



Gladys Newton School

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NEWSLETTER

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BOOK WEEK



Our students always enjoy celebrating CBCA Book Week. They get the opportunity to dress as their favourite book character, tell some stories and listen to some too. Even a few of the teachers and education assistants joined in the fun with their colourful costumes.

Book Week provides new experiences for the students, improves communication, builds greater vocabulary and story time gives them a lifetime love of books.

Dear parents and caregivers

I hope Term 4 is going well for you and the thought of Christmas and all that goes with the festive season is not causing you too much stress. School is exceptionally busy at this time of year with Student Reporting, Graduation and Christmas Concert preparation.

As you know, Western Australia is still in Phase 4 of the pandemic response and as such, I am writing to clarify the arrangements that continue to be in place for the provision of therapy services at Gladys Newton School.

Acting on advice from the Department of Education's COVID-19 support team, which is informed by the Department of Health, I can confirm that:

- Any request for therapy services to be delivered on school site will be carefully considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Priority for approval of requests will be for swallowing, positioning, communication and positive behaviour support.
- The school will continue to comply with physical distancing requirements, cleaning and hygiene protocols because your child's wellbeing is our main concern.

As you know, room availability is limited during school hours. However, if you would like to attend therapy with your child either before or after school, this may be possible.

I will be in touch again as soon as there are any changes to these arrangements.

I welcome your contact if you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss your child's therapy plans.

The attendance of therapists during school hours in 2021 will have a new format. Some of you attended a meeting in school where I outlined the Education Department's position on therapy during school hours. Therapy must value add to the classroom lessons. Specific target one to one sessions cannot be done during class teaching time. The school is responsible for education, not therapy. I will be sending home guidelines for the provision of therapy services at school and will hold another parent meeting early in 2021.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our staff and school during this difficult period.

Our Bushranger Cadets are at camp in Busselton this week and despite the cooler weather they are adventuring out and about, keeping busy and enjoying themselves with various activities. I think we will have a very tired group of campers when they return on Friday afternoon.

Parents, if you are attending your child's Graduation Dinner at the Mount Lawley Golf Club on the 27th November, can you please inform us urgently as we must have confirmed numbers by Tuesday 17th November. The Graduation Assembly will be held at school on Thursday 3rd December at 11.30am. Following the assembly there will be light refreshments for the families of our graduating students. I hope to see you all on the day to celebrate your child's achievements during their school life.

I look forward to seeing all of our families at the Christmas Concert on Friday 11th December.

Kind Regards

Gemma Bosnjak
Principal
12th November 2020

Message from the School Board

In 2015 Gladys Newton School became an Independent School and as a part of that, the school's council became a School Board. The board is made up of myself, Peter Atkinson (Chair), representatives from parents, community members, teaching staff and administration staff.

Some of the responsibilities of the School Board are;

- *Contribute to the School Delivery and Performance Agreement and the Business Plan*
- *Endorse and review the Annual Budget*
- *Review the performance of the school*
- *Create interest in the school within and across the community*
- *Approve fees, charges and contributions*

We are again looking for parents to come and join our board. Parent members are able to bring their experience as parents at the school as well as the views and context of the wider school community to the School Board and as such are very valuable members of the board.

The Board meets 6 times per year with meetings starting at 8.00am and usually finishing just after 9.00am. If any parents are interested in becoming a member of the Board you can contact school and we would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

To assist we have listed the proposed dates for all of the 2021 board meetings.

March 24

May 12

June 16

September 1

November 3

December 1

Thank you Peter Atkinson (Chair)



Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden keeps going from strength to strength. Our vegetables and herbs go straight from the garden to the cooking pot, our chooks Chloe, Izzy, Charlize and Noni Honeylegs are all laying eggs for the kitchen, we have greenhouses and now we have an outdoor classroom for the students to continue learning about the environment, seasons, conservation and sustainability. Fantastic!

Thank you to Peter Atkinson (School Board) for setting up the classroom, greenhouses and new garden beds, Holman Industries for supplying the greenhouses and Amy Mansell for keeping our garden alive and producing!

Outdoor Classroom





ROOM 5 STUDENTS' WORK PROGRAMS



Room 5





*Participating
in fitness
programs.*





On Tuesday 27th October we had a visit from Roy the Bee keeper who taught us so much about bees... Some of the things we learned:

- The importance of bees
- Pollination with bees and flowers
 - Bees and the environment
 - Bee anatomy
- How humans can protect bees
 - The different types of bees
- How do bees use pollen and nectar within a working hive?
 - Lifecycle of a bee



"Inspiring children to love bees and nature, is not only life enriching for the child, it is a great way to help ensure the environment will be protected for future generations."



Yum, we got to taste some delicious honey!





Book Week



Dressing as our favourite
book characters

Room 4 newsletter
2019





Barry doing an exercise on 'days of the week'



Alexandar with Lynda putting finishing touches to his artwork



Anthony with Jolly learning about quantity and measurement



Caleb using the Promethean for a literacy exercise



Rachel and Sarah conducting a science experiment



Hannah with Amy practising her fine motor skills



Siyaar reading a story on the whiteboard

attending to
are listed be



Perth 2020 Live Show and Video Streaming Events

- hosted by the Lions Clubs District 201W1 (Inc. in WA)

COVID has changed everything for all of us, particularly so for many vulnerable and high-risk children and families who may not feel comfortable attending public events... but, as the old saying goes, "the show must go on"...

Lions Club District 201W1 (Inc. in WA) is again holding its annual RAZZAMATAZZ event, but this year with a difference... audience members can either attend the live show, or watch a streamed event from their own COVID-safe bubble at home, with friends, or together at school.

RAZZAMATAZZ is a variety show full of hilarious physical comedy acts, and cutting-edge illusions and magic by world renowned magician, Michael Boyd. The show is 60 minutes and suitable for all ages and fun for the whole family.

We hope this event provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class entertainment in an inclusive, accessible & safe environment where they feel free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

LIVE SHOW

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2020 @ 11.00am

HBF Stadium – 100 Stephenson Ave, Mount Claremont, WA

VIDEO STREAMING

Unlimited Access from Friday 11th December – Sunday 13th December 2020

*Watch with unlimited access any time during the above three-day period.

**All that is needed to enjoy the show is an internet connection and a device with a screen such as a PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

HOW TO BOOK...

Please contact the families at your school to ask if they would like tickets to the live show or access to the online streamed event, and then email meredithnewman@showintent.com.au or call 0476-589-799 with the following information:-

For the LIVE SHOW: - The total number of tickets required (*one ticket per person is required and patrons must have a physical copy of their ticket/s with them on the day to gain entry*)

For VIDEO ACCESS: - How many families request online access and approximately how many devices they require access for.

- If you would also like access to streaming for in-school viewings please confirm approximately how many students will be viewing the shows and how many devices you require access for.

Once we have your response, we will email you tickets for the live show to print and hand out, and provide you with the video streaming web address and password to forward on.

Individual ticket orders from parents, guardians, carers, etc. are welcome if bulk orders from schools cannot be accommodated. Please ask them to email me directly at the above address.





Christmas Raffle 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the End-of-Year School Concert on **Friday 11th December, 2020** we hold one of our biggest fundraising events: **The Christmas Raffles**. To make this event a success we rely on donations, either for a major prize or towards the hampers.

Suggested items for hamper prizes:

- Money or gift vouchers
- Chocolates
- Male or female toiletries
- Boys and girls' toys (lower and upper ages)
- Wine, Champagne and beer
- Christmas decorations
- Nonperishable food items (Christmas pudding, biscuits.)
- Books, CD's, DVD's

If you are able to assist, or know of an organisation willing to contribute please let us know, either by filling in the form below or phoning the School (9413 1900). Donations can also be left at the school office prior to **Friday 4th December**.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
P & C Committee
12th November 2020

.....*Please complete and return to School by Friday 6th December 2020*

I am willing to donate towards the Gladys Newton P & C Christmas Raffles.

My donation would be.....

My contact details are, as follows

Name/Organisation.....




Phone.....

Email.....





TERM PLANNER – Term 4, 2020

Weeks & Assembly	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS	FRI.
Wk 1 ADMIN	12 October Pupil Free P.D. Day	13 October Students Return	14 October	15 October P&C MTG	16 October
Wk 2 Rm	19 October	20 October	21 October	22 October	23 October
Wk 3 Rm	26 October	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October
Wk 4 Rm 5	2 November	3 November	4 November SCHOOL BOARD	5 November	6 November
Wk 5 Rm 4	9 November BUSHRANGER	10 November CADETS	11 November BUSSELTON	12 November CAMP	13 November 9/11 – 13/11
Wk 6 Rm 1	16 November	17 November	18 November	19 November P&C MTG	20 November
Wk 7	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November GRADUATION  DINNER
Wk 8 Rm 2	30 November	1 December	2 December	3 December  Graduation Assembly	4 December
Wk 9 Rm	7 December	8 December	9 December SCHOOL BOARD	10 December	11 December  Xmas Concert
Wk 10 ADMIN	14 December	15 December	16 December Last day for students	17 December Staff PD	18 December Staff PD