

GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL

TO THE STARS



NEWSLETTER TERM 4, WEEK 7

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Calendar

*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.

Term 4, 2019

Week 7

Monday 25 Nov	Parent survey to return
Tuesday 26 Nov	Swimming lessons
	Mobile Library
Wednesday 27 Nov	School Captains' Speeches
Thursday 28 Nov	Swimming lessons
	Yr 6 Transition-full day

Week 8

Tuesday 3 Dec	Swimming lessons
Thursday 5 Dec	Swimming lessons

Week 9

Tuesday 10 Dec	Swimming lessons
Wednesday 11 Dec	Presentation Night 6.30pm

Week 10

Tuesday 17 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell
	Mobile Library
Wednesday 18 Dec	Pool Party
	Last Day Term 4
Thursday 19 Dec	Staff Development Day

Notes coming home this week

- Uniform Order Form
- Swimming Permission Note

Canteen

Wed 27 Nov - Gillian Star & Wendy Clark

Wed 4 Dec - Janaya Clark & Allana Shaw

Wed 11 Dec - Janaya Clark

Student of the Month



Samvir Singh-Clark

For pleasing improvement in his attitude to school.

Principal's Message

Resilience - Respect - Responsibility

High School Transition

On Thursday 28 November, Year 6 students will have their last high school transition at Murrumbidgee Regional High School-Griffith site. This is a full day and students have received a letter outlining the day's events. Students need to re-read the letter the day before to ensure they bring the necessary requirements for the day.

Swimming Lessons

Once again this year, five swimming lessons will be provided by Blackline swimming instructors. These lessons commenced today at 12:00pm and there will be another lesson on Thursday 28 November. Students must ensure that they have all the necessary items to participate: swimmers, towel, sunscreen and goggles all in a suitable bag for carrying wet clothes. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Thongs can be worn to and from the pool. Participation is essential unless students have a medical note explaining why they can't participate.

I would like to thank the P & C for their financial support of this program which will benefit all students. The cost of the lessons is nil as it is covered by Sporting Schools funding, the P&C and the school.

School Captain Speeches and Election

Students who nominated for school captain, will present their speeches to the school and parents on Wednesday 27 November at 2pm. Then the students will cast their vote. The school captains will be announced at the Presentation Night.

Great News

The P&C were successful in obtaining a grant of \$5,000 from Cotton Australia for the first stage of an outdoor learning area in the front garden. The garden area will be defined by

edging then I envisage students will plant out the area with a variety of Australian natives. We will study their features and make connections to the wider environment and sustainability. Thank you to Anne and Bev Furner for their assistance in applying for the grant.

Already Marie Clark has advised us on plant selection and the first group of groundcovers and shrubs have been planted.

Screen Time

After discussions with students, it appears that some students are spending many hours playing games before school, after school and in the evening. Screen time and screen use are a normal part of life for most children and teenagers. The time your child spends watching TV and using computers, gaming consoles, tablets and smartphones can be part of a healthy lifestyle. While there is no 'hour limit' for school aged students, make sure children balance screen time with other physical activities and use quality digital media. Some programs such as Fortnite have age restrictions so are not suitable for children under the age of 12 years. I think the consensus is that parents need to monitor what their children are watching or playing and how much time they are spending in front of screens.

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Attached to last week's newsletter was a parent satisfaction survey. For the school to continue to grow and improve, we need to identify our strengths and areas for further development. Your feedback is important to improve student outcomes so please take the time to fill out the survey. On the back of the survey, there is a question that I would like parents to answer about the qualities you would like your child/ren to have by the end of Year 6. The staff and the 3-6 students have completed this question to make sure we are all striving for the same goals. It's not too late to return the survey so please send it in.

School Contribution Fees

School contribution fees are \$60.00 per child for the year. It is important to note that the \$60.00 per child only goes a small way towards providing stationery and supplies for students.

You can pay by cash, cheque or via our school website:

<https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Click on 'Make a Payment' and then follow the prompts.

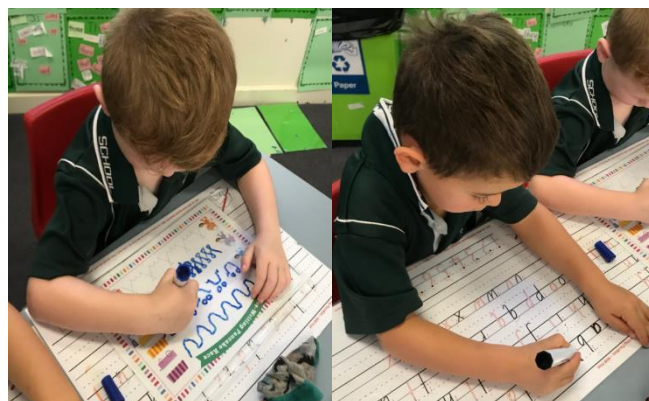
Anne-Maree Young
Principal

what's happening in the classrooms?

K/1/2 News

A lot can happen in a week.

Our pre-Kinders Ted, Hugo and Johnathan completed their full day of transition.



Ted and Hugo practising handwriting.



Johnathan is painting in his library lesson.

We have been learning how to write procedures. To finish off writing procedures, we wrote our own sandwich recipes.

We had all sorts of sandwiches! Schnitzel and cheese, salad, salami and cheese, vegemite, jam and even... jam, devon and pepper. Yes...

jam, devon, butter and pepper all on the one sandwich!

Here we are enjoying our creations.



On Friday, Chika from Japan came to play the shamisen for our class. It is a very heavy instrument similar to a banjo. Chika also told us about her homeland Japan. Max and Montana attempted to play but it is harder than it looks!



One month until Christmas... luckily we are writing persuasive letters to Santa this week so he'll know exactly what we want.

Miss Sim

3/4 News

This week we will be continuing to learn more about poetic devices as part of our poetry unit. 3/4 will be investigating the use of onomatopoeia in poems and will be exploring how to use this in their imaginative writing.

During whole class writing activities, we have been focusing on the structure of imaginative stories and using more descriptive language to share with the reader personal qualities of characters and more information about the stories setting. Students have been experimenting by writing from different perspectives and points of view to engage the reader. We will continue focusing on these techniques this week.

3/4 will be challenging themselves with their recall of multiples of 4 and solving number problems involving money. We will also complete activities based on fractions and decimals.

Below are some of the students' 'quick writes' from last week. We had two topics; an abandoned house and a fisherman.

The Abandoned House

It was a dark miserable night, the trees were blocking the moon. The forest was dark, thick and scary and nobody knew what lied beneath it. I knew that there was an old shack that had been abandoned here. **Jesse McDermott**

As I slowly walked into the forest the leaves crinkled as I walked. I heard a humming, like a sweet melody that babies listen to. I was shaking as I walked towards the house. I heard howling like a wolf and then I heard barks.

Lexie Young

All I felt was fear, all I smelt was the breeze, all I heard was the whoosh of the wind, all I saw was trees and a rotted shack, all I wanted to do was to turn back and run. **Laurie Beasley.**

As I slowly walked through the cold dead forest at dawn I came across an old shack made of wooden logs and a tin roof. As I slowly

approached the door opened and out came a sad looking ghost. **Sam Liddicoat**

One day I found a shack, so I ran up to it and then someone jumped out so I ran around the back screaming. **Rylan Hetherington**

The Fisherman

I was walking to my favourite fishing spot. While I was walking I heard music. I walked towards the music, it got louder. I saw broken glass bottle shining in the sun.... **Chloe Domjahn**

As I trudged over the vast sand dunes my favourite fishing spot slowly became visible.

Jewel Shaw

Last week in science and technology, students worked in groups to design and make a solar cooker to cook our marshmallows. We wanted to demonstrate that energy from the sun makes things happen. Students had some interesting ideas and this week, the class will discuss their design, how successful it was and the properties of the materials they had to use.



Miss Gordon/Mrs Young

5/6 News

Our writing focus is persuasive texts and the students have started to write a persuasive piece on should animals be kept in cages. The students will present their finished writing to the class.

In maths, we have been working hard to improve our mental computation. This means being able to calculate addition and subtraction problems mentally in our heads and then the students discuss which strategy they used.

All students have been working on their own pages for the school magazine and Year 6 are busy creating their own photo story presentation for their Year 6 Farewell.

We are also starting to put together our class item for the Presentation Night in Week 9.

Mrs Liddicoat

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

PBL focus for this week:

Value: Respect

Focus: Speak politely and follow adult directions.

Action: Treat teachers and visitors with respect.

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners:

Miss Sim

- **Cooper** - for meeting all the success criteria in writing.
- **Yalarah** - for working quietly and independently.

Mrs Young/Miss Gordon

- **Laurie** - for creating interesting imaginative texts considering a different point of view.

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Haley** - for a great effort in maths number talks.



PBL Awards

Canteen Voucher - Jorja

Whole School Reward

This Friday students in the whole school will get to enjoy a movie and popcorn as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning reward systems. Students across K-6 have been collecting value slips for demonstrating the school values; respect, responsibility and resilience and have earned this exciting reward.

The movie will be viewed this Friday afternoon.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back by Wednesday 27 November. Please make any cheques payable to **Goolgowi Public School**.

Uniform Orders

Attached to today's newsletter is a uniform order form. Orders need to be returned to school, with payment in full, by **Thursday 28 November**. Please be aware that some uniforms may not be available until next year.

You can pay by cash, cheque or via our school website:

<https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Click on 'Make a Payment' and then follow the prompts.

If you have any questions regarding uniforms, please contact Mrs Brown in the office.



Community News

GOOLGOWI CHRISTMAS TREE

TIME TO GET EXCITED

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

*SANTA IS READY TO MAKE HIS STOP
HERE'S WHERE AND WHEN.*

- **WHERE: GOOLGOWI REC GROUND**
- **WHEN: SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**
- **TIME: 6:30PM SANTA TO ARRIVE 7:30PM**

\$20 PER CHILD

**PLEASE LEAVE FULL NAME AND AGE ON ENVELOPE
DUE BY SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
CAN BE LEFT AT GOOLGOWI GENERAL STORE
OR CONTACT**

JANAYA: 0412115717

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**HAM RAFFLES, 100 SQUARES AND RAFFLE,
BBQ AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!



GUNBAR CHRISTMAS TREE
MON 16 DEC 2019
 GUNBAR COMMUNITY HALL
 6PM START

SANTA CLAUS arrives at 7.30pm

Major Raffle Prizes | Hampers to be won | 100 Club Draw
 BBQ FOOD & COLD DRINKS available – BYO CHAIR & ESKY

To add your child/children to Santa's List to receive a gift (\$15) please text Maryanne Mitchell 0417 651 318 or Kart Harvey 0499 652 333 by 6 December.

 Follow us on Facebook "Gunbar Christmas Tree"

Goolgowi Exies Club News

Last week the Riverina Clubs super draw went to Grenfell and it was not claimed.

This week it is **\$8,400**.

The Riverina clubs super draw is held every Thursday night.

Remember you must be at the club at the time of the draw between 7.00 and 9.00pm and you must be a current 2019 financial member.

Exies Opening Hours

	CLUB	KITCHEN
MONDAY	5PM – CLOSE - PIZZA AVAILABLE	
TUESDAY	5PM- CLOSE - PIZZA AVAILABLE	
WEDNESDAY	4PM – CLOSE	6.30-8.30
THURSDAY	4PM – CLOSE	6.00 – 9.00
FRIDAY	4PM – CLOSE	6.30 – 8.30
SATURDAY	3pm – CLOSE - PIZZA AVAILABLE	
SUNDAY	3PM – CLOSE	6.00 – 8.00

Remember only \$50.00

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays you can buy our Pizza Bargain - two large homemade pizzas and two 1.5 Litre bottles of soft drink.

Exciting news


Friday 13 December is Christmas at the Club.
 6.30pm - Santa is coming to Goolgowi Club!!!
 With bags of lollies for all the children.

Face painting – for kids and adults!


Ham Raffles - Buy your tickets now \$1.00 a ticket.

Christmas Bingo will start at 7.00 sharp.

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If you have any community announcements or wish to advertise through our school/community newsletter please contact Jane by phone or email by Monday afternoon.

Our newsletter is published on Tuesday.

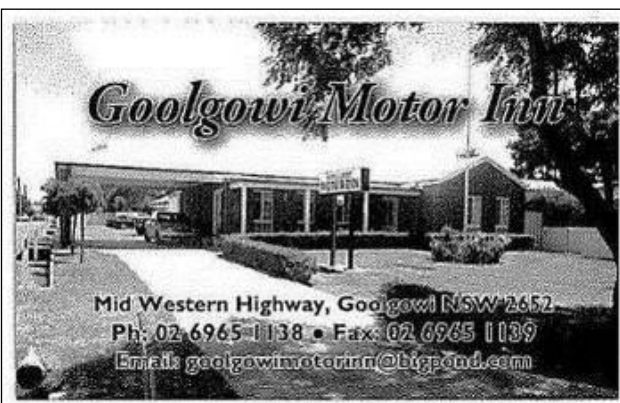


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