Our Vision
To celebrate the journey of learning by preparing students for their future through a caring, nurturing learning culture, where all students have the opportunity to achieve personal and academic success.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents, Carers, Community Members, Staff and Students,

Last week schools gained access to their NAPLAN results for 2017. NAPLAN results give the school a good indicator as to how they are achieving compared to other schools in Australia. Once again I am extremely pleased with how the students have gone. Of the 10 tests that were sat between the Year 3’s and 5’s the students were significantly above expected in 5 of the 10 tests, above expected in 4 of the tests and as expected in one test. This high level of achievement in all tests is a credit to the school, teachers, students and parents. Results in NAPLAN over the past four years indicate that the explicit teaching model and focus on literacy and numeracy are having a huge effect on student progress and achievement. Student reports for those children have now been handed out.

Last Friday, I joined Robyn Pearce our Manager of Corporate Services at the WAECSSA Conference. I am very pleased to announce that Robyn won the Western Australian Outstanding Administrative Support Officer Award for 2017. From all of the schools across WA there were over 50 nominees for this prestigious award. The three finalists were announced and Robyn was announced as the overall winner. The award recognises the outstanding work that Robyn does for the school and community above and beyond what is expected in her role.

Today we held a professional learning morning where we welcomed visitors from 6 different primary schools. These teachers and administrators visited ten of our amazing teachers and students in their classrooms and observed the explicit teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy. Thanks to all of the staff who were involved this morning. We received a huge amount of positive feedback, here are just a few of the comments:

‘Your school is amazing! You should all be so proud. I’m looking forward to implementing these strategies in my class!!’
‘Thankyou to the teachers who allowed us into their classrooms. The two that I saw were inspirational.’
‘Congratulations on the atmosphere in your school. Your students were well behaved and very engaged.’

Kindy 2018 - If your child was born between 1/7/13 and 30/6/14, you will need to get your applications in for Kindy 2018 as soon as possible. Places are filling fast. If you know someone with a child born between these dates please ask them to call into the office.

This week’s assembly will be presented by the students from Rooms 14 & 15. Please come along and enjoy the entertainment and join them for a morning tea in the Child and Parent Centre afterwards.

Craig Skinner
PRINCIPAL
UPDATE INFORMATION
Please remember to update your personal details through the office. Emergency phone numbers held on our school data base need to be updated regularly. EMAIL ADDRESSES should also be updated to enable us to send our newsletters electronically. This will help reduce the amount of paper being used.

UpComing Events

September
1st - Assembly Rooms 14 & 15
3rd - Father’s Day
7th - PP Excursion
13th - Kindy & PP Mini Olympics
15th - Assembly Pre Primary
20th - Family Disco
20th - First Aid workshop (CPC)
22nd - Athletics Carnival

40KM SPEED LIMIT
All road users are reminded of the 40km speed limit around the school in the mornings and afternoons. Please slow down, nothing is so urgent that it justifies exceeding the speed limit as you drive past the school.

Also a reminder, please do not park in the Bus Zones or on verges around the school as this is a fineable offence by the local Council.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Parents please note, breakfast club has started again for term 3, it is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings. A nutritious breakfast in a welcoming environment is available for all students at Calista at no cost. Mrs Cook is also seeking donations of FRUIT for jams & preserves. These will be gratefully received. Please drop them off at the front office. Thank you for all your support. Mrs Cook

Jars Jars Jars
We are seeking donations of jars for the raffle game at the family fun disco. Please drop them into the office by Tuesday 19/9/17. Thank you in advance.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Students and staff of Calista Primary School would like to extend their best wishes to the following students whose birthday falls between 18th – 31st August, please call into the office to collect your birthday pencil.

Kindy
Shelby F
Oliver T
Matilda M

Year 3
Nirvanah S

Pre Primary
Chase W
Maximus C
Isaak M
Jahli B
Ella T

Year 4
Charli S
Wilver M

Year 1
Reuben B
Dominic C
Jacob C

Year 5
Onyeka O
Joshua M
Isaac O

Year 2
Kaleb B
Natarlia C
Connor V
Hailey B

Year 6
Bradley O
Kole H
Declan W

LOST PROPERTY
We have a number of items in our lost property bin. If a garment is named, we are able to return it to its rightful owner via the classroom. If your child has misplaced any uniform items, please call in and check the bin.

COMING SOON
FAMILY FUN DISCO
Wednesday 20th September
3.30pm – 5.30pm
Djilba
Growing season (season of conception)
August - September
Djilba season is a time to look for the yellow and cream flowers starting on mass.
Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two.
This is the start of the massive flowering explosion that happens in the South West. This starts with the yellow flowering plants such as the Acacias. Also colours that are around at this time of year are creams, combined with some vivid and striking blues.
Traditionally, the main food sources included many of the land based grazing animals as in the season before. These included the Yongar (kangaroo), the Wai tj (emu) and the Koomal (possum).
As the days start to warm up, we start to see and hear the first of the new borns with their proud parent out and about providing them food, guiding them through foraging task and protecting their family units from much bigger animals, including people.
The woodland birds will still be nest bound, hence the swooping protective behaviour of the Koolbardi (Magpie) starts to ramp up and if watched closely, so to do the Djidi Djidi (Willy Wag Tails) and the Chuck-a-luck (Wattle Birds) to name a couple of others.
As the season progresses and the temperatures continue to rise, we'll start to see the flower stalks of the Balgas (Grass Trees) emerging in preparation for the coming Kambarang season.

Poets Corner
Haiku Poems by room 5

Animals
A cat’s purr is cute.
Birds fly so high in the sky
A dog’s bark is loud
By Jenna

Haiku
Awesome AFL
Are so good at kicking goals
Love the hard tackling
By Jed

Volcano
Scary volcano
Rocks are flying out of it
Lava is so slow
By Cody

Music
Music has magic
Makes you relax and wind down
Music is great art
By Snow

Haiku
Amazing monkey
Monkeys are like my cousin
So Cunning Monkey
By Nathan

Toy Collectables Haiku
Fun collectables
From many toys to collect
A lot of replay
By Kimi

The Jungle
All shade of greenness
Sounds everywhere in jungle
Beautiful jungle
By Padua

Haiku
The Culling
Surviving crafting
Until the end, reloading
Track, trap then swiftly
By Koby

Fire
Burning fire glimmers
Upon my eyes at night time
Light dims as night falls
By Kalan

Haiku
Haikus are the best
Limericks are cool with you
Change your words with birds
By Gus

Noises
The Cat goes meow on the window pane,
The dog goes woof woof in the pouring rain,
The birds up in the tree go tweet tweet tweet.
The pigs in the farm go oink while they eat
The lion goes grr grr while he shakes his mane.
By Charli

Scholastic Book Club
Are you registered for LOOP?
Scholastic are offering parents who are registered for LOOP the opportunity to earn Bonus Books with their Book Club orders for the remainder of the school year. This gives families the chance to build their home library and earn extra books in time for- Christmas.

The EASIEST way for parents
to order and pay for Book Club!
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform
It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by LOOP. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school’s Book Club Organizer.
Also available as an app:

[Book Club App Store Link]
[Book Club Google Play Link]
PRE PRIMARY COOKING
Last week the Pre-Primary classes all got together to cook scrumptious spinach and cheese scrolls. The spinach was taken from the Pre-Primary planter box that the students have been tending to all term. Almost every student gave them a try and they were declared delicious! We hope that you can all enjoy them by following the same recipe we used!

Quick Spinach and Cheese Scrolls
Ingredients
Makes: 16 scrolls
· 1 sheet frozen puff pastry
· 1 bunch fresh spinach, rinsed and drained well
· 1 cup your favourite grated cheese
· 2 eggs
· 1/2 teaspoon paprika
· salt and pepper, to taste

Directions
Preparation: 10min  ›  Cook: 20min  ›  Ready in: 30min
1. Remove the puff pastry from the freezer and let thaw on the counter about 30 minutes. While it thaws preheat oven to 200 degrees C and line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. Finely dice the fresh spinach and place in a mixing bowl. Add grated cheese, 1 egg, paprika, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well.
3. Make an egg wash by beating the other egg with 1 tablespoon water (this is an optional step).
4. Unfold the puff pastry and lay the spinach mix on it to cover it thinly and evenly. You may have spinach mix left over. Roll up the puff pastry like a Swiss roll.
5. With a very sharp knife, cut the roll into disks about 2cm thick. Lay on the baking tray. Brush with the egg wash (this is optional, but makes them brown nicely).

DISPLAYS
If you come into the admin block don’t forget to check out the fantastic work on display. Thank you to our Year 2 and Year 5 students!!
Book Week Dress Ups & Making Jam
Play Café

Play Café is a fun play and learning session with a different theme and activity each week. Starting Thursday 31 August to 5 October 2017, 9:00am to 10:30am.

Bookings are essential for each session as places are limited.

31 August - Edible Garden - what to plant that's good to eat? Facilitated by Running staff member, this session will teach children planting their own food to take home.

For families with children aged 2 to 4 years (younger siblings welcome).

7 September - Mind Craft - connect, construct, build and explore.

Put your hands on your hats and join in fun building site! Using loose parts, pipes and connectors to create. Teach children about problem solving and recognising environmental signs.

For families with children aged 2 to 4 years (younger siblings welcome).

14 September - Twist, Turn and Chase your tail - rediscover the simple and easy ways to get your little munchkins being active! Enjoy fun physical play activities that help us get walking, moving and dancing!

For families with children now walking to 4 years (younger siblings welcome).

21 September - Bubble, Bubble Toil and Trouble - discover what really happens (besides making a mess) and the reasons behind it, when we explore with science.

For families with children aged 2 to 4 years.

School Holiday Activities (3 to 8 years old)

28 September - Party Games - join us for fun, fabulous party favourites that children will enjoy and parents will remember.

For families with children aged 3 to 6 years (younger siblings welcome).

5 October - Cabbies, Craft and Cosy Corners - let your child use their imagination to create using recycled materials. For families with children aged 3 to 6 years (younger siblings welcome).

Child and Parent Centre Calista
Harlow Road
9367 0960 or email: calista@ngala.com.au

Playgroup WA invites you to attend the
Calista Family Playgroup

WHEN: Fridays
TIME: 9:00am - 10:30am
WHERE: Calista Primary School - OSC Room
BRING: A hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit to be shared

At playgroup you can have fun playing with your child, meet other parents and familiarise your child with the school environment ready for future school years.

To RSVP, please email April: aplayne@ngala.com.au

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What’s On August to October 2017

Baby Rhyme Time (0 to 2 years)
- Mondays 9:00am to 9:30am

Storytime (2 to 5 years)
- Mondays 10:00am to 11:00am

Parenting & Play Time (0 to 12 months)
- Thursdays 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Playgroup for Dads and Children (0 to 5 years)
- 1st, 3rd Saturday of every month 9:30am to 11:30am

MyTime Support Group for families of children with additional needs, children welcome along - Fridays 10:30am to 12:30pm

There's no need to book for these regular activities - just come along.

Family Nutrition workshop – Healthy Around Kwinana children welcome.
- Wednesdays 23rd Aug 9:30am to 11:30am

Play Café - a fun play and learning session for families with a different theme/activity each week - a list of each week's theme is available from the centre.
- Thursdays 31st Aug to 21st Sept 9:00am to 10:30am

Play Café School Holiday sessions - Thursdays 28th Sept & 5th Oct 9:00am to 10:30am

Bookings are required for the workshop/activity as places are limited.

Early Parenting Group, 6 session series - a new group/series begins every 5 weeks
- Mondays 1:00pm to 3:00pm (please enquire for next series start date)

Solid Start workshop (4 to 7 months) - one off workshop is repeated each month
- Monday - 9:30am to 11:30am (please enquire for next workshop date)

Let's Sleep workshop (6 to 12 months) - one off workshop is repeated each month
- Tuesday - 9:30am to 11:30am (please enquire for next workshop date)

Please book online at www.ngala.com.au or phone 9367 0925.

Child Health Immunisation Appointments for children 0 to 4 years old
- 4th Friday of the month - 9:30am to 2:30pm

To make an immunisation appointment phone 9419 2266.

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Gilmore College Tour

To Be Held
at Gilmore College

Our Principal Nohran Smith and members of the College Board personally welcome you to attend a Tour of the College on Thursday 14 September, 9:00am - 10:30am.

College Tours provide prospective and current families the opportunity to visit the school during a normal day, to take you to the places where learning and engagement take place and to provide you and your family with a true sense of Gilmore College. All members of the family are welcome to attend.

Morning tea and a Question & Answer session will follow the tour in the College staff room. You will answer your questions honestly, explain our ethos and our passions. The student leaders in particular are a great source of authentic information about what it means to be a Gilmore College student day to day.

RSVP Tour of the College using the link below before Monday 11 September to the Administration office on 9411 1812 or gilmore_college@education.wa.edu.au.

Relevance, Rigour, Relationships
School banking is on every Friday in the office. Student accounts can be opened online or by visiting your local Commonwealth Bank branch. Tokens are given as an incentive to save; it’s not the amount that matters, it is more important to save on a regular basis. Once a student has ten tokens, they can be redeemed for one of the rewards on offer.