



### Dear Gosnells Primary School Community,

A warm welcome back for term 4! I hope you all had an enjoyable school holiday break.

### Holiday Upgrades:

Over the holidays we saw a whole range of upgrades completed to further enhance the learning environment of the school site.

- Car parking and bike track lines reinstated to compliment the other external ground upgrades.
- Main building reappointed with repairs to brickwork and regrouting as part of our commitment to restore the main building to its original state.
- Painting to our collaboration hub, EA hub, student hub, reading room, breezeway and uniform shop to compliment other room upgrades.
- Installation of shade sail posts (sails to follow) for the kindergarten playground, front oval and grassed area alongside the child and parent centre/outside the dental therapy centre.
- Restoration of our two nature playgrounds.



### Items on their way in coming weeks:

- Installation of a new automatic gate to the main carpark to increase access and security during the year.
- Outdoor blinds installed outside room 7 and 8 (our year 5 classes) to create a new learning space for them to use.

### Coming Events

16 October  
P&C Meeting 5pm

21 October  
Aboriginal Parent Meeting

24 October  
Interschool Athletics Carnival

25 October  
GPS Teacher's Day

28 October  
Student Leader Nomination Closes  
Grandparents Day Celebrations

29 October  
Kindy Blue Orientation

30 October  
Kindy Yellow Orientation

31 October  
8:50am Room 18 Assembly

1 November  
Inclusive Sports Carnival  
P&C Halloween Disco

4 November  
Open Classrooms

5 November  
Top 100  
Barking Gecko Performance Yr 3

13 November  
Class Book Fair Walkthroughs

14 November  
8:50am Room 1 Assembly  
Book Fair: 9:30am – 10:30am &  
3pm to 4:30pm

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## Changes to Reports:

You may have heard in the news recently that schools across Western Australia have been asked to review their reporting processes in an effort to reduce workload upon teachers and school leaders. This does mean that most schools such as ours will see a difference in the amount of information provided from this term onwards to reflect the government recommendations as our school has previously provided in excess to the requirements in all areas.

The change will see the Semester reports include grades for each learning area and a general comment (without a mathematics, English or specialist area comment as previously provided).

To compliment this process, we will be providing formal interview opportunities to parents each semester in addition to the opportunity to book an informal meeting with your child's teacher throughout the year.

## Pick up and Drop off parking:

Please don't forget to turn your car off whilst waiting at pick up and drop off.

Children experience higher exposure to toxic vehicle emissions due to their shorter height, they are closer to exhaust pipes, play more outdoors, and breathe more rapidly than adults whilst their lungs are still developing.



## Lost property:

We have noticed a significant rise in the amount of lost property left at the school last term without a name to reunite the items with their owners. We highly recommend that parents and carers label uniforms (on the inside tags) so that we can provide them back to your children when they are misplaced .



## Story Dogs:

GPS is seeking volunteers to launch a new story dogs program where specially trained dogs work alongside students to encourage them to read.

If you are available to volunteer for this special opportunity, contact Pat Foster via: [patf@storydogs.org.au](mailto:patf@storydogs.org.au)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
SO MUCH MORE THAN A READING PROGRAM

Story Dogs

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YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU.

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## Class Placements:

Class Placements Planning for 2025 is very much underway with provisionally planned classes to be prepared shortly. We are now able to invite parent requests for class placements in 2025. Requests for class placements will only be considered if they are made in writing, based on the specific educational needs of your child and close on **Wednesday 20th November 2024**. Such requests can be made via email: [gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or by dropping a letter to the front office. When considering a class placement request, please be mindful that our teachers may not be in the same class or year levels they are currently as some changes to this is always necessary. A common request is for example when you have two children in the same year level that you may want them to be kept together or apart. It is important to note the complexities involved in establishing classrooms and that parent requests are one of a number of pieces of information considered when arriving at class placement decisions. **If you have previously made a request in the past year, please resubmit if you'd like this to be continued for 2025.**

## Leaving GPS in 2024?

With the year fast drawing to a close, if you are planning to enrol in another school for the start of 2025 please let the school know by email [gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or phone on 9234 6350. This notification will greatly assist us to plan classes for the new year and prepare any information to share with the new school too.

**Ride your bike for bike month:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

To coincide with WA Bike Month, we are encouraging parents to ride with their children to school. Please feel free to take a photo of you riding with your children to school for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Please send any photos that you are happy for us to share to: [gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or onto our posts on Seesaw or Facebook.



**GPS Teachers' Day Breakfast:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
8am – 8.30am

Join us for a special breakfast as we celebrate the guiding lights who inspire curiosity, foster creativity, and empower dreams to soar. Breakfast is provided courtesy of our Friends with Your Move at the Department of Transport. RSVP is essential via the link provided.

Parents can RSVP via: <https://forms.office.com/r/29pU5rzj6f>

Wishing you all a great fortnight ahead.

Best wishes,

**Scott Tapper** | Principal

# PRIDE CERTIFICATES

## BRONZE PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 75 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Bronze Pride Award Certificate** on **13th and 20th September 2024**:

**Roqia, Hamzah, Abdul**

## SILVER PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 150 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Silver Pride Award Certificate** on **13th and 20th September 2024**:

**Charlotte, Naomi, Luke, Elijah, Payton, Shannon, Rahkeen, Elaha, Harley, Viliami, Lily, Ervin, Jasseena, Mary, Nixan, Lennox, Rebecca, Dylan, Jose**

## GOLD PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 250 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Gold Pride Award Certificate** on **13th and 20th September 2024**:

**Edrien, Angelie, Blake, Paige, Violet, Allison, Isabel, Jay, David, Willow, Tristan, Joelle, William, Elaha, Imogen, Elsie, Daniel, Dean, Mika, Gursahib, Snow, Caleb, Scarlet, Lequade, Kamil, Ruby, Phaelon, Heath, Hunts, Jackson, Lorelei, Elijah, Bailey, Damindu, Hadis, Naomi, Olivia, Riley, Allyxia, Daniel, Tobias, Aiza, Shaan, Suzannah, Hayley, Cain**

## PLATINUM PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 350 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Platinum Pride Award Certificate** on **13th and 20th September 2024**:

**Violet, Dev, Etrat, Aura, Eliana, Mechack, Layla, Hanaan, Amber, Charlotte, Julia, Bhavya, Evania, Samirah, Isabelle, Bernadette, Mason, Jordi, Elyas, Anuvarshan, Ethan, Gracie, Arush, Christina, Panav, Arman, Joshua, Eiliyah, Cain, Charles, Jake, Zara, Amelia**

## PRIDE MEDALLIONS - 500 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their **Pride Medallion** on **20th September 2024**

**Daniella, Diana, Danica, Edith, Krysten, Angela**

**CONGRATULATIONS**