



Goolgowi Public School

To the Stars



Newsletter Term 3, Week 10

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Calendar

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

Term 3, 2021

Week 10

Fri. 17 September Last Day Term 3

Term 4, 2021

Week 1

Mon. 4 October	Public Holiday
Tues. 5 October	Day 1 Term 4 – Students & Staff Return

Notes coming home this week

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN reports

Canteen

No Canteen

Keep an eye out for our new summer menu.



Jewel Shaw

For always reaching for the stars and striving to improve her learning.

Principal's Message

Resilience - Respect – Responsibility



It was great to see students walk through the gates yesterday and their smiling faces as they greeted one another. Schools aren't the same without the chatter and movement of students. The past four weeks has shown how resilient and adaptable students, teachers and families are. The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that lockdowns are necessary to keep everyone safe and our school community has pulled together yet again. Thank you to our families who have had our students' best interests at heart and supported them through learning from home. Again, it has been a huge learning curve for everyone although the teachers felt more confident in preparing resources for students and I thank them for their initiative and their innovative learning programs.

Staffing

This week is Miss Sim's last week before she goes on maternity leave. I would like to thank her for her effort and dedication to the students she has taught and for her vital role as part of the teaching staff at Goolgowi PS. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish her the

best and we can't wait to hear the good news when the baby arrives.

Miss Gordon and I will teach K-2 for Term 4 while the Department of Education works to fill the position. Mrs Prue Brown will be teaching library/HSIE and taking learning and support groups on a Wednesday.

Volleyball Court

Our new volleyball/Newcombe ball net has been installed and students are enjoying learning a new team game and skills. The net is adjustable to cater for all students. Once the court is marked out, the court will be complete.

End of Term 3

This Friday marks the end of Term 3 and it has definitely been an eventful one. I hope everyone has a restful holiday and stays safe. Please keep up to date by visiting the department's COVID-19 advice to families at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>.

NAPLAN Results

Students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN reports yesterday. These assessments in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing and numeracy are a point in time diagnostic test and provide teachers and parents with information about how students are progressing and if they need support to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. Please take the time to read them with your child and keep in mind that these assessments were conducted in May this year.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Students and staff have returned to school under Level 3 guidelines which parents can access at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/level-3-schools>.

Under these conditions:

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of

existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.

- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups which will be from the Penney St gate.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.

Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2022

At present, the school is planning possibilities for Kinder Orientation in a COVID-19 world, so we encourage parents to enrol 2022 Kindergarten children this term. It will assist the school if we need to prepare online resources for our orientation.

The Department of Education requires that:

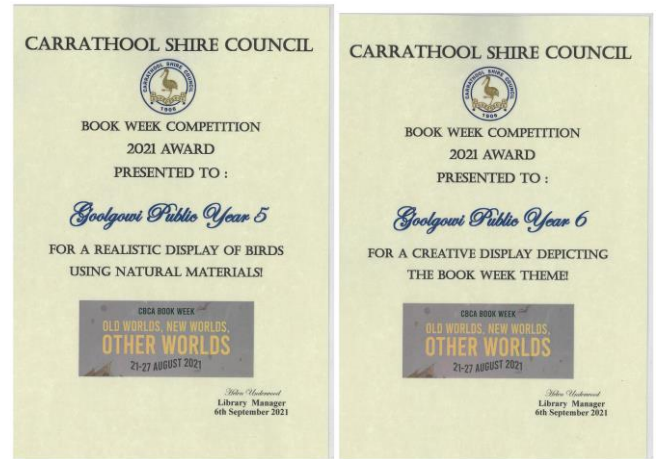
- All children must be in compulsory schooling by their 6th birthday.
- Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 July that year.
- Students should start school at the beginning of the school year.

Once they have completed the online enrolment, parents are asked to bring into the office:

- the child's birth certificate or identity documents.
- proof of child's address – current council rates notice, residential lease, electricity bill and so on.
- immunisation history statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
- any family law or other relevant court orders, if applicable.

Enrolments can be now made online at <https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>. Please call the office if you need any further information. If you know any other children who are ready to start school, please pass on this information. This will help us to plan our classes for 2022.

Carrathool Shire Council Book Week Awards



Anne-Maree Young
Principal

Crazy Hair or Hat Day

Students have been working hard to meet our whole school expectations by demonstrating that they can be respectful, responsible and resilient students. To celebrate their achievements, all students can come to school with crazy hair and/or wear a crazy hat on **Friday 17th September 2021**.

The SRC would like to use this event to raise funds for future school initiatives and projects. As the event is a PBL reward, donations are encouraged but not compulsory.

The SRC



What's happening in the classrooms?

K/1/2 News

It's the last week of Term 3 and the last week for Miss Sim before maternity leave.

I can't even begin to explain how proud I am at how far each individual student has come this year and throughout the years. I am going to miss you all terribly! I am so proud of all the students and parents for their resilience and application during lockdown and so thankful we get to spend this last week together. I am so happy that I took the opportunity to come out to Goolgowi from Sydney, Newcastle and London to experience this beautiful community. I am not going anywhere, renovating in Griffith means I'll be around for a long while yet.

I wish everyone well in Term 4. Our news topic this week is 'What would you name Miss Sim's baby?'. Students can pick whether they think it is a boy or a girl and they can explain why they chose that name. Who knows, maybe it will be inspiration! The poor baby has already been dubbed a future Rabbitoh, boy or girl.

Stay safe and well in the holidays and fingers crossed this pandemic can treat us kindly from here onwards. Thank you.

Miss Sim

5/6 News

Judging by the constant happy chatter in the classroom, the Year 5/6 students and I were super pleased to be back together again. They adjusted back into our learning routines seamlessly, like they had never been away.

Thank you to all the students who have returned the computers they borrowed from the school and brought back their learning packs. I appreciate all the effort the students put into completing their learning tasks at home.

The students are now looking forward to sharing with their classmates some of the

work and free choice projects they completed during lockdown.



Mrs Liddicoat

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

PBL focus for this week: Respect

Focus: Speak politely and use manners.

Action: Be sure to use 'Friendly Actions' and 'Friendly Words' at school, at home and online.

Keeping Active

Taking care of your physical and mental health is more important than ever during the pandemic.

Spending more time at home may mean we are not moving as much and changes to usual routines can also impact the way we feel.

Here are some simple ideas to boost your mood during this time:

- **Phone a family member or a friend** to say hello and check in.
- **Sleep is vital to good mental health.** Try and keep regular bedtimes and take some time to wind down at the end of the day.
- **Get moving** – sometimes the hardest part is to get started. Try and set yourself a small goal to begin with, maybe 10 minutes of light activity such as a walk each day and build it up from there.

- **Take some quiet time** for yourself if you can. Do something you enjoy. It's important to rest and recharge too.

More ideas to stay healthy at home here:

<https://tinyurl.com/tips-healthy-home>

If you need someone to talk to during this time, reach out to your local mental health support services, some are listed here:

<https://tinyurl.com/mentallyhealthy-WSLHD>



Community News

Goolgowi Golf News

On Saturday golfers played for the Rothman Medal and Kings Putting. There were 12 starters. Winner of the day was Gary Cheeseman who was having his first hit. Well done Gary and welcome to the club.

Runner Up: Glen Bock

Putting Comp: Dion Pascoe

Runner Up: Owen Pascoe and Glen Bock

NTP on 3rd: Daryle Sinkinson

Goolgowi Golf club member Dane Sutcliffe has been selected to represent Western Riverina in the NSW Championships to be played at Forbes. Well done Dane.

In Match Play Geoff Elliot defeated Brian Cunningham.

Next week Match Play.

Goolgowi Exies News

Exies Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday & Friday	4.30pm
Saturday	4.00 pm
Sunday	3.30pm

Goolgowi Club Bistro

Help support your club.

Thursday and Friday full menu and weekly specials.

Thursday Nights are club nights again.

Super draw is on hold until all small clubs can re-open.

Meat Raffles - tray of goodies from Hanwood butchers.

\$2 lucky wheel spin.

COVID RULES will be strictly enforced:

- ❖ Drinking and eating while standing is not allowed.
- ❖ Wearing face mask is compulsory - no mask no service.
- ❖ Check in using Service NSW QR Code.
- ❖ One person per 4m² rule has been re-introduced.



Saturday's happy hour

5.00-7.00pm.

Cooked chook raffles.

Lucky poker draw.

Footy finals on the TV.

Come down and support your club and have some fun!

Congratulations to the winners of the \$50 Servo Vouchers:

- Amy Young
- Gillian Gordon
- Anthony Favero.

The Trivia Night will be held as soon as we are able so keep filling your heads with useless facts.

The club would like to thank Carrathool Shire for the \$1,500.00 community grant which will go towards buying a new stove.

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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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Last Week of Home Learning! - 3/4

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for their amazing effort teaching their children at home. You all did an amazing job! You deserve the week off!
Mr Bourne

