



Goolgowi Public School

To the Stars



Newsletter Term 4, Week 9

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Calendar

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

Term 4, 2024

Week 9

Mon. 9 Dec	Swimming Lessons School Captains' Speeches 2:00pm
Tue. 10 Dec	Swimming Lessons Mobile Library
Wed. 11 Dec	Presentation Night
Thu. 12 Dec	Swimming Lessons

Week 10

Mon. 16 Dec	Swimming Lessons
Tue. 17 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner PBL Movie & Popcorn
Wed. 18 Dec	Pool Party Last day for students

Term 1, 2025

Week 1

Fri. 7 Feb	School Development Day
Mon. 10 Feb	School Development Day
Tue. 11 Feb	School Development Day
Wed. 12 Feb	School Development Day
Thu. 13 Feb	K-6 students start school



Principal's Message

WOW! Can you believe it is Week 9 with holidays and Christmas so close. Looking back on the 2024, I am a very proud and happy principal of Goolgowi Public School. All the staff work tirelessly to create a welcoming, supportive and positive learning environment where all the students can learn. I have a strong belief that happy students learn, and part of our role is to ensure the school is a place where students want to be. Watching the academic growth of the students has also been wonderful and seeing all the students engaged in their learning and reading. Reports will be sent home electronically on Monday afternoon. If you have any questions about the reports, please see your child's classroom teacher. On behalf of all the staff, I wish all the students, families and community a safe, happy and relaxing break from school and look forward to a brighter new year in 2025.

Yanco Agricultural High School

Enrolments for Yanco Agricultural High School are now managed directly by the school and as such, families apply direct to the school, not through the selective schools' process. Students are also no longer required to sit the selective schools test, and the school manages all applications directly. Please see the attached a flyer for further information.

Pool Party and Last Day

The last day of the school year we are celebrating with our annual POOL PARTY. We are asking parents to supply some cakes or slices for the students to have for recess, as requested by them. They can be sent to the school the morning of the pool party. Recess, lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided for all the students on the day.

At the end of the last day of the year (Wednesday 18 December) at around 2:50pm we invite all parents to farewell our

Year 6 students. The Year 6 students will walk through a guard of honour created by the students in K-5 and ring the old bell. Year 6 parents please do not forget your cameras and tissues, especially for those families who are leaving the school.

Presentation Night

We are very much looking forward to our annual Presentation Night assembly where we celebrate the successes of all our students. The 2025 School Captains will be announced, and all the students have been busy practising for their class performances. We invite and welcome the Goolgowi community to attend the night which is held at Goolgowi Community Hall. Presentation Night starts at 6:30 pm and we ask for the audience to be seated prior to this time.

Selective schools

There have been changes to the application and placement process for both selective high schools (SHS) and opportunity classes (OC), students, parents and carers. Tests will mostly be hosted in external centres 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 using the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools.html>

Kick Off – Save the Date

To start the new school year the school and the P&C are hosting a 'Kick-off the New School Year BBQ'. This will be held on Friday

14 February from 6:00pm. All families and community members are invited and there will be a range of activities for the students including a water slide jumping castle. It should be a fun, enjoyable and social night to 'Kick-off' the new school year for the community.

Attendance

Our attendance rates continue to be an area of focus. We carefully monitor attendance and encourage high attendance rates for all students. At the end of the year, we celebrate students who are above 95% in their attendance as well as our positive attendance data for the year. On average our school had an attendance rate of 92.3% which is 5.4% above the state average and 76.7% of students attending more than 90% of the time which is 25.2 % above the state average. We congratulate the following students who are above 95% attendance for the year:

Charlie B, Hugo, Max, Freddie, Lenny, Addyson, Vinnny, Lizzy, Hannah, Charlie McL, Evelyn, Lucy, Krystian, Nathaniel, Aleigha, Wade, Brooklyn, Dallas and Ted.

Uniforms

When purchasing items for the 2025 school year, a friendly reminder that the school uniform consists of black shoes whether they are leather or sports shoes, they must be black and black socks. We have high expectations for the wearing of the correct school uniform.

School Vision statement

The staff have been working on a new School Excellence Plan (SEP that replaces the Strategic improvement Plan (SIP) for 2025-2028. As part of that process, we needed to write a new vision statement that reflected the new SEP. We are seeking feedback from the school community on the draft school vision statement that is written below. If you have any comments or feedback on the vision statement please contact Ms Dayhew via phone or email.

Goolgowi Public School is an inclusive learning environment that demonstrates a sustained focus on best practice in teaching.

We value wellbeing and work collaboratively with our community to enhance our positive learning culture.

Goolgowi Public School seeks to prepare our students to connect, succeed and thrive in an ever-changing world.

Swimming

Swimming lessons with Black Line Swim School continue this week and next week.

Week 9

- Thursday 12 December 2024

Week 10

- Monday 16 December 2024

K/1: 10:00am - 10:30am

Years 2-3: 10:30am - 11:00am

Years 4-6: 11:00am - 11:30am

Students will walk to and from the Goolgowi Swimming Pool under the supervision of staff.

Students must bring:

Swimming costume, swim shirt, hat, sunscreen, towel, goggles and a water bottle. Thongs/slides may be worn to and from the pool.

All students are expected to participate in the swimming lessons.

Angela Dayhew

Principal

Goolgowi P&C Raffle



The Goolgowi Public School P&C has a mega raffle on sale and it is to be drawn on

Presentation Night, **Wednesday 11 December**. All families have been issued with tickets to sell.

There are numerous prizes to be won including:

- A ride-on tractor from Codemo Machinery
- A picnic set from Billabong Bottle Shop
- A Darche camp chair from BCF
- A Big Daddy Deluxe Double Swag
- A carwash kit from Supercheap
- Photography sessions and products from Marie Racanello Photography
- \$100 Bertoldos voucher from Kiewa Park
- Pizza vouchers from Il Corso
- Vouchers from Quest
- Fishtank & voucher for Pets Domain
- A headlight restoration service from Owen Toyota
- Lego sets from Angela Dayhew
- LOTS of wine to be won
- Cold hard cash up for grabs!

The Goolgowi P&C would LOVE to thank our generous donators so far, we would not have made the raffle so successful without your support!



in the classrooms?

1/2 News

The children have been ramping up their practising of songs and other performance items for the coming Presentation Night. Last Friday, we went down to the hall in Napier Street to work out where to be on the stage, how to go on and off the stage and how to move equipment, when necessary. Thank goodness for air-conditioners because last Friday the temperature reached 40°C.



Presentation Nights awards will go to some of the children, yet every child in Year 1 and 2 has done very well in some aspect of the

daily social or academic life at school. For me, though outstanding academic achievement is worth rewarding, so is consistent personal effort to improve whatever social and academic skills that a child began the year with.

I am very thankful for the support I received this year from Mrs Craft and Miss Ippoliti, in managing the early terms. Also, Ms Dayhew has been a massive support whenever I have needed it. Many thanks to Danielle, who runs the before and after school care. She has also prepared food for many of the assembly day lunches and done a bunch of other stuff behind the scenes as well. I am particularly thankful for the chance to meet, teach and know your children. They are all uniquely interesting and I guess that's why I have been doing this job for roughly 45 years.

I hope the long Christmas break is enjoyable for all of you, though spare a thought for those families who find Christmas a difficult or painful time.

Mr Fox

3-6 News

I think we all say it and we all think it. Each year seems to go by very quickly and it's Christmas before we know it! However, if we reflect on all the things that happen in one year, each year is huge and filled with opportunities, experiences, challenges and triumphs. I've seen that each week as I've journeyed through 2024 with your children. From camps, excursions, music, poetry, timetables, special days, carnivals, swim schools, assemblies, exploring learning through all the various subjects, growing more confident in speaking and socialising, your children have grown enormously.

This past fortnight has seen a continuation of ukulele practise. Your children have been most impressive over the last term, learning various chords, strumming and then accompanying with voice. Having to juggle all these simultaneously has been a challenge and one most have mastered.



Last Friday the students had their first visit to the golf course for 2024. It was great to see their enthusiasm and putting skills into play on the real 'turf'.

They were keen to welcome back Mr Bourne and meet Mrs Bourne and their young son Liam. The students thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting, sharing some of their personal highlights and using technology. They worked in teams to build a community using the Educational Minecraft platform. They had to collaborate, communicate and decide on shared and mutually beneficial facilities that would benefit the town they created. It was a wonderful time... a pity that Mr Bourne lives eight hours away. The school appreciated the effort and time they gave to this visit.



Swim school has started and the students already have improved their abilities. No time is wasted from start to finish as the students hone their skills. Goolgowi has many impressive swimmers. What a great opportunity to have the pool so close!



We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night for an evening of acknowledgement and celebration.

Mrs Fox & Ms Dayhew

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

Week 8

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Vinny** – for delightful creativity and having a wonderful imagination to write entertaining stories.
- **Lenny** – for wonderful improvement in writing, particularly word choices.

Mr Fox

- **Hannah** – for reading chapter books smoothly with an interesting voice.

Ms Dayhew

- **Hugo** – for great reading skills.

Mrs Fox

- **Aleigha** – for working hard to improve her timetable facts. Congratulations!



Week 9

Mr Fox

- **Halen** - for choosing to work independently and participation in all classwork.

Ms Dayhew

- **Charlie M** – for improvements in focus in class.
- **Brooklyn** – for consistently working hard to improve.

Mrs Fox

- **Charlie B** – for learning new chords, rhythm and strumming patterns on a ukulele with great success.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Respect – take care of yourself and others.

Focus: We are kind to others.

Action

- ✓ We are helpful and use manners.

- ✓ We respond to others in a kind and thoughtful way.
- ✓ We are upstanders! We stand up for what is right.

PBL Awards

Weekly Prize – Evelyn & Connor

Community News

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

This applies to students in Year 5 in 2024

CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOL YEARS 7-12

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Do you have a son or daughter who would thrive in an agricultural based educational setting?

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Applicants are no longer required to sit the Selective Schools Test. Students will be selected through application, academic record & interview.

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Goolgowi Branch CWA

Monthly Meeting

Thursday 19th December 2024

Meeting at 12:00 noon

To be followed by Christmas Lunch at 1:00 pm

RSVP to Alice

At CWA rest rooms

New members and visitors welcome

Wishing everyone all the festive season and New Year.

FREE EVENT

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@ GOOLGOWI EXSERVICEMEN'S CLUB

Friday 17 January 2025

From 6pm

MUSIC | FOOD | GAMES

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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 Exies News

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook

Exies Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday Closed
 Thursday & Friday..... 4:30pm
 Saturday4:00pm
 Sunday3:30pm

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.

Meat raffles from Hanwood Butchers.

100-wheel spin.



Christmas Party Night!
Friday: 13th December



Win A Christmas Ham

CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLES!
 3 prizes in our major raffle and
 30 prizes in Ham and Voucher raffle!
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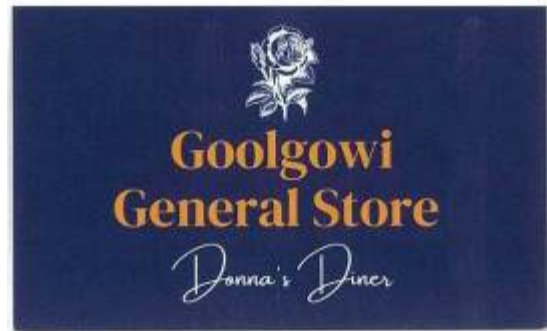
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If you have any community announcements or wish to advertise through our school/community newsletter please contact Jane by phone or email by Monday afternoon.

Our newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday.



KINDER CLASS REPORT

What a joy it's been teaching the Kinder students this year! From the excitement of learning new sounds in literacy to the creativity in writing and art, every day has been filled with laughter and growth. Watching each student grow socially and academically has been the highlight of 2024.

Thank you to all the wonderful Kinder students for your positivity and hard work. You've made this year unforgettable. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a bright, happy New Year!

Mrs Liddicoat