



# Our Newest Students Start School

**K**indergarten students started school last Friday after our orientation day last Thursday. It is great to see that all of our students have started the year well and are working hard in classes.



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# Letter to our School Community

I would like to welcome back all of our students and their parents, and to extend a very strong welcome to families new to the school. We have had a very strong start to the school year, and are looking forward to a positive 2018. At the end of last year, we had an amazing Award Ceremony attended by staff and dignitaries including Hon Darren West MLC and Hon Martin Aldridge MLC and presented many of our students with awards recognising their achievements in 2017.



I would also like to welcome back our staff to the school, with Ms Kay Cairns returning from a secondment to Byford Secondary College. Mr Sawers, our former Associate Principal, has taken a position as Principal at Westminster Primary School and Ms Marlin, our former Deputy Principal, has won a Coordinator Position at Hampton Senior High School.

At our School Development Days at the start of the Year, staff developed the key focus ideas for 2018, with our ongoing focus on literacy and numeracy development as key initiatives, and the cementing of our "Positive Behaviour School" approach to behaviour management. Along with this newsletter is a flow chart of our Behaviour Management process, which has been extensively developed by our PBS committee and last year was approved by the School Council.

Last year our P&C was an active group which raised extensive funds for the school, led discussion on some significant issues and supported staff and students at the school. I would like to encourage new parents to come along to our meetings, which are pleasant and enjoyable. If there is an issue regarding anything at school, please make an appointment at the front office to see me or a Leadership Team member at the school.

I look forward to a positive and successful year.

Regards

*Kevin Brady, Principal*

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## Year 7 Orientation Camp

Year 7 students will embark on a 2 day camp to Guilderton this Thursday and Friday. The purpose of the camp is the build strong and collaborative ties with their cohort and teachers. It is a fantastic camp that focuses on teamwork and fosters independence whilst developing leadership

skills. Next newsletter will contain photos and recounts of their adventures.



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## Year 9 Canberra Camp

The Year 9 students have the opportunity to go to Canberra this Year at the beginning of Term 3. There was much excitement and discussions with the Year 8's last year. Updated information will be given to Year 9 students next week with a preliminary itinerary and payment instalment plan.

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## Coming Events

### Term 1 2018

WEEK 2

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Primary In-term Swimming

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 7 Orientation Camp

WEEK 3

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Parent information afternoon

P & C Meeting- 6.30pm- Conference Room

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

School Council-3.15pm -Conference Room

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# NAPLAN

Year 3, 5, 7 & 9

The 2018 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will take place between the 15th -17th May. An information brochure will be given to students in the relevant year groups closer to the date

# OLNA

Year 10

During Weeks 7 & 8 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.

## Parent Information Afternoon

Our Parent Information Afternoon will be held next Tuesday, 13th February in teacher's classrooms. Parent information sessions will run for half an hour.

A presentation on how the school is developing its "Bring Your Own Device" Policy will be held in the Library at 4.15. Paul Fuller from Yanchep Beach PS will talk about how his school has implemented this policy.

Time	Rooms	Venue
3.05-3.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PP1</li><li>PP2</li><li>Room 3</li><li>Room6</li><li>Room 10</li><li>Secondary</li></ul>	Classroom Classroom Classroom Classroom Classroom Library
3.40-4.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Room 1</li><li>Room 2</li><li>Room 7</li><li>Room 8</li></ul>	Classroom Classroom Classroom Classroom
4.15-4.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentation to all parents- Bring your own device</li></ul>	Library

## P & C AGM & GENERAL MEETING

Gingin District High School's Parents and Citizens Association invites you to come along and join your school's P & C.

All positions are available and parents are encouraged to join.

Meeting held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Conference Room at the school.



### Community Farewell Jeremy Edwards

Gingin Recreation Centre 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 5.00pm

Everyone is welcome just bring a plate of food to share.

Enquiries to Pat Elliot 0427 954 759



# Community News

Our first Messy Church for the year will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30-5.45pm, when our theme will be about "Joshua and the battle of Jericho".

Everyone is most welcome to come along at any time. Afternoon tea and evening meal supplied at no charge. Contacts: Marian (9575 1357) or Sharon (9655 7057)

Gingin Community Bank® Branch & Lancelin branch



## GINGIN COMMUNITY BANK-STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will be held at Gingin District High School in the school library on Wednesday mornings from 8:10am – 8:45 am.

If you would like to open a student banking account come down to the branch and talk to our staff and they will assist you, or just pop into the library on Wednesday mornings and our helpful bank staff will explain what you need to bring with you to open the account.

We have our incentive programs running again this year for all our student bankers having the chance to win a canteen voucher each term and will receive an incentive bonus payment if they can complete their student banking card by week 6 in term 4."



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**Dance, Tap & Acro**

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**Gingin classes start back up**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb @ the Granville Hall**

**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  
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