GASSY GOSSIP

June 2023

Shire of UPPER GASCOYNE

12 TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

22 GJRCS NEWSLETTER

31 BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea

Gascoyne Junction
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

Table Of Contents

4

COUNCIL NEWS & DATES
Here you will find news about the Shire straight from your CEO along with Council meeting dates.

14

GREENFIELD REPORT
IFlood Damage Report Update.

17

GJ CRAFT GROUP

Interested in joining the Gascoyne Junction Craft Group? Check out the details here.

18

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Explores the archives on past news and events.

20

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Library Lowdown.

22

GJ SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

26

COOKS CORNER
Recipes chosen just for you at home

27

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday to you all.

28

GASSY GOSSIP

The latest news and information from across the Shire

33

GASSIFIEDS

Advertise your business, have something to sell - the Gassifieds are the place.

37

SMOKO TIME

Take a break and enjoy the puzzles and word games.

40

KIDS CORNER

Puzzles and Games to keep the kids entertained!

44

UPCOMING EVENTS

Find out what exciting events are coming up next in our Community Calendar.

COUNCIL NEWS

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 8th February

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 31st May

Thursday 29th June

Wednesday 26th July

Wednesday 23rd August

Wednesday 20th September

Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday 22nd November

Thursday 14th December

Council meetings commence at 8:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

All ratepayers and residents are welcome to attend the council meetings and participate in the Public Question Time session which is held at the beginning of each Council Meeting.

Shire of UPPER GASCOYNE

CEO Report

I can honestly report that this month has been one of the busiest months in terms of travel that I have experienced since I commenced duties. On the 10th of May I travelled to Denham and attended the Waste and Environmental Summit on the 11th. This summit was well attended and the presenters gave good quality information on a variety of Environmental and Waste related issues. For the last segment of the event I along with others were asked to sit on a panel and field questions from those present.

We are fast coming into the elections for 2023 please ensure you are enrolled as per the normal state election roll or on the owner / occupier roll. If previously on the owner / occupier roll you will need to re-enrol as enrolment is only valid for 2.5 years. Those sitting Councillors that are up for election are encouraged to once again nominate as I believe they have shown a great commitment to the Shire and are a pleasure to work with.

Small movements are happening with the Commercial Land Development, we now know that the land is not subject Native Title; we have sought to purchase the land freehold so that we can sub-divide into 8 Commercial Lots, this is currently being considered and is in the referral stage of the process. The residential land is somewhat slower as we are still waiting for the Yinggarda to formalise an ILUA. I believe the hold-up is between Yinggarda's the new and old solicitors in respect to documents being handed over.

Obviously the jewel in the crown for the month was winning the overall Australian Tidy Towns Award along with four category wins and two highly commended awards as well. King Island is a beautiful place with a very likeable community, we were amazed that they had a cattle herd of approximately 100,000 cattle, running at one per acre.

The Banned Drinking Register has now come into force, I wrote to the Minister articulating our disappointment in the lack of consultation. I have received a response but it was more political speak rather than any substance.

The Staff and I have been busy building the 23/24 Budget, various aspects of this will be workshopped at this meeting. It will once again be challenging with large increases in our operating costs and contractor costs.

We have received an offer from LGIS for a cash settlement for Mick's old house. It is nowhere near my initial estimate. I have written to LGIS seeking an increase in their offer.

The MFCS position has been advertised and I will close off applications on the 2nd of June. At this stage it appears we have had a good response but I will need to rifle through the applications to determine the quality and suitability, shortlist and interview if required. Should I not find the right candidate I will re-advertise. Cherie has stepped up whilst this recruitment takes place.

It would be remiss of me not to officially recognise the wonderful contribution that Sa Toomalatai has made to our organisation over the past three years. Sa will be greatly missed by all of her work colleagues and we wish her all the best for the future.

Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

I have a feeling of bitter sweetness as I write my report for May – this will be the last Officer's Report that I submit for the Shire's Ordinary Council Meetings as I finish my tenure here this month as the Manager, Finance & Corporate Services.

It has been particularly busy due to my impending departure, we started the month off with our interim audit which saw two auditors from William Buck attend our office for an onsite visit that lasted three days. As I head out the door our audit file sits with the OAG for final review, I am hoping that it will be closed out by the end of this week (council meeting week) and so far, the feedback received from our auditors has been good.

The Management Team have been working on the draft budget, populating figures for 2023/24 with a high focus on our integrated strategic plan objectives. Travis from RSM will be onsite for this council meeting to deliver the first budget workshop with Councillors. I also conducted my team's annual performance reviews, which is always a lengthy but necessary process.

As the CEO goes through the recruitment process for my role, the following months will continue to be busy for staff with the end of financial year just around the corner and the finalisation of the annual budget looming, in preparation for its adoption in August. Whilst the timing around leaving the Shire is not the best, I am confident that my team will be fine until such times a suitable replacement is found and appointed.

In closing I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the Shire staff and Councillors as well as the Junction community, who have made the last three years some of the most memorable for me. I have really enjoyed my time here and have always been made to feel welcome by everyone. I have met so many wonderful people and made some great friends along the way, it has been a truly amazing experience and one I am grateful for – I wish the staff and Council all the very best for the future and I look forward to seeing you all again at the Community Christmas Party (I'll even volunteer to sell raffle tickets on the night).

Gascoyne Junction
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

Community Resource Centre Update

Author – Ainlsey Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer

The Solar Eclipse has been and gone and the first of our Under Gascoyne Skies Festival.We were joined last minute by Sen. Linda Reynolds and the Hon. Melissa Price MP for the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at Two Rivers Memorial Park who shared the event with visitors and locals and the Burringurrah Police. With glasses donned, deck chairs on the lawn and sausages sizzling the shared experience of watching the moon cross between earth and the sun and back again was enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to be able to showcase our fantastic new facility to Sen Reynolds and Rep Melissa Price, and for them to see the Building Better Regions Fund Grant project in completion.

The Mucky Duck Band and Solar Eclipse Discovery Tour was a successful night at the Junction Pub & Tourist Park drawing a large crowd who enjoyed music, dancing and a night of stargazing and astrophotography workshops. Cinema Under the Stars saw the Amphitheatre turn into an outdoor movie cinema with visitors and locals enjoying ET.

Finally ANZAC Day was attended by 95 people at the War Memorial and began with a march with the West Australian 10th Lighthorse Organisation leading a march down Gregory Street followed by riders from the Carnarvon Horseman's Club, students from the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School and dignitaries and members of the public. Thank you Cr Jim Caunt and Cr Ray Hoseason-Smith for participating in the service.

Over the eclipse, the entire region had numbers lower than expected. Approx 15 to 20 thousand in Exmouth. We saw an influx of people travelling through Gascoyne Junction before and after the eclipse and many who chose Gascoyne Junction as a base for the eclipse to avoid crowds. Many travelled to Kennedy Range on the day of the eclipse. Many of these had made this decision from conversations at the Caravan and Camping Show and came in holding Festival flyers that they had collected which drew them to the area.

After interviewing members of the community and staff and producing videos for the National Judges, Sean and I sat for 2 hours with the judging panel on April 28 for the Tidy Town judging. They asked great questions about Gascoyne Junction and the Upper Gascoyne. We have certainly put our best foot forward.

On Friday May 19, Gascoyne Junction was awarded the Australian Tidy Town Sustainable Community Award on King Island. I would like to thank council for the opportunity to attend and represent the Upper Gascoyne and present to attendees on Friday morning, a twenty minute presentation on two of our projects. It was humbling to receive three outright category wins, a joint outright category win and two honourable achievement awards before being announced as the overall winner. On reflecting with the judging panel, the depth of our projects, the community engagement across the Upper Gascoyne, our vision outlined in the Community Strategic Plan as a Shire and the commitment to natural resource management and sustainable living was the cornerstone to our success. It was an honour to stand with representatives from the Shire to receive the award from the Governor General of Australia – His Excellency David Hurley and his wife Linda.

This recognition is truly a community effort with projects from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, Junction Pub and Tourist Park, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions – Gascoyne Junction, Community Clubs & Organisations, contractors and consultants that have worked in partnership on projects and most importantly residents across the Shire all contributing to the outcome.

The reward is a reflection of the community spirit, innovation and resilience of those who call Junction home. On the evening, on accepting the award, past residents, Council Members and Shire Staff were acknowledged for the foundation stones that have been laid over the past thirteen years in rebuilding after the 2010 flood.

The importance of creating a town with facilities and services, and sense of community for residents current and future is the goal, and to achieve this in a sustainable way will always remain at the forefront of decision making in the Upper Gascoyne.

As the national title holders, Gascoyne Junction will now host the 2024 National Awards in Gascoyne Junction next year with delegates attending from across Australia. Keep Australia Beautiful Australia are looking forward to bringing their event to Gascoyne Junction.

GP Clinic

Another GP Clinic in April and May. There is a lack of communication to GPs coming to run the clinic on what needs to be prepared. I have addressed this and will be attending a meeting on Zoom from King Island to raise issues to ensure that the delivery of service is consistent. The next clinic is June 7.

Grants

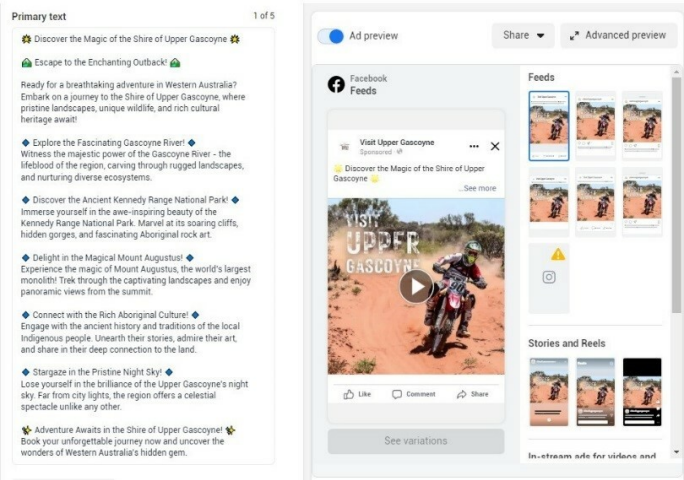
We have been successful in getting grant funding for new gym equipment for the Upper Gascoyne gym, to run a road safety video campaign and community fun run and to host Gascoyne Rocks for National Science Week learning about the rocks on the ground and the sky in the Upper Gascoyne. We have also received a technology grant for upgrading the Telehealth computer in the CRC, as well as a digital capabilities for data collection and event delivery.

Tiny Town Tourism Award and WA Regional Tourism Conference

Attending the WA Regional Tourism Conference was valuable reconnecting with and making new connections across the industry, receiving industry updates, and being inspired by regional and indigenous tourism initiatives across not only WA, but the world. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne is poised to make the most of upcoming opportunities in the field. As one of six towns that were finalists in the Top Tiny Tourism Town for towns with populations less than 1500 we did not finish in the Top 3. Dwellingup, Pemberton and New Norcia took the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. As I mentioned in my previous report to Council, Gascoyne Junction being recognised as a finalists was an incredible achievement and ahead of schedule. Work will continue on the benchmarks outlined in this award as we look to enter again in 2024.

Digital Marketing Campaign

This report is a condensed version of the digital campaign that launched on May 1. We will receive a more detailed report at the end of each month that I will include in my monthly reporting to council. The team at Market Creations tested the advertisement for the first week and have tweaked the audiences that they thought could help the campaign which it did with over 900 post engagements to date. There has been a massive reach at just under 180,000. Our audience group is wide and varied for the first month instead of segmenting the groups, as this has proven effective. The video format have certainly proved to be the way to go over the static ads and there is lots of content to use and develop. The total spend so far in May has been $774.51 for this result. Please find a condensed version of the reporting so far, you will get detailed reporting next week explaining the whole months campaign. Below is a snapshot of some of the static ads.



The visit to the region by Sean Scott Photography has also added a great new collection of still photography for our Upper Gascoyne Content Library. Tourism Western Australia have asked to share this content to their audience as Sean shared his five days in the Upper Gascoyne with his 332,000 followers. It has also seen growth on our Instagram page.

<u>Manager of Works and Services Report</u>

As usual this month has been extremely busy. The management team and I have been working together on the 23/24 budget and trying to close out another very busy financial year. I am happy to say that we will have completed all of our planned projects and capital acquisitions within budget and prior to the end of June. 2023-24 is looking to be another busy year with several major projects outside of our usual scope. These include a $1.1M concrete floodway across Dalgety Brook at Dalgety Downs, $4.5M bitumen upgrades on the route to Meekatharra, increasing our staff housing capacity and transformation of the office building to accommodate our growing workforce.

As you are aware, Gascoyne Junction has recently been named “Australia’s Tidiest Town”. This is a massive achievement that is the result of many years of hard work by the entire team including past and present Councillors, CEO’s and staff. I would like to thank my team and recognise that every single person played a huge roll in making this a reality. Our entire community should be extremely proud.

Sean and John attended theWaste and Environmental Summit held in Denham earlier this month. Sean visited the Denham waste and recycling facilities to look for ways in which we can further improve on our management of recyclables and industrial waste. We have made some provision in our 23-24 budget so we can implement some changes to our waste management procedures.

The works on the Mt Sandiman Blackspot project is almost complete. The bulk of the works are complete however we still have some minor works to the approaches left to do before installing new signage. We will complete this by mid-June.

Dameon and Thomas have completed the emergency works associated with the heavy rainfall at the beginning of April. DRFAWA has proclaimed the event and as such we may be eligible to recoup expenses and reinstatement costs. Dameon and Thomas have resumed maintenance grading again. Thomas has completed Pimbee Road and will relocate back to Erong wile Thomas is finishing off the Landor Mt Clere/Meekatharra roads.

Sadly Ian Golding’s father passed away earlier this month. I would like to express our condolences on behalf of the shire to Ian and his mother, Lynne Golding, and their families on their loss. When Ian returns to work he will complete works on Mt Sandiman before moving off to the top of Ullawarra road to begin maintenance grading.

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Public Notice

Change of June Ordinary Council Meeting Date

NOTICE - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.25(1) (g)

At the May Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31/05/2023 Council resolved to change the June Ordinary Council Meeting date.

The June Ordinary Meeting will now be held on 29th June 2023 at 10:00am at the Shire Council Office 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

John McCleary
Chief Executive Officer
31/05/2023

For enquiries, please call the Shire office on (08) 9943 0988

2023 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

21st October 2023

4 COUNCILLOR POSITIONS UP FOR NOMINATION

If you are not registered on the applicable voting rolls you can make an application to the CEO for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne to be added to the Owners / Occupiers Roll. This means you may live in another area but own or rent / lease land in the Local Government District or it could mean that you reside in the Local Government Area. This applies to Mining Tenements, Pastoral Leases, Commercial / Industrial / Residential Land.

Applications for both the residents and owner/occupiers roll close at
5:00pm on Friday 25th August 2023

For those intending to nominate for a Councillor position the first date you can nominate on the

31st of August 2023.

This has to be done on a prescribed form and must be lodged with the returning officer.

The nomination period is open for 8 days and closes at 4.00pm on the 7th of September 2023.

All candidates must complete an online candidate induction prior to nominating for election so they are fully aware of what to expect as an elected member and the rules related to campaigning. This will be available on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries web site. Candidates must also make a deposit of $80 which is repaid if the candidate receives more than 5% of the vote.

All are encouraged to be a part of this process whether this be by nominating to be a Councillor or voting for your preferred candidate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION

CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the Local Government Elections on 21 October 2023 if live in or are an owner occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission Offices or the West Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are not on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Upper Gascoyne you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. **Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Upper Gascoyne to confirm their enrolment status.** To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owner and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms for Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023.

2023 Tidy Towns Sustainability Award

AUSTRALIAN TIDY TOWNS SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS 2023

Gascoyne Junction

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On Friday May 19, Gascoyne Junction was award the Australian Tidy Town Sustainable Community Award on King Island. Representatives from the Shire received the award from the Governor General of Australia – His Excellency David Hurley and his wife.

Gascoyne Junction won four of the nine categories on the evening and received Highly Commended awards in two other categories

2023 Australian Tidy Town Sustainable Community - **WINNER**

Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention Award - **WINNER** (Outback Packs, Bins Across Town, Containers for Change (Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School & Junction Pub and Tourist Park), Leave No Trace Signage in Kennedy Range National Park, Junction Race Club Busy Bees)

Environmental Sustainability – Water - **WINNER** (Water Bore Project for Long Term Viable Water Source, Oval and Two Rivers Memorial Park Reticulation System)

Environmental Communication & Engagement - **WINNER** (Community Strategic Plan, Gassy Gossip)

Community Health, Wellbeing and Interest - **WINNER** (Junction Netball Team, Upper Gascoyne Car Rally for Drought Resilient Communities, Gascoyne Junction GP Clinic, Community Christmas Party, Community Events, Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School – Community Fundraising – RFDS Ball, Pink Stumps Day, Junction Races & Gymkhana, Landor Races & Gymkhana, Kennedy Range Campdraft)

Environmental Sustainability – Energy - **HIGHLY COMMENDED** (Solar Panels Junction Pub & Tourist Park, Solar Street Lighting, Dark Sky Lighting Policy)

Heritage and Culture - **HIGHLY COMMENDED** (Outdoor Museum Two Rivers Memorial Park, Signage at Kennedy Range National Park (DBCA), Stories of the Gascoyne (Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School)

This recognition is truly a community effort with projects from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School, Junction Pub and Tourist Park, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions – Gascoyne Junction, Community Clubs & Organisations, contractors and consultants that have worked in partnership on projects and most importantly residents across the Shire all contributing to the outcome. The reward is a reflection of the community spirit, innovation and resilience of those who call Junction home. On the evening, on accepting the award, past residents, Council Members and Shire Staff were acknowledged for the foundation stones that have been laid over the past thirteen years in rebuilding after the 2010 flood. The importance of creating a town with facilities and services, and sense of community for residents current and future is the goal, and to achieve this in a sustainable way will always remain at the forefront of decision making in the Upper Gascoyne.

As the national title holders, Gascoyne Junction will now host the 2024 National Awards in Gascoyne Junction next year with delegates attending from across Australia.

COUNCIL UPDATE....

FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – CARNARVON MULLEWA RD UPGRADE

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – MAY 2023

Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Start Date:	26 April 2023
		Forecast Completion Date:	Mid June 2023

Project Overview

The upgrade project consists of three key sections as follows:

Section 1 - SLK 80.1 – 83.9

Upgrade of 3.8km section of road to sealed standard based on design drawings including 1 cement stabilised floodway.

End treatments to six culverts including mortar, rock protection, and earthworks.

Section 2 - SLK 96.4 – 96.6

Upgrade of 200m section of road to a sealed standard as well as reducing the steep gradient when exiting the floodway.

Section 3 - SLK100.2 – 102.7

Upgrade of 2.5km section of straight road to a sealed standard including four cement stabilised floodways.

In addition to the above, there are six other discontinuous floodways that will be cement stabilised and upgraded to a sealed standard.

Please note that THEM are undertaking all of the earthworks and final sealing will be conducted by Bitutek under a separate contract to THEMs engagement.

Works this period (May 2023)	Works next period (June 2023)
• All floodways have been cement stabilised with THEM using SPA as a subcontractor to undertake the cement spreading and mixing works. • The majority of clearing, subgrade, and drainage works have been completed across all sections and the surface is ready for the final basecourse layer. This is pending the final compaction test results to be produced by the contractor. • Aggregate for the sealing has been delivered to site.	• Continue with the bulk import of basecourse across all sections of the project. • Final trimming of all basecourse to design levels. • Final compaction, testing, and survey of the finished work of all sections. • Maintenance of the finished surface during final curing period of the works in anticipation of the sealing contractor's arrival. • Bitutek to complete all sealing works. • Site tidy up and demob of camp and equipment from Site.

Status Breakdown				
	Clearing	**Subgrade & Drainage**	**Basecourse/ Pavement**	**Overall**
Section 1 - SLK 80.1 – 83.9	78%	61%	3%	41%
Section 2 - SLK 96.4 – 96.6	90%	75%	0%	48%
Section 3 - SLK100.2 – 102.7	90%	88%	10%	57%
Discontinuous Floodways	90%	93%	90%	91%

Discussion Items	
Camp	The contractor camp is located at the end of Section 3 on Dairy Creek Station.
Looking forward	The most recent schedule provided by THEM indicates that they will finish in mid-June. Following this project, they will commence mobilisation to Minnie Creek to complete the remaining AGRN974 works.

Figure 1: Realignment with detour road during works

Figure 2: Material import for subgrade level

Gascoyne Junction Craft Group

2023 Calendar

25th and 26th February		Untutored /Busy Bee
25th and 26th March		Untutored
7th April - 23rd April School Holidays		
6th and 7th May		Untutored
10th and 11th June		Tutored - TBA
1st July - 16th July School Holidays		
5th and 6th August		Untutored
2nd and 3rd September		Tutored - TBA
23rd September - 8th October School Holidays		
28th and 29th October		Creative Workshop
25th and 26th November		Christmas Craft

For any queries, please contact the President/ Secretary Alys McKeough 08 9943 0924
Or Treasurer Chris Kearney 0428 841 818
E: junctioncraft@gmail.com

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP $20 UNTUTORED WEEKENDS $10
WORKSHOPS $50 with craft supplied materials
OUTSIDE TUTORED WORKSHOPS $50 + materials if required

BLAST FROM THE PAST

THIS SEGMENT OF THE GOSSIP EXPLORES PAST ARTICLES ON NEWS AND EVENTS IN THE UPPER

This article was originally published in the Northern Guardian on June 14 2000.

Region's history on quilt

THE State Government has granted $3000 to a Gascoyne project to create a quilt as a lasting reminder to the Centenary of Federation.

The Carnarvon Arts and Crafts Workshop instigated the project that will see nine groups from around the Gascoyne region create two hangings totaling 100 patchwork blocks.

The massive project will include craft groups from Useless Loop in the south, to Gascoyne Junction in the east and Exmouth in the north creating the blocks that will represent an event that happened for each year of Federation.

Project coordinator Anne Smith said that there has been added support offered by the four Shires including financial donations from the Gascoyne Development Commission, Shark Bay Salt and Shire of Shark Bay.

Accompanying the quilt will be a book explaining the history behind each of the 100 patchwork blocks.

The project will be completed in time for the Centenary of Federation next year.

THE women behind the colourful cloths of Japardi are Jane McTaggart, Di Morrison, Rhonda Steele and Trish Steadman.

Colourful cottage creations

By TAMI MAITRE

JAPARDI is a colourful name given to a group of women who produce colourful cloths in a beautiful and colourful part of WA.

The group of four women behind Japardi have created a cottage industry forged on friendship and many hours travelling dusty roads between their station homesteads to meet and design the fabulous hand-painted cloths.

The hand-painted tablecloths, pillowslips and aprons are designed and painted by Di Morrison, Jane McTaggart, Rhonda Steel and Trish Steadman.

The four pastoral women formed the cottage craft group 18 months ago and designed the name Japardi from each of the women's names; Ja - Jane, Pa - Patricia, R - Rhonda and Di.

Morrison carries out the design work and then each of the women takes home a number of projects to complete.

The larger tablecloths are joint efforts when the women get together over a cup of coffee, and with paintbrush in hand, enjoy an afternoon chatting and catching up.

The longest distance between the Gascoyne stations is about 200km. From Bidgemia to Dairy Creek, south to Wahroonga and east to Glenburg, the women don't see the distance as an obstacle.

The thing that does get in the way of their painting is mustering and shearing times and that is when the business takes a back seat to station life.

Japardi cloths have been featured at the Red Cross Annual Exhibition in Perth with sales mostly going through charity organisations and friends.

This year they were part of the Primary Industries Megasite at the Gascoyne Business Expo where, for the first time, introduced their work to the wider Gascoyne community.

CALLING ALL LOCAL CELEBRITIES...

The CRC is on the look out for our next **SAY G'DAY** candidates to star in future editions of the Gassy Gossip.

We want to know more about our community and our community is keen to get to know you!

So if you're interested in sharing more about yourself, like your favourite food, which footy team you support and what you like to do in your spare time, contact the CRC now with your answers to the questions below!

You could be our next local celebrity...

Full name:

Nickname:

Place of birth:

Favourite food?

Favourite animal?

Footy team:

Where did you grow up?

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne?

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne?

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne?

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne?

We have received a huge new range of books for the start of 2023!

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Audio Books, DVD's, Picture Books, Jnr Fiction, the list keeps going.

Pop into the Community Resource Centre to what stock we have on offer, can't make it in? We can always pop in on the mail truck at your request to members of the library.

Not a member? Fill out the membership form and email it to crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au or bring it in and see our friendly staff.

PLEASE TICK THE MEMBERSHIP YOU REQUIRE:
MYSELF ONLY ☐ MYSELF AND PARTNER ☐ MYSELF AND CHILDREN ☐ CHILDREN ONLY ☐

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME _____

GIVEN NAMES_____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/_____/_____ **PHONE**_____**MOBILE**_____

EMAIL_____

PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

_____

_____

TOWN/SUBURB_____ **POSTCODE**_____

POSTAL ADDRESS (tick if same as above☐)

_____

TOWN/SUBURB_____**POSTCODE**_____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS IN GASCOYNE JUNCTION (if applicable)

_____

_____

PLEASE PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS (Friend or family NOT living at your address)

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TOWN/SUBURB_____**POSTCODE**_____

PHONE_____

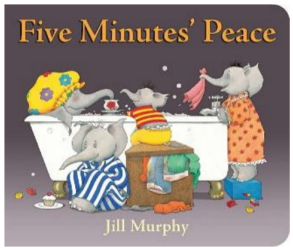
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (PARTNER OR CHILDREN)

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	MALE/FEMALE	LIB CARD NUMBER

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD ACT AND THE SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE

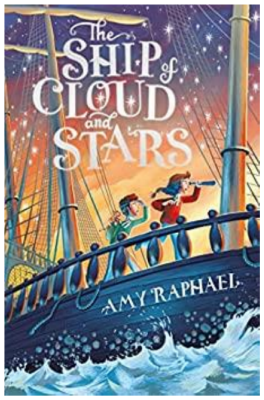
SIGNATURE_____**DATE**_____

BOOKS OF THE MONTH



FIVE MINUTES' PEACE – JILL MURPHY

All Mrs. Large wants is five minutes' peace from her energetic children, but chaos follows her all the way from the kitchen to the bath and back again.

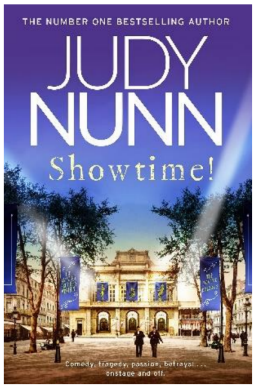


THE SHIP OF CLOUD AND STARS – AMY RAPHAEL

Nico Cloud desperately wants to be an explorer, but her parents think adventures aren't for girls. Fate intervenes when Nico chases a kitten on board a ship and then the ship sails out to sea!

Lucky for her, the ship belongs to a famous scientist who is on a quest for new discoveries. But clouds are brewing overhead and cunning pirates are determined to wreck the crew's mission. Can Nico steer the ship to victory and prove her parents wrong?

AN EPIC ADVENTURE STORY ABOUT THE POWER OF SCIENCE AND LEGENDS.



SHOWTIME! – JUDY NUNN

'So, Will, are you going to come with me and my team of merry performers to the sunny climes of Australia, where the crowds are already queuing and the streets are paved with gold?'

In the second half of the 19th century, Melbourne is a veritable boom town, as hopefuls from every corner of the globe flock to the gold fields of Victoria and where people crave gold, they also crave entertainment.

Enter stage brothers Will and Max Worthing and their wives Mabel and Gertie. The family arrives from England in the 1880s with little else but the masterful talents that will see them rise from simple travelling performers to sophisticated entrepreneurs.

Enter stage their rivals, Carlo and Rube. Childhood friends since meeting in a London orphanage, the two men have literally fought their way to the top and are now producers of the bawdy but hugely popular 'Big Show Bonanza'. The fight for supremacy begins.

Waiting in the Comedy, tragedy, passion and betrayal; economic depression, the Black Death and the horrors of World War One…

Newsletter

24/05/2023

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello to parents, families, and the school community.

Greetings as we head to the halfway mark of term two. Permission notes will be sent home soon for the cross-country event which will take place on Thursday 22nd June in Carnarvon **AND** the Winter Carnival on Friday 23rd June at Carnarvon Community College. We will drive students into Carnarvon each day and back to Gascoyne Junction each afternoon in the school car.

CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS

Milo, Juanita, Eli, and Scarlet have committed to join this event and have already started training.

WINTER CARNIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Our Year 3, 4 and 5 students will be participating in different sports for this round robin event.

Basketball: Eli, Corey, and Milo
Soccer: Juanita
AFL: Scarlet

Kind regards

Jackie Miller, Principal

TRAFFIC LIGHT NUTRITION GUIDE

choice THE PEOPLE'S WATCHDOG

FOODS

NUTRIENT	LOW (per 100g)	MED (per 100g)	HIGH (per 100g)
Total fat	≤ 3g	3.1g – 19.9g	≥ 20g
Saturated fat	≤ 1.5g	1.6g – 4.9g	≥ 5g
Sugars	≤ 5g	5.1g – 14.9g	≥ 15g
Sodium	≤ 120mg	121mg – 599mg	≥ 600mg

Student Councillor Report

New Bicycle

On the last day of term, our student leaders hosted a basketball game which raised $120 for a new bicycle for our school.

The councillors purchased a two-wheeler bike with training wheels for those students who are getting too big for the tricycles and are still learning to ride a two-wheeler. You can see a picture of the new bike above. They will use the leftover funds to also buy a larger bike for the older students. The school will donate the difference for the purchase of this new bike.

Lapathon

This term, the student councillors will hold a Lapathon to raise funds for the WA Diabetes Society. Forms will be sent home soon for this event so that students can collect names of sponsors or donations before the event.

DATE: **Friday 9th June 2023**

TIME: **1:00pm-1:45pm**

All fundraising will need to be finalised and all funds handed in at school by Monday 19th June 2023. We look forward to your support.

From Milo and Janice

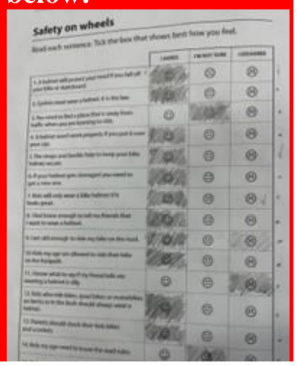
SAFETY ON WHEELS

We deliver a program called **CHALLENGES AND CHOICES** as part of our Health Curriculum. **Currently we are learning about *Safety on Wheels*. Here are some examples below.**

Safety on Wheels topics for Year 3.

Fitting a helmet correctly.

Student opinions about road safety rules when riding bikes and other things with wheels.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KINDY / PRE-PRIMARY ROOM

COORDIKIDS

A new development program called Coordikids has been introduced this term which consists of 20 courses. Students exercise for five consecutive days, rest for two days, and repeat for five consecutive days for each course. This program aims to improve the foundations for sensory motor development. Students are prepared for formal academic learning and success and have the opportunity to develop their skills to their full potential. This includes coordination, balancing, and fine and gross motor skills, which are important to a child's development.

Kitty Cat

Butterfly Flying

SMART STEPS

This term, students took part in a new series of lessons called Smart Steps. Smart Steps helps students make safer choices by focusing on:

- safe pedestrian practices
- safe places to play
- safety on wheels
- strategies to embed road safety education into the curriculum.

Safe places to play – ask an adult to get a ball off the road

Safety on wheels

ROOM 1 NEWS

At the end of term 1 and in week 4 of term 2, Stephanie Condo from Gascoyne Gymnastics Club was funded by Sporting Schools to come and teach all the students some gymnastics skills. The Kindy and Pre-Primary students went first and had a fantastic time learning to do forward rolls and balance on the bars.

Then it was time for the Year 1-9 to have a go. The big kids got to try out forward and backward rolls, handstands and cartwheels and several other challenging activities. It was wonderful to watch the confidence grow in all the students as they continued to try new things.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Each term, we aim to host one active event as part of our staff health and wellbeing plan. National Walk Safely to School Day was held on May 19th, so staff met at the school at 7:30am and did a lap of the block. It was an enjoyable start to the morning with lovely weather and a few good laughs. Our school values staff health and wellbeing and finds it imperative to support staff wellbeing as it has a positive impact on staff morale, job satisfaction and productivity, leaves staff feeling more valued, connected, and respected which can impact students' outcomes (Mrs Miller joined in too by the way, but someone had to take the photo!).

COMING EVENTS

3/6/23	Outback Car Trek – Charity Car Rally
5/6/23	WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9/6/23	Learning Journey and Lapathon
13/6/23	Sporting Schools – Touch Rugby
15/6/23-16/6/23	Carmen out - Teachwell
22/6/23	Cross Country Carnarvon
23/6/23	Winter Carnival Carnarvon
28/6/23	Speech and OT visit
30/6/23	LAST DAY OF TERM

Continental Slice

INGREDIENTS

125g butter

1/2 cup caster sugar

1/4 cup cocoa powder

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 tsp vanilla essence

60g copha

200g dark chocolate

2tbsp hot water

2tbsp custard powder

1 3/4 cups crushed wheatmeal or other similar biscuits

1/2 cup desiccated coconut

1/2 cup walnuts, finely chopped

60g butter, softened

1 3/4 cups icing sugar mixture

2 tbsp custard powder

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Grease an 18 x 28cm slice pan and line with baking paper.

Step 2

Combine the butter, sugar and cocoa in a saucepan and stir over low heat until butter is melted and mixture is well combined. Stir in the egg and vanilla, then cook, stirring, for a further 1 min. Remove from heat.

Step 3

In a bowl, combine the biscuit crumbs, coconut and walnuts, then stir in melted butter mixture. Press firmly over the base of prepared slice pan. Chill until firm.

Step 4

Meanwhile, to make the filling, using an electric mixer, cream butter until pale. In a separate bowl, sift the icing

JUNE

19 Heejong Hwang

19 Cherie Walker

20 Sean Walker

JULY

4 Blanche Walker

7 Hamish McTaggart

13 Darcy McKeough

14 Carl Julian

17 Dameon Whitby

24 Jarrod Walker

30 Beth Burnett

AUGUST

1 Alys McKeough

18 Spags Burnett

18 Harry McKeough

20 Jodie Gibson

GASSY GOSSIP

Upper Gascoyne Locals in the 2023 Gascoyne Dash

Sam Cater - 215

Finished 27th

Cameron Tubby

Finished 49th

Blanche Walker

Finished 10th for the Quads

CORAL COAST HELICOPTER SERVICES

GASDASH KICKSTARTERS

JUNCTION
RACE CLUB
A MUST IN THE DUST
ESTD 1907

Busy Bee dates

29 & 30 April

20 & 21 May

3 & 4 June

1 & 2 July

12 & 13 August

If you are able to help out at our busy bee's please give Hamish a call 0401282562

GASSY GOSSIP

Hastings Technology Metals

March 2022 ➡️ May 2023

Stage one of the Kurrbili Accommodation Village is nearing completion, ready to welcome our team members as we gear up for construction to commence.

Hastings is taking off ✈️

It was an exciting day at Yangibana yesterday as the Hastings team celebrated the maiden flight arriving on our recently completed airstrip. This is a significant milestone on our journey to becoming Australia's next rare earths producer.

Congratulations to everyone involved in contributing to this exciting moment!

Hello Upper Gascoyne Residents

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host: Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Where: Community Resource Centre
When: Thursday 29th June 2023
Time: 12:30pm
RSVP by: Wednesday 21st June 2023
Phone/Email: crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au/(08) 99430988
Details: $5 per person, bring a plate to share, bake off, prizes to be won and games to play.

Join us and be apart of australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

GASCOYNE JUNCTION

DARK SKY WONDERS

Explore the beautiful night sky at Gascoyne Junction and discover more about Dark Sky Tourism and why low light pollution makes Gascoyne Junction a great place for stargazing.

Astrotourism WA Astronomy Guides will take you on a cosmic adventure, using a laser pointer to point out the constellations and look through telescopes to see the wonders of the cosmos. Fun for the whole family!

FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE 2023

6.00pm – 6.45pm | Presentation: Dark Sky Tourism
7.00pm – 8.30pm | Laser Pointer Tour & Stargazing through Telescopes

Gascoyne Junction Pavilion
Gregory Street Gascoyne Junction

BYO chairs, rugs, torches, warm clothes, insect repellent if needed.
Bookings: Free community event. For inquiries phone: 08 9943 0988

This event will go ahead rain, hail or shine. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided.

This event was made possible with funding from the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. It is part of the Astrotourism Towns Project promoting Gascoyne Junction, Burringurrah (Mount Augustus) and Mundatharrda (Kennedy Range National Park) as destinations for stargazing and astrophotography.

astrotourismwa.com.au

Shire of UPPER GASCOYNE

ASTROTOURISM TOWN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GASSIFIEDS

TO ADVERTISE PLEASE CONTACT US
CRC@UPPERGASCOYNE.WA.GOV.AU

ADVERTISING RATES PER MONTH

A4 - $42.00

A5 - $26.00

A6 - $21.00

Business Card Size - $8.50

Are you looking for a place to get your business, your event, or your items for sale in front of the residents of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne?

Its time to book an advertising space in the Gassy Gossip. Whether its for one month or year round this is the place to be seen.

Free advertising for community groups and not for profit organisations.

DATE
MONDAY , 12 JUNE

TIME
10AM

LOCATION
GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILLION

REGISTER TO ATTEND

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

GASCOYNE RIVER CATCHMENT

HYDROLOGICAL SURVEY PRESENTATION

Do you live in the Gascoyne River Catchment?
Are you from the Gascoyne & keen to hear more?

Richard Marver will work through his findings after recently undertaking a fresh look at the Gascoyne River Catchment.
This is a change for you to see and better understand the catchment and ask any questions you might have.

Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Transport**

Remote Services

Remote Services

Department of Transport

Visiting	Gascoyne Junction
When	Wednesday 21st June 12 - 2.30pm
Where	CRC Offices

We will be able to help you with the following services:

- Practical Driving Assessments
- Driver's licence applications
- Theory tests
- Rego and driver's licence renewals
- Photo card applications
- Change of address
- Vehicle transfers
- Return of number plates

To enable us to help you, please ensure you bring your birth certificate, Medicare card, bank card and two types of proof of residency, along with cash or card for payment.

For enquiries please call:

Karen - 9216 8194

DoTDirect

Swap queue time, for you time

Online services available 24/7

Sign up to DoTDirect online services for around the clock services, payments, and applications, to manage your personal details, and more.

www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect

Government of **Western Australia**
WA Country Health Service

PATS process and forms have changed

(Patient Assisted Travel Scheme)

Your GP no longer needs to sign your PATS application form

What is the new process?

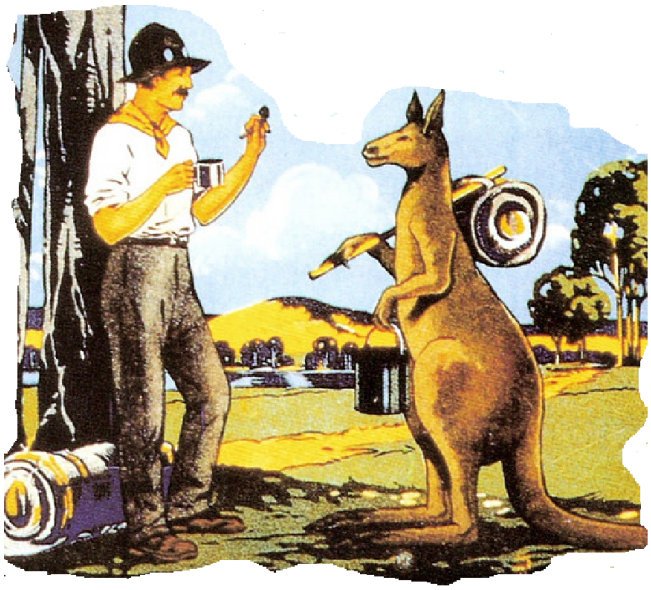
1. You complete a PATS application form and include any requests for consideration outside the current guildelines.
2. You submit your PATS application form in person, by post, fax or email to your local PATS office.
3. Your application will be assessed internally by WACHS. Your GP may be contacted for additional information, as required to support the decision.

Ready to get started?

Contact your local PATS team or scan the QR code to visit the PATS internet page.

Geraldton, Midwest & Murchison
(08) 9956 2216
PATS.Geraldton@health.wa.gov.au

Gascoyne
(08) 9941 0313
PATS.Carnarvon@health.wa.gov.au



SMOKO TIME

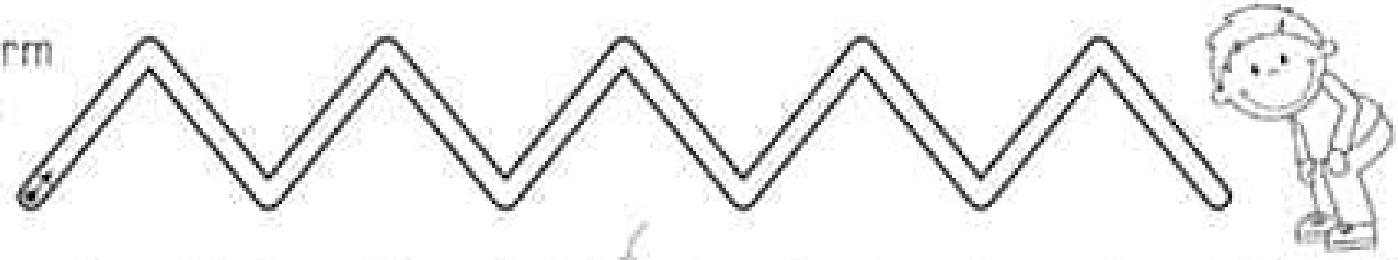
Good Morning Maze

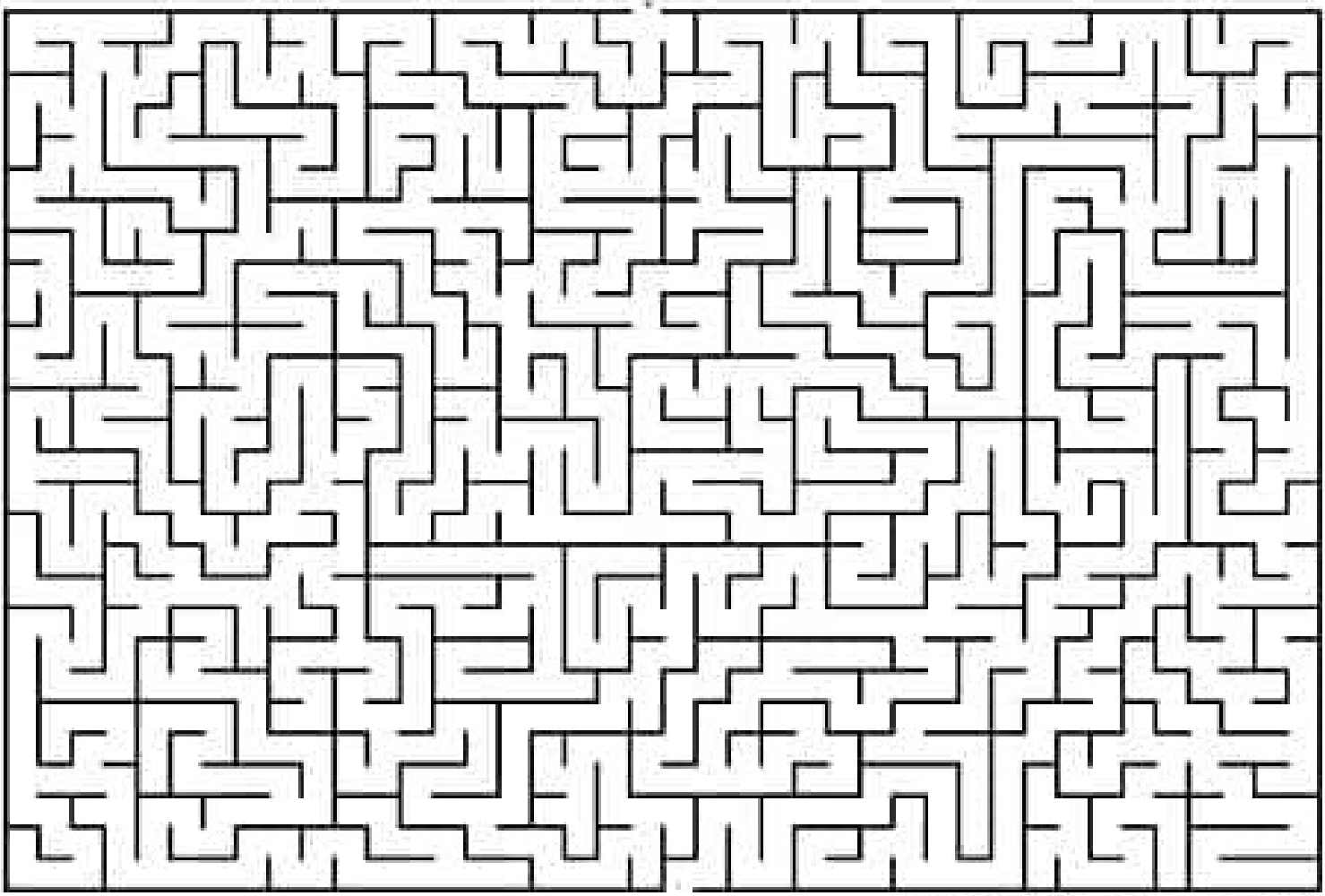
Write your name _____

Highlight the Day	Highlight the Month		Highlight the Date
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	January February March April May June	July August September October November December	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Say it all together ☐

Warm Up





GRAMMAR QUIZ

GERUNDS *and* INFINITIVES

- *Choose the best answers.*

1. **My friend really enjoys … books and magazines.**
   a) to read
   b) reading
   c) reads

2. **… enough sleep is very important for good health.**
   a) Getting
   b) Get
   c) Gets

3. **… is not allowed inside the building. You should go outside.**
   a) Smoke
   b) Smokes
   c) Smoking

4. **I love … a cup of tea in the early afternoon.**
   a) to drink
   b) drink
   c) to drinking

5. **Larry insisted on … to his lawyer after the accident.**
   a) talking
   b) to talk
   c) talks

6. **I really hate … on holidays and weekends.**
   a) working
   b) to work
   c) both of the above answers are correct

7. **... along the beach is a great way to relax.**
   a) Walk
   b) Walking
   c) Walks

8. **(A) Do you like … Italian food?**
   (B) Yes, I do!
   a) eating
   b) eat
   c) both of the above answers are correct

9. **I think that … a second language is fun.**
   a) learn
   b) learning
   c) to learning

10. **Steven doesn't know how … so he takes a bus to work.**
    a) to drive
    b) driving
    c) drives

11. **I need … my clothes. Where can I buy laundry detergent?**
    a) to wash
    b) wash
    c) washing

12. **We expected our boss … us a holiday last week but he didn't.**
    a) gave
    b) giving
    c) to give

13. **Jennifer wants … her friend in San Francisco next month.**
    a) to visit
    b) visits
    c) visiting

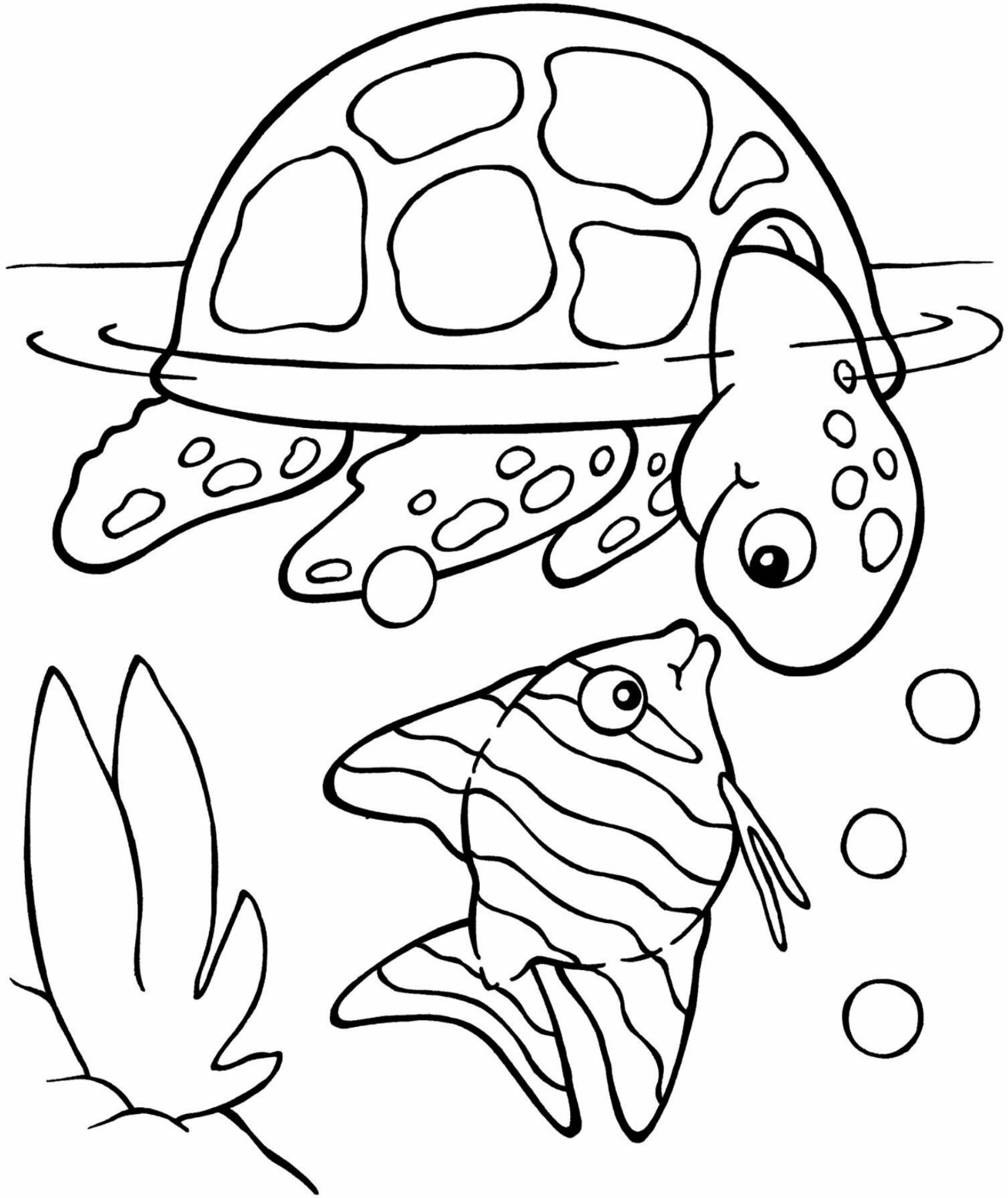
14. **I apologized to my teacher about … late for class.**
    a) to arrive
    b) arriving
    c) arrive

15. **My cousin is afraid of … on airplanes. He thinks they're not safe.**
    a) getting
    b) gets
    c) to get

16. **I'm tired of … on weekends. I want to change my job.**
    a) to work
    b) working
    c) works

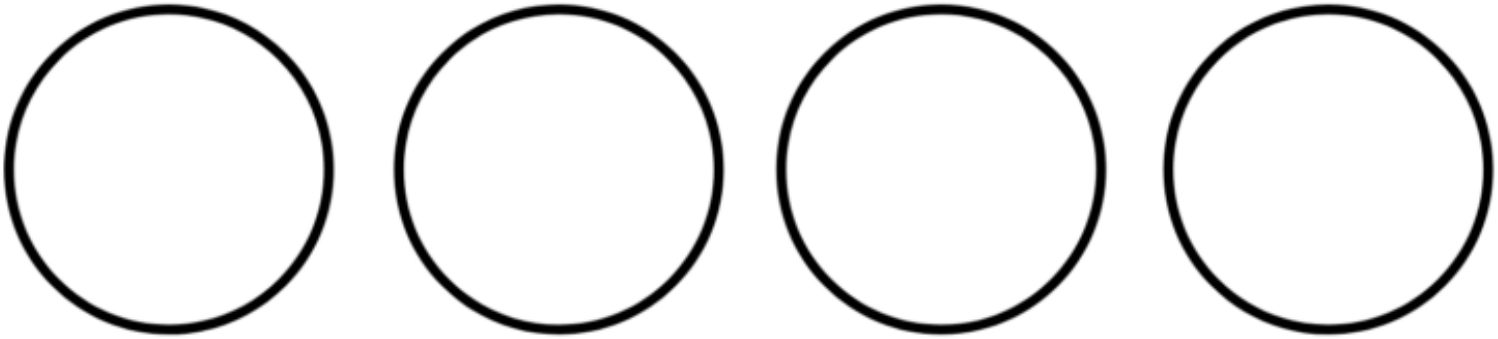
15 – 16 = Excellent	**13 – 14 = Good**	**12 or Less = Study More!**

KID'S CORNER

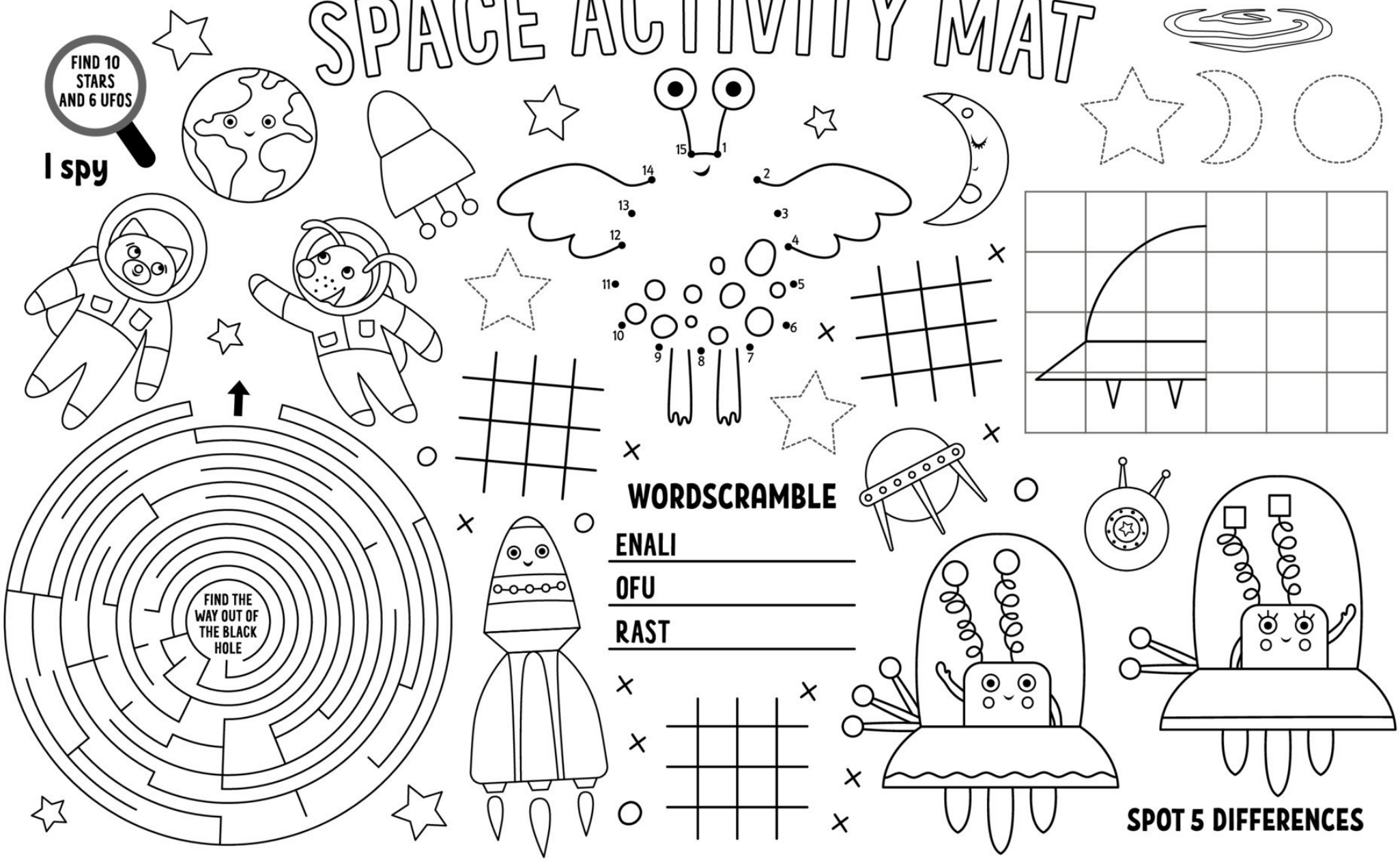


Paint the Nails

Place paint in the circles below for mess free painting



SPACE ACTIVITY MAT



RFDS CAR RALLY

GASCOYNE JUNCTION

03 JUNE

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

07 JUNE

GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

10-11 JUNE

STARGAZING SUPPER UNDER THE STARS

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

23 JUNE

UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS

Shire of UPPER GASCOYNE

SOCKS WEEK FUN RUN

GASCOYNE JUNCTION

25 JUNE

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

28 JUNE

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

05 JULY

MOVIE NIGHT

GASCOYNE JUNCTION AMPHITHEATER

23 JUNE

GP CLINIC

GASCOYNE JUNCTION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

02 AUGUST

GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

05-06 AUGUST

GASCOYNE ROCKS

GASCOYNE JUNCTION PAVILION

12 AUGUST

JUNCTION RACES

JUNCTION RACE CLUB

25-27 AUGUST