3.30 – 5.45pm at Gingin Uniting Church in Weld Street. The theme is "Bible Seaside", which promises to be lots of fun with some outdoor water play, great for the younger children, as well as all the usual fun activities. All children and their parents are especially invited, and afternoon tea and the evening meal are provided at no charge.



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

Or find them on the school website.



Gingin * Bindoon * Moora * Woodridge

"Dance, Tap & Acro!"

From 2.5yrs Girls & Boys

Enrol now for 2019

classes start back up Week 2 of Term 1

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

Please call or email **Roxanne** to find out more info & timetable for your **area!**

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