



# Goolgowi Public School

## To the Stars



### Newsletter Term 4, Week 5

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### Calendar

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

#### Term 4, 2024

##### Week 5

Mon. 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri. 1 Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:00am – 11:40am Assembly & BBQ Lunch

##### Week 6

Mon. 18 Nov.	<b>Pop-Up Canteen orders due</b>
Tue. 19 Nov	Mobile Library
Wed. 20 Nov	Pop-Up Canteen

##### Week 7

Thu. 28 Nov	MRHS – Transition Full Day
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##### Week 8

Tue. 3 Dec	Swimming Lessons
Wed. 4 Dec	Swimming Lessons
Thu. 5 Dec	Swimming Lessons

##### Week 9

Mon. 9 Dec	P&C Meeting Swimming Lessons
Tue. 10 Dec	Swimming Lessons Mobile Library
Wed. 11 Dec	Presentation Night
Thu. 12 Dec	Swimming Lessons

##### Week 10

Tue. 17 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner PBL Movie & Popcorn
Wed. 18 Dec	Pool Party Last day for students

### Principal's Message

Can you believe we are half-way Term 4? Preparation is underway for our Presentation Night, Year 6 Farewell, Pool Party, swimming lessons, golf course visit and the end of year PBL reward of popcorn and a movie as well the continuation of our learning.

This Friday at **2:00pm** will be the last of our school assemblies and we encourage parents and carers to attend. The assembly will be preceded by a BBQ run by the P&C starting from **1:15pm**. It would be great to see parents come up and enjoy a BBQ lunch with their children.

To assist the school with planning for 2025, could you please advise the school through Mrs Brown in the office if you plan to move your child/children from the school at the end of the year.

#### Staff Car Park

Parents parking in the staff car park was raised as a safety issue at the recent P&C Meeting. The staff car park is not well-fenced and although out of bounds there is easy access to this area for the school students and their younger siblings. There is plenty of parking in the streets around the school. Please be reminded that the staff car park is for staff only. Thanks for your support in keeping our community safe.

#### Cricket Trials

A HUGE congratulations to Charlie B who was successful in the Griffith Zone cricket trials. He now moves onto the Riverina cricket trials which will be held on 10 December. Only seven students were selected from the Griffith Zone and we all wish Charlie the best in the Riverina trial. The cricket competition will be run in 2025.

#### Movie Day

The students had a great time playing in Griffith City Park and then travelled on to

### Student of the Month



**Evelyn**

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

watch the movie The Lost Robot. Students were exceptionally well behaved.

**Operation Art – Nathaniel**

The award selections for the 2024 Operation Art Exhibition have been selected by a panel of judges including representatives from The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, the Art Gallery of NSW, the Office of the Children’s Guardian and the NSW Department of Education. A HUGE congratulations to Nathaniel having his artwork selected in the Hospital 50 section. These artworks are exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW and selected regional galleries. The artworks then become part of the Children's Hospital at Westmead's permanent collection.



**2026 selective high school and opportunity class applications**

There are changes to the application and placement process for both selective high schools (SHS) and opportunity classes (OC). Tests will mostly be hosted in external centres, reducing the burden on schools, and conducted on computers delivering a more engaging experience for students. There is also a longer application period for parents and carers to apply.

The application period for both OC and SHS is now the same and will run from **7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. Due to the longer application period, late applications won't be accepted.**

With the new application period, parents and carers can now apply for OC placement when their child is at the end of Year 3 or at the start of Year 4, and for SHS placement at the end of Year 5 or at the start of Year 6. The 2025 test dates are from 2 to 4 May 2025. Students will need to attend one test date

only. Further information can be found below:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/media/parents\\_applying\\_for\\_selective\\_education.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/media/parents_applying_for_selective_education.pdf)

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The Selective high school application link is below:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools?utm\\_source=sfmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20241031\\_MartinGraham\\_SelectiveHighSchoolChanges\\_AllPrincipals&utm\\_term=Selective+high+schools+and+opportunity+classes&utm\\_id=212123&sfmc\\_id=44127110](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20241031_MartinGraham_SelectiveHighSchoolChanges_AllPrincipals&utm_term=Selective+high+schools+and+opportunity+classes&utm_id=212123&sfmc_id=44127110)

**Hot Dog Day**

Our final Pop-up canteen will be held on Wednesday 20 November. A note was sent home last week. If you would like to purchase a hot dog and drink for your child/ren, please return the note by 18 November.

**Ice Blocks SRC**

The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be selling ice blocks on Fridays starting this week. The Zooper Dooper ice blocks will be sold at lunch time for 50 cents. If you can donate a packet of Zooper Dooper ice blocks that would be greatly appreciated.

**School Uniforms**

The P&C and school community have supported a slight change in the school uniform. Black pants, skorts and shorts and black socks will now form part of the school uniform. Please see the new uniform guide below.

<b>Summer Boys</b>
Black Shorts* (No cargos or emblems)
School Polo
Black Socks (no ankle socks)

Shoes - Black Leather (no slip-ons, canvas, volleys). Fully enclosed shoes (no exposed foot)
NO THONGS or SANDALS or HIGH HEELED SHOES (Flat soled shoes only)
School Emblem wide-brimmed hat (green) NO CAPS
Bottle Green School Emblem Sloppy Joe and/or School Emblem Spray Jacket
<b>Winter Boys</b>
Black Trousers* (No cargos, corduroy or jeans)
Black socks (no ankle socks)
School Polo
Bottle Green School Emblem Sloppy Joe
School Emblem Dry & Cosy Jacket and/or School Emblem Spray Jacket
Shoes - Black Leather (no slip-ons, canvas, volleys). Fully enclosed shoes (no exposed foot)
NO THONGS or SANDALS or HIGH HEELED SHOES (Flat soled shoes only)
School Emblem wide-brimmed hat (green) NO CAPS
*To be worn Monday to Thursday
<b>Summer Girls</b>
Black Shorts or Skorts (No cargos or emblems)
School Polo
Black Socks (no ankle socks)
Shoes - Black Leather (no slip-ons, canvas, volleys). Fully enclosed shoes (no exposed foot)
NO THONGS or SANDALS or HIGH HEELED SHOES (Flat soled shoes only)
School Emblem wide-brimmed hat (green) NO CAPS
Bottle Green School Emblem Sloppy Joe and/or School Emblem Spray Jacket
<b>Winter Girls</b>
Black Trousers* (no cargos, corduroy or jeans)
Black socks (no ankle socks)/Black tights
School Polo
Bottle Green School Emblem Sloppy Joe
School Emblem Dry & Cosy Jacket and/or School Emblem Spray Jacket
Shoes - Black Leather (no slip-ons, canvas, volleys). Fully enclosed shoes (no exposed foot)
NO THONGS or SANDALS or HIGH HEELED SHOES (Flat soled shoes only)
School Emblem wide-brimmed hat (green) NO CAPS
*To be worn Monday to Thursday
<b>Sport Uniform Boys &amp; Girls (Friday)</b>
School Polo

Black shorts/skorts and/or black micro fibre track pants (with no other colours, white lines or emblems)
Bottle Green School Emblem Sloppy Joe
Sport Shoes with Black Socks (no ankle socks)
NO THONGS or SANDALS or HIGH HEELED SHOES (Flat soled shoes only)
School wide-brimmed hat (green) NO CAPS

Grey shorts, socks and trousers will no longer be part of the school uniform and will be phased out over the next two years.

### School Excellence Plan – Feedback

The school staff are currently developing a new School Excellence Plan (SEP) replacing the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) 2021-2024. The new SEP will guide school improvements for 2025 – 2028.

Our draft strategic directions are as follows:

**Strategic Direction 1:** Student Growth and Attainment which will focus on reading and numeracy

- Initiative 1: Formative Assessment and Data driven Classroom Practice

**Strategic Direction 2:** Impactful High-Quality Teaching

- Initiative 1: Explicit Teaching and High Impact Professional Learning (HIPL)

**Strategic Direction 3:** Strengthening Wellbeing Practices

- Initiative 1: Learning Culture

A new Context Statement was also drafted and was shown to the P&C for feedback.

Goolgowi Public School, situated on Wiradjuri Lands, is a small rural and remote school located mid-way between Griffith and Hillston in the Shire of Carrathool in the North-West Riverina. It is at the crossroads of the Mid-Western Highway and Kidman Way.

The school provides high-quality education for students drawn from both farming areas and students who live in the small village of Goolgowi. The school is the focal point of the community and caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our student population fluctuates, and we are currently planning for 38 students in 2025, 25% of whom are Aboriginal.

Goolgowi Public School has a proactive and dedicated parent body in its Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) and the school has developed strong relationships within the wider community.

The school embraces the values of 'Respect, Responsibility and Resilience' and adheres to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) which contributes to a positive learning environment. We recognise the relationship between wellbeing and learning and take a collective responsibility for our students.

Our dedicated staff engage with all stakeholders to foster a school-wide culture of high expectations, learning, development and success to ensure all students are known, valued and cared for. There is a strong focus on catering for the individual needs of students through differentiated teaching and learning programs and specific support and enrichment programs, including High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE). Staff pride themselves on providing a wide range of educational experiences and there is sustained and strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy.

Consultation and feedback regularly take place with students, staff and families through group and individual discussions to assist with our strategic planning process and to determine the areas of focus for the School Excellence Plan (SEP). It is important to note this SEP builds on previous school plans.

If you would like to provide feedback on the strategic directions, initiatives or school context statement or would like to provide suggestions for a new school vision statement please email the school or contact Ms Angela Dayhew – Principal.

### Year 3/4 News - Borambola Excursion

Students in Year 3 and Year 4 had an absolute blast at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre for their first school camp. The students' behaviour was exceptional, and it was noted by Borambola staff and teachers from other schools. The activities included BMX, kayaking, circus skills, archery, orienteering, fencing, initiatives and the MUD RUN! A link to the photo collection will be sent out soon to the Stage 2 parents.

Please see the photos towards the end of the newsletter.

### Kindergarten 2025

Although our Kindergarten Orientation program has started, you are still able to enrol your child for Kindergarten 2025. Enrolments can be made on our website at:

<https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

and then click on the online enrolment application.

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program continues on:

**Friday 15 November - 9:00am - 11:40am.**

Angela Dayhew  
Relieving Principal

**swop it**  
everyday in the lunchbox

### Time saving tips for lunchboxes

The before school rush can have us reaching for sometimes foods.  
With a little extra planning you can make it easier to grab an everyday option.

Try:

- Cutting up extra vegetables at dinner ready to pack in the morning
- Cutting up reduced fat cheese cubes in bulk on the weekend ready to pack with some crackers for the week
- Swapping from packaged chips to packaged air popped popcorn

Use our handy lunchbox planner to plan out everyday lunchboxes for the week.

### P&C Pop-Up Canteen

The P&C will be holding a Pop-Up Canteen on Wednesday 20 November 2024. Orders are **due on Monday 18 November**.

An order form has been sent out via School Bytes and a paper copy provided to students.

**what's happening**  
in the classrooms?

### 1/2 News

We have been practising our Presentation Night's percussion item like mad. If you

come to the school just before the home bell on Wednesdays, you'll hear K-2 students practising in the library. We've been right through the whole piece already and the only person still making consistent mistakes is the conductor (me).

A recent highlight was the excursion to Griffith City Cinemas last Wednesday, to see The Wild Robot movie.

The movie did a great job in pointing out the power of persistent kindness in forming new relationships. We had time to eat and play at the City Park in Griffith, which is where the photos with this note are from.



Relationships are rarely smooth sailing for anyone and this term, the Child Protection focus is on Personal Safety. We want the children to know that they have a degree of responsibility in recognising and responding to safe and unsafe social or environmental situations. Students are being encouraged to become more aware of their feelings and how their body reacts, as an indicator of a safe or unsafe situation. For example, a child may feel very nervous if asked to do something dangerous by a friend and their body's signal might be that they start breathing very quickly.

With the end of the year fast approaching, I have been doing quite a bit of assessment to see how students have progressed. In general, I am pleased with most children's academic progress. I am particularly pleased with the improvements by some students in social areas and in their confidence to work independently.

As I drive home from Griffith on Tuesday nights, I see the lights of combine harvesters, as farmers work the long hours that go with harvest time. All the best to those of you on farms. Hopefully, the rain won't interfere too much more.

Mr Fox

### 3-6 News

Week 5 and another assembly week! We look forward to seeing many of you on Friday. Stage 2 and 3 have been learning a well-known poem by Banjo Patterson called 'The Man from Ironbark.' They are looking forward to presenting this at the assembly.

This week we marked Remembrance Day with a small school assembly where we commemorated the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts. As in all public schools, it is an opportunity when students reflect about the privilege of living in a country like Australia. They were given the opportunity to pay their respects to the substantial number of soldiers who died in battle to give us the freedom we enjoy today by laying poppies under the flagpoles.

Last week, the whole school travelled to Griffith City Cinemas for our excursion. On the way, the students enjoyed eating lunch and recess at City Park. It was an opportunity for them to have longer play and have access to different play equipment. The inventive games and squeals of delight as stages interacted was great to witness.



We viewed, 'The Wild Robot' written by Peter Browne. This movie was based on the novel 'The Wild Robot' that Stage 3 read together in Term 4. Shipwrecked on a deserted island, a robot named Roz must learn to adapt to its new surroundings. Building relationships with the native animals, Roz soon develops a parental bond with an orphaned gosling. As Roz studies her environment, she learns everything she needs to know. She learns how to move through the wilderness, how to avoid danger, she even learns how to communicate with the animals. But the most important lesson Roz learns is that kindness can be a survival skill. Peter Brown opens a whole new world with themes of friendship, family, bullying and most importantly helping others. This story touches on themes of survival, community and belonging.



It's interesting that these themes keep reoccurring. In our Child Development lessons we're also discussing the importance of relationships. What makes ones that we are attracted to and ones that we should avoid. Trust and kindness are two words that the students have repeated are important to them.

Golf is the sport activity for Term 4. The students have been practising their driving skills. You'd be amazed at the determination and distance they achieve when they 'whack' the ball. They drive the ball a great distance down the 'intended fairway' towards the 'intended green' so much so, that retrieving the ball is sometimes a costly and timely exercise.



Look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Mrs Fox

## Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

### Week 4

#### Mrs Liddicoat

- **Harry** – for excellent application in all learning areas.
- **Vinny** – for excellent application in all learning areas.

#### Mr Fox

- **Lucy** – for being a wonderful helper in the classroom.

#### Ms Dayhew

- **Amia** – for responsible and caring behaviour at camp.
- **Brooklyn** – for responsible and caring behaviour at camp.

#### Mrs Fox

- **Lizzie** – for continued effort and application to improved spelling and reading.



### Week 5

#### Mrs Liddicoat

- **Cecillia** – for a great effort in reading activities.
- **Lenny** – for listening to feedback in writing tasks.

#### Mr Fox

- **Connor** – for a great improvement in spelling throughout the year.

#### Ms Dayhew

- **Ted** – for improvement in maths.

#### Mrs Fox

- **Reagan** – for excellent effort and application in achieving improved spelling and reading outcomes.



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

**Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience**

**Responsibility** – making good choices.

#### Focus:

We play safely in the school playground.

#### Action

- ✓ We play in the right areas.
- ✓ We know what areas are out of bounds.
- ✓ We play sensibly.
- ✓ We include others in our games.

#### PBL Awards

**Weekly Prize** – Freddie & Annalee

## Community News

### Goolgowi Exies News

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#### 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:

**\$4,800.00**

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Win A Christmas Ham



**Goolgowi Branch CWA  
Monthly Meeting  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
12:00 noon**  
Bring a plate to share  
At CWA rest rooms  
New members and visitors welcome  
Come along to see what it's all about and have a chat.



**COME AND TRY DAYS**

Want to see what GFA is all about? Everyone is welcome to come and join in with some training and small-sided games!

**Who:** Boys and girls, U8-U16  
**When:** Sunday 24th Nov and Sunday 8th Dec, 9am-10:00am.  
**Where:** Ted Scobie Oval, Griffith (middle tier, on the Holmes Cres side)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bring:** Drink bottle, soccer boots, shin pads

Please register here: <https://forms.gle/BVrKArLa9Hv6p8hY8>



**Goolgowi CHRISTMAS TREE**

SATURDAY | 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER | 5:00pm  
Goolgowi Rec Ground

**SANTA - FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLES  
COLOUR RUN - FACE PAINTING  
HAMS**

If you would like Santa to bring a special present for your child/ren, please place \$20 in an envelope with child/ren's name, age, interests and hand into Donna's Diner OR Bank Transfer Name: Goolgowi Progress Association BSB: 082-632 Account: 85-495-4182 Reference: Child/ren's Name

CASH ONLY EVENT BYO Chairs BYO white shirt for COLOUR RUN



**GUNBAR CHRISTMAS TREE**

MON 16 DEC 2024  
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 (\$20) please text 0499 652 333 by 9th of December.  
Follow us on Facebook "Gunbar Christmas Tree"



# GOOLGOWI 2025 & SURROUNDS

## SUMMER INTENSIVES

MONDAY 06 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

5 X 30MIN LESSONS FROM 10:00AM - 1:00PM  
\*Please note that class times may be subject to change

TOTAL COST: \$100.00

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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.

# Year 3/4 Borambola 2024





## K12 Happy Snaps

In science last week, K12 experimented with making ice-cream. In technology, we are learning to become graphic designers by using Canva to write letters to Santa.

### Week 4



NAME: .....

# POP-UP CANTEEN

## Hot Dog & Drink

20TH NOVEMBER 2024

**\$5.00**

### Filling

- Tom. Sauce
- BBQ Sauce
- Bacon
- Cheese
- Onion

### Drink

- Choc Milk
- Strawberry Milk
- Fruitbox
- Water

### Payment

Cash   
Amount \$.....

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BSB: 082-632  
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\*\*Additional drinks - \$2.00 each\*\*

**ORDERS TO BE IN BY:**  
18th November 2024

