

# **Goolgowi Public School**

To the Stars



## **Newsletter Term 4, Week 1**

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#### Calendar

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

#### Term 4, 2024

#### Week 1

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Fri. 18 Oct	Kinder Orientation 9:00am – 11:40am
	Kindergarten 2025 Parent
	Information Session
Week 2	
Mon. 21 Oct	Kindergarten 2025 Parent
	Information Session
	6:00pm - Library
Tue. 22 Oct	Mobile Library
Fri. 25 Oct	Kinder Orientation 9:00am
	– 11:40am
	World Teacher's Day
Week 3	
Mon. 28 Oct	Halloween Disco
Wed. 30 Oct –	Year 3/4 Borambola
Fri. 1 Nov.	Excursion
Fri. 1 Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:00am
	– 11:40am
Week 4	
Mon. 4 Nov	P&C Meeting 6:00pm
Fri. 1 Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:00am
	– 11:40am
Week 5	
Mon. 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri. 1 Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:00am
	– 11:40am
	Assembly & BBO Lunch

# **Student of the Month**



**Evelyn** 

For great enthusiasm and an outstanding willingness to learn new things.

# Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope all families had a relaxing, safe and enjoyable break from school. It is lovely to see the students back fresh and rejuvenated after the holidays and to listen to the adventures they had with their families and friends.

Every term is busy, but Term 4 is one of the busiest! We start with Kindergarten Orientation to prepare our 2025 new Kindergarten students and end the term farewelling our Year 6 students. Stage 2 is heading to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre for camp, golf swings into action for 3-6 students, swimming lessons towards the end of the term, the Halloween Disco, end of year pool party and Presentation Night. All combined with lots of learning.

#### **Proud and Deadly**

The annual Proud and Deadly Awards were held at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Wednesday 25 September. It was lovely to celebrate the successes and achievements of our Aboriginal students. The following Goolgowi students received an award:

- Brooklyn, Dallas, Nathaniel 95% and Above Attendance Award
- Brooklyn, Dallas, Nathaniel, Halen, Lilly Encouragement Award
- Krystian Excellent Application in all Areas Award
- Cordell Academic Award for English
- Clayton Student Leadership Award

The awards categories are outlined below.

#### **Encouragement Award**

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated excellent attendance, progress in learning, consistent effort and a positive attitude to school.

#### Student Leadership Award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated

exceptional skills in promoting, encouraging and supporting student participation across their school and community.

Aboriginal students nominated will have strong communication skills, have contributed to school initiatives, be ambassadors to their school and positive role models.

#### Academic Excellence Award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in any curriculum area and who have displayed a positive attitude to school and a commitment to their further education.

#### Attendance 95% and Above Award

Students need to have an attendance rate of 95% or above with all absences explained.

#### **Excellent Application in all Areas Award**

This award is to be presented to one student only per school. Students need to show excellent application in all subject area.



#### Golf

We are again very excited to be starting golf for the 3-6 students. Students will participate in golf lessons as part of the sport program on Fridays. We are also lucky to have Golf NSW deliver their Lunch Time Golf program later in the term. For the last three weeks of the program students will walk over to Goolgowi Golf Course and play a modified game of golf. More information to come later in the term.

#### **Trent Barrett Shield**

Charlie McL, Cordell, Wade, Hugo and Ted and other students from across the smalls school network competed in the Trent Barret Shield in Griffith in Week 9 last term. Once again, all the students represented their school proudly and demonstrated great sportsmanship. We had a win and some losses, but the students played well, learnt some new skills, improved their game, competed against other students they knew and didn't know, and Ted even competed against his cousin (and came off with a win)! Congratulations to Ted who was awarded Best and Fairest for the day for our Team.





#### **Rankins Springs Round Robin**

The Rankin's Springs Round Robin was not held last term due to wet weather. It has now been cancelled. All lunch money has been refunded and was sent home with students yesterday.

The \$5.00 bus fee will be used to pay for students attending the Halloween Disco. Mrs Brown will contact the parents of students not attending the Halloween Disco individually to arrange a refund.

#### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Our Kindergarten Orientation program starts this Friday, and we are very excited to meet our 2025 Kindergarten students. Information about the Kindergarten Orientation Program is included in this newsletter.

# Kindergarten Orientation for Kindergarten Students Starting in 2025

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program & Parent Information Sessions start next term. There will be two parent information sessions to allow parents to attend a session that best suits them. Our Kindergarten Orientation program will run for the first five Fridays of the term.

#### Parent Information Session

 Friday 18 October 9:15 a.m. in the School Library

#### Repeated Session

 Monday 21 October 6:00 p.m. in the School Library

#### Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

- Friday 18 October 9:00am 11:40am.
- Friday 25 October 9:00am 11:40am.
- Friday 1 November 9:00 am 11:40am.
- Friday 8 November 9:00am 11:40am.
- Friday 15 November 9:00am 11:40am.

All students must be enrolled beforehand to participate in the orientation program. Enrolments can be now made online at

https://goolgowip.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-ourschool/enrolment.html and then click on the online enrolment application.

# October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month and an annual reminder for all Australians to stay secure online. This year, we encourage you to 'Be cyber wise - don't compromise'. There are 4 simple steps you can take to be cyber wise and significantly boost your cyber security:

- 1. Update your devices regularly
- 2. Turn on multi-factor authentication
- 3. Back up your important files
- 4. Use passphrases and password managers

Cybercrime reports are increasing, but by taking these simple steps everyone can play a part to make Australia the most secure place to connect online. Our latest Annual Threat Report found that during the 2021-22 financial year, one cybercrime was reported to us every 7 minutes, a 13% increase from the previous financial year. We have resources to guide you through the simple steps you can take to be cyber wise and avoid the compromise of your devices and accounts.

Helping our students be safe online will be a focus for this term. Parents can access The Australian eSafety Commissioner's website for support and advice. <a href="https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents">https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents</a>

This website supports parents and carers to protect children. Experts in eSafety have developed evidence-based advice on keeping children safe while online. It collates reliable, expert knowledge that is applicable to parents around the globe, including a range of practical tips on what to do if things go wrong.

Topics include media, misinformation and scams, time online, parental controls, unwanted contact, cyberbullying, online gaming as well as advice on self-care.

#### Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child



may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record

All other absences will be marked as Unjustified unless an application for leave has been submitted and approved by the principal.

Angela Dayhew
Relieving Principal
Halloween Disco



Goolgowi Public School will be holding its annual Halloween Disco on Monday 28 October from 6:00-7:30pm.

The cost is \$5.00 per student to attend. Each student will receive a sausage sandwich, drink, ice block and a lolly bag.

The money paid by parents for the Rankin's Springs Round Robin will be used to cover the cost for students attending the disco. I will contact the parents of students not attending the disco individually to arrange a refund of the bus money.

There is no need to send any money in to the school for the Halloween disco.

# **School Bytes APP/Portal**

Don't forget to check your School Bytes Parent App or Portal for any notifications regarding upcoming events.

School Bytes can also be used to enter absences, look at you're the school calendar, Statement of Account, school news, reports and any activities your child/ren may be involved in.

Thank you.



#### in the classrooms?

#### **1/2 News**

We have started the new term without Sean Hall, who was a friend to many in our class and the Kindergarten class. We wish him well as he starts school in Queensland and gets to meet extended family there.

Warmer days are here and the busyness of harvest time is on its way for our farming families. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday time together. Pauline and I met up with our own adult children and caught up with plenty of family and friends.

This term we are tackling 'persuasive writing', where we get to express our opinions, back them up with good reasons and try to persuade each other to think the same as us.

It was nice to meet up with the children again and hear their holiday news.

Mr Fox

## **3/4 News**

Year 3 and Year 4 are very excited to meet our class pets! The students will be very kind and share them with the rest of the school. Ms Dayhew is picking up the creatures on



Tuesday afternoon with a huge thank you to Beelbangera Public School. I am sure that the students in Year 3 and Year 4 will take great care of the.....? Why not come in and meet our newest school members. They will be housed in the 3/4 classroom. We will let you know the names as soon as the students name them. Stay tuned for pictures in the next newsletter!

Ms Dayhew

## 5/6 News

It's great to be back together again this week for another term of learning. I trust you all had an enjoyable and relaxed holiday. On the last day of term students shared some of their plans for the holidays including fishing, camping, relaxing and catching up with friends and family. Geoff and I were able catch up with friends and our three adult children too, although we didn't do the fishing or camping!

The end of term didn't work out as we expected with the postponed Rankin's Springs 'Round Robin Day'. However, we celebrated with cinnamon toast and some ball games. Students are starting to know the difference between cinnamon and synonym and enjoying the taste of warm buttered toast with a sprinkling of sugar and cinnamon on top. This certainly helps to cement the difference!

In maths we've looked at properties of 3D objects. For one of the lessons the students divided in mixed groups and activities. completed several was encouraging to see students co-operate and mentor each other through challenging activities. At the conclusion of the lesson, students had opportunity to think through how they had worked as a group reflecting on

- Did they include each other?
- Did they ensure each person was involved?
- Did they support anyone who found an activity difficult? and
- How can they make their group focus and function better as a whole next time?

In a practical context while learning, students are honing skills of co-operation and teamwork.

I look forward to seeing you at school for various activities. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Mrs Fox

#### **End of Term Awards**

Congratulations to our end of term award winners.

#### **Principal's Award**

 Jaxson - for trying hard with all of his learning.

#### **Mrs Liddicoat**

 Harry - for displaying enthusiasm in learning, insightful class contributions, and excellent efforts during maths lessons.

#### Mr Fox

 Ramsie – for being a good friend and making a better effort in all subject areas.

#### Ms Dayhew

 Amia
 – for taking pride in her work and consistently producing work of a high quality.

#### Mrs Fox

• **Tyler** – for exemplary results in all areas of learning achieved through application, effort and attitude. Congratulations!

#### **PBL Award**

 Connor – for demonstrating respect, responsibility and resilience in the classroom and playground.





## **Weekly Awards**

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

#### Week 10

#### **Mrs Liddicoat**

- **Harry** for applying a range of mental strategies to solve tricky problems.
- Lenny for great numeral recognition and using various strategies to solve addition problems.

#### Mr Fox

• **Halen** – for improving his knowledge of alphabet sounds and starting to read in a smooth, interesting voice.

#### Ms Dayhew

• **Ted** – for consistently working well in class.

#### Mrs Fox

 Krystian – for always beings a kind and considerate person who is a wonderful role model.



#### **Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Resilience – challenge yourself.

#### Focus:

We have a go and try to do our best.

#### **Action**

- ✓ We complete all learning tasks to the best of our ability.
- We are not afraid to make mistakes and understand that mistakes are part of learning.
- ✓ We encourage and help others to do their best.

#### **PBL Awards**

Weekly Prize – Vinny

# **Community News**



Goolgowi Branch CWA

AGM

Thursday 17th October 2024

12:00 noon

Bring a plate to share

New members and visitors welcome

Come along and see what it's all about!

## **Goolgowi Exies News**

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook

#### **Exies Opening Hours**

Monday to Wednesday	Closed
Thursday & Friday	4:30pm
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	3:30pm

#### **Goolgowi Club Bistro**

Meals are available Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

#### **Thursday Night Draw**

The draw takes place anytime between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. You must be a **current** member and on the premises at the time of the draw.

This Thursday the draw is:

#### \$16,400.00

Meat raffles from Hanwood Butchers.

100-wheel spin.

#### **Ladies Night**

Ladies Night was very successful with over 65 ladies in attendance. It was a very

entertaining event. Great job to Khloe for putting on such a fantastic event. Thanks to everyone that travelled near and far to support Breast Cancer Research.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 2 November** – Melbourne Cup Calcutta

#### Interrelate Services Available

# The Children Contact Centre is at 150 Banna Avenue, Griffith

The Children's Contact Service provides a safe and relaxed atmosphere where children from separated families can connect with parents or relatives who they do not live with. It is a centre specially designed for adults and children to play together, read stories or sit and talk in a pleasant, safe environment. With the expertise and support of our staff, children and parents are helped to re-establish their relationships in a caring atmosphere.

The Children's Contact Service can also be used for safe changeover when there is high conflict in the family or adults do not want to see each other. The Children's Contact Service is not just for parents, other important people in a child's life can also use this service and be supported to reestablish their relationships with the child. Where it's appropriate, the Children's Contact Service will assist families to move towards selfmanaging changeover and contact arrangements.

Please see the information regarding other services Interrelate can provide through our online platform. Following are QR codes to scan for more information:



**First Nations Services** 



#### **Relationships and Sexuality Education**



#### **Mental Health Support**



#### **Relationships and Parenting Courses**



#### **Separation Support**



**Counselling support** 

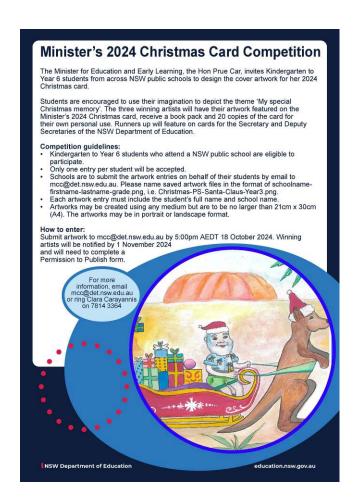


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If you require any further information please, contact us at <a href="mailto:bree.chambers@interrelate.org.au">bree.chambers@interrelate.org.au</a> or <a href="mailto:GriffithCCS@interrelate.org.au">GriffithCCS@interrelate.org.au</a>



# Service NSW is coming to your community

We're bringing NSW Government services to: Goolgowi

Thursday 31st October 2024 9AM - 11:30AM

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence applications and renewals
   driver licence, mobility parking and
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
   Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- · birth, death and marriage certificates
- · cost of living support and more.

Call 13 77 88 or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

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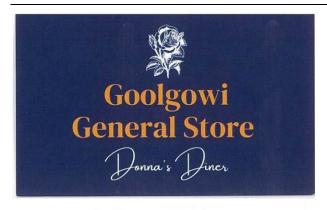
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If you have any community announcements or wish to advertise through our school/community newsletter please contact Jane by phone or email by Monday afternoon.

Our newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday.

#### RIVERINA CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY VAN Inc. MOBILE PRESCHOOL

- OPERATING IN YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT

# Waiting List enrolment form 2025

CENTRE:

DAYS OF ENROLMENT: please circle preferences below.			
RANKINS SPRINGS: Tuesday & Friday (memorial hall). GO(st). BARELLAN: Wednesday & Thursday (community Healt and Friday (Landers St)			
CHILDS NAME:	SEX:	DOB:	
PARENTS NAMES:			
ADDRESS:			
email addr	ess		
PHONE NUMBER:	OBILE:		
ABOUT YOUR	R CHILD		
IS YOUR CHILD TOILET TRAINED? yes / no or in the proce	ss? Details		
HAVE THEY ANY ALLEREGIES or Medical conditions ? Yes	/No. Detail	s:	
DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS or INTEREST	rs? NDIS	NUMBER ?	
CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF THE CHILD?			
ABORIGINAL/ TORRES STRAITS BACKGROUND?			
IS YOUR CHILD LISTED ON A HEALTH CARE CARD?	Number.		
ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION?			
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (completing this form):			
PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:			
Please fill this in and return to the local mobile preschool	or email to ca	te@rcavprescl	hool.com.au
Any questions please feel free to call Cate Moon on 0428	8644661 Monda	y – Friday 8am	<u>ı-4pm</u>





# Goolgowi **Public School**

# Kindergarten 2025

# **Orientation Program & Parent Information Sessions**

#### Parent Information Session

Friday 18 October 9:15 a.m. in the School Library Repeated Session

Monday 21 October 6:00 p.m. in the School Library

#### Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Friday 18 October

9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Friday 25 October

Friday 1 November 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Friday 8 November 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Friday 15 November 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

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and then click on the online enrolment application.

Please call the office on 6965 1207 if you need any further information, to book a school tour or to discuss your child's transition to Kindergarten.

If you have any objection to your child being photographed and their image used on our website or in our newsletter, please advise the school.

> Penney Street Goolgowi NSW 2652 Phone: 6965 1207

Email: goolgowi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Website: https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au



Transitioning from preschool to Kindergarten is a significant step in a child's education journey. It's essential to ensure that this transition is as smooth and positive as possible to help children adjust to their new environment and expectations. Here are some tips to facilitate a successful Kindergarten transition for preschool students:

- ✓ <u>Visit the school and meet the teacher</u>: If possible, arrange visits to the school before the official start date. Familiarising the child with the new environment can reduce anxiety. They can meet their teacher and explore the classroom. Building a connection with the Kindergarten teacher can be reassuring for both parents and children. Attend orientation sessions and meet-and-greets to get to know the teacher and ask any questions you may have.
- ✓ <u>Establish a Routine</u>: Begin establishing a consistent daily routine at home that mirrors what they will experience in Kindergarten. This includes setting regular bedtimes, mealtimes, and playtimes. Routines help children feel secure.
- ✓ <u>Practice Independence</u>: Encourage your child to do things independently, such as dressing themselves, using the bathroom, and tidying up their toys. Kindergarten teachers will appreciate children who can handle these basic tasks.
- Read Together: Continue to read with your child regularly. Reading not only enhances their language skills but also fosters a love of learning. Choose books about starting Kindergarten to help them understand what to expect.
- Social Skills: Reinforce good social skills like sharing, taking turns, and resolving conflicts peacefully. These skills are crucial for successful interactions with peers in Kindergarten.
- ✓ <u>Talk About Kindergarten:</u> Have open conversations about what to expect in Kindergarten.

  Address any concerns your child may have and emphasise the positive aspects of this new adventure.
- Playdates: Arrange playdates with other children who will be attending the same Kindergarten. This can help your child make friends before school starts.
- ✓ <u>Label Belongings</u>: Ensure all your child's belongings, including backpacks, lunch boxes, and clothing, are clearly labelled with their name.
- Stay Involved: Stay involved in your child's education by volunteering in the classroom or participating in school events when possible. This shows your child that you value their education.
- ✓ <u>Celebrate Milestones</u>: Acknowledge and celebrate the milestones your child achieves as they transition to Kindergarten. This boosts their confidence and excitement about this new phase.
- ✓ <u>Stay Calm</u>: Children often pick up on their parents' emotions. If you're anxious about the transition, it can make your child anxious too. Stay calm and positive about the experience.
- <u>Prepare for Separation</u>: If your child hasn't experienced long periods of separation from you, start practising gradually. Leave them with trusted caregivers for short periods, gradually increasing the time apart.

#### What Do They Need To Bring?

Hat, drink bottle, small container of freshly cut up fruit for Crunch & Sip and a small healthy snack such as fruit and/or sandwich for recess.

Children need to wear enclosed shoes and comfortable clothing with shoulders covered.

School Policy - No Hat, No Play





# TERM 4, 2024 CALENDAR

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	14 Oct Staff & Students Return	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct MRHS Transition	18 Oct Kinder Orientation- 9.00-11.40am Parent Session	19/20 Oct
2	21 Oct Kindergarten 2025 Parent Session 6:00pm	22 Oct Mobile Library	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct Kinder Orientation- 9.00-11.40am	26/27 Oct
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5	11 Nov Remembrance Day	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov Lunch Time Golf – Golf NSW MRHS Transition	15 Nov Kinder Orientation- 9.00-11.40am Assembly BBQ lunch	16/17 Nov
6	18 Nov	19 Nov Mobile Library	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23/24 Nov
7	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov MRHS Transition Full Day	29 Nov Golf Michael Bourne Visit	30 Nov/1 Dec
8	2 Dec P&C Meeting 6:00pm	3 Dec Swimming Lessons	4 Dec Swimming Lessons	5 Dec Swimming Lessons	6 Dec Golf	7/8 Dec
9	9 Dec Swimming Lessons P&C Meeting	10 Dec Swimming Lessons Mobile Library	11 Dec Presentation Night	12 Dec Swimming Lessons	13 Dec Golf	14/15 Dec
10	16 Dec	17 Dec Year 6 Farewell Dinner PBL – Movie and Popcorn	18 Dec Last Day Term 4 Pool Party	19 Dec School Development Day	20 Dec School Development Day	21/22 Dec
2025	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb School Development Day	8/9 Feb
3	10 Feb School Development Day	11 Feb Students Return 1-6	12 Feb Kinder Starts			

