



Goolgowi Public School

To the Stars



Newsletter Term 2, Week 3

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Calendar

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

Term 2, 2024

Week 3

Fri. 17 May	Cross Country Carnival
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Week 4

Thu. 23 May	Free, Fit & Fresh (11:00am-12:00pm)
Fri. 24 May	Pop Up Canteen – Recess & Lunch Dress Like a Pirate Day

Week 5

Tues. 28 May	Mobile Library
Wed. 29 May	Mortimer Shield (Year 5/6)
Fri. 31 May	Griffith Zone PSSA Cross Country

Week 6

Fri. 7 June	Assembly & BBQ Lunch
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Week 7

Mon. 10 Jun	King's Birthday – Public Holiday
Thu. 13 Jun	Riverina Cross Country

Week 8

Fri. 21 Jun	Athletics Carnival
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Week 9

Tue. 25 Jun	Mobile Library
Wed. 26 Jun	School Photos

Notes coming home this week:

- Canteen Order Form

Student of the Month



Brooklyn

For improvements in reading

Principal's Message

We are looking forward to welcoming the students, teachers and parents from Rankins Springs who will be joining us for the Cross Country Carnival on Friday 17 May. The P&C will be running a canteen with a BBQ lunch and drinks, cakes and slices and coffee and tea. We invite and encourage all parents and carers to attend and will be seeking some assistance from parents / carers on the day to be at check points, to be timekeepers and to help set up and pack away equipment. We are all looking forward to this event.... with **'Team Work makes the Dream Work'**. Any parental assistance will be greatly appreciated.

School Bytes App

I encourage and recommend that all parents have the School Bytes App on their phone. This App is the main form of communication for parents / carers. If you are unsure how to install it on your phone our friendly P&C or Jane in the school office will be more than happy to help.

Reading Club

A BIG great job to all students who are participating in our Reading Club. The club is to encourage students to read regularly and for those students to be rewarded and acknowledged for their good reading habits. The Reading Club operates simultaneously with the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The key differences between the programs are that the Reading Club encourages reading on a daily basis and the PRC encourages students to read a certain number of books. Also, the PRC stops in August and the Reading Club continues throughout the year and continues throughout the school holidays and over the weekend. Books read for the PRC can be used for the Reading Club as well. Each time a student reads for 25 days they will be rewarded at the morning assembly with a bookmark award. Students who read for 200

days in the year will be rewarded with a certificate at the annual presentation day assembly and be part of the "200 Club".

Wide reading for children and regular practice are fundamental pillars in fostering strong literacy skills and overall cognitive development. What is wide reading? Reading many kinds of books is called "wide" reading. Students who do this "wide" reading are exposed to more words, different kinds of pictures and text formats, and whole new worlds! Next time you do some reading with your child, instead of traditional fiction, try some non-fiction texts. As adults, we read non-fiction throughout the day to learn how to complete tasks, to catch up on the latest headline news, and to solve problems. The standardised tests that students take each year also have a lot of non-fiction text. Students need to know how to attack this kind of reading. Take time to look at the captions, table-of-contents, glossary, bold-print and headings in the book! Other non-fiction text include informative texts, biographies, recipes, instructions, procedures and brochures. Have your child help read the directions for a game. Read the steps to putting his or her new toy together. Read a recipe and follow the directions while you cook together! The options are endless for this kind of text!

Remember to bring your Reading Folder to school every day!

Vocabulary - WOW Words for the Weeks

scold frenzy lumbered congruent
scolded chaotic colossal trudged

New English and Mathematics Syllabus

This year the 3-6 grades are learning from the new English and mathematics syllabus. Students in K-2 started with the new syllabus last year. There are some key differences with the old and new syllabus. A strong, systematic, and explicit reading focus is a key component of the new K-2 and 3-6 English Syllabus. Students in the early years are explicitly taught phonics and phonological awareness.

Phonological awareness is a critical skill for all students' literacy development and a predictor of later reading and spelling success. Phonological awareness refers to

oral language and is the understanding of the different ways that language can be broken down into smaller parts. Phonological awareness consists of five subskills beginning with word, syllable, onset/rime awareness, moving to the more complex subskills of basic and advanced phonemic awareness.

Phonics is the relationship between printed letters and the sounds they represent. The reader must understand that words are made up of phonemes or units of sound. Phonics instruction connects these phonemes with written letters so that the reader can transfer knowledge of sounds to the printed word. Students need to learn to blend together phonemes to read words. The goal of phonics instruction is to help readers quickly determine the sounds in unfamiliar written words. When readers encounter new words in texts, they use the elements of phonics to decode and understand. Further information about the syllabus will be included in each newsletter.

Attendance

Our school continues to have high attendance rates: above the State average and above the Griffith network of schools' average. Currently our school attendance rate is sitting at 94.2% with the state average being 86.9%. We are hoping to improve this percentage further and encourage all students to attend every day.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

The more time your child attends school the greater their opportunity to learn, create social connections and improve their wellbeing.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

If you are concerned about your child's attendance at school or any other issues that may affect their attendance, please speak with the your child's teacher or Ms Angela Dayhew relieving principal. It is important that schools and families work together to find solutions to improve attendance.

Uniform

It is lovely to see so many of our students wearing the correct school uniform. For the next two weeks the staff will be looking for students and rewarding them for wearing

the correct uniform including socks, shorts and jumpers. Please remember to label your child's school uniform so that it can easily be returned if lost. We have a large collection of lost property so if your child has recently lost something please come in and check the lost property or have your child check.

Do it for Dolly Day

It was great to see all the students and teachers wearing blue for Do it for Dolly Day. The day was filled with activities to promote resilience, inclusion and kindness. Students also learnt what is and what is not bullying, how not to be a bystander and what to do if they witness bullying.



Dress Like a Pirate Day 24 May



Dress like a Pirate Day has been moved to Friday Week 4 24 May due to the rescheduling of our Cross Country due to rain. All students and staff are encouraged to

come to school dressed like a pirate and being a gold coin to donate to children's Brain cancer research at the Children's Cancer Institute.

Of all childhood cancers, brain cancer is currently the least treatable, with some types being considered incurable. The only way to change that is if kind people like you band together to help fund vital research now.

That's why, during brain cancer awareness month each May, generous pirates dust off their swash-buckling best and gather as much treasure as they can for a great cause.

To find out more, visit our Pirate Day website www.pirateday.com.au.

Mother's Day

It's hard to believe we are at the start of Week 3. I trust you all were able to celebrate Mother's Day well and for the mums among us that you were appreciated for who you are and what you do on a daily basis. Thanks for the mums who were able to join us on Wednesday morning, it was lovely to see you. Thanks to the amazing mums at our school who set up the stall so students could buy gifts for their mums. We have an awesome P & C!!





The National Simultaneous Storytime

The National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. National Simultaneous Storytime 2024 will take place on Wednesday 22 May at 12pm AEST. This year's selected picture book is *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. *Bowerbird Blues* is a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search for blue things sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city. All students here at Goolgowi Public School will listen to and engage with this story on Wednesday 22 May.



Angela Dayhew
Relieving Principal

P&C Chocolate Fundraiser

Attention Families

This is a friendly reminder to please settle the outstanding balance of \$80.00 for the Easter P&C chocolate fundraiser. We kindly request that you make this payment as soon as possible. You can either transfer the funds to the provided account details or return it to the school with cash.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Account Name: Goolgowi P&C

BSB: 0832-632

Account No: 955 006 552

P&C – Uniform Changes

The Goolgowi Public School P&C are proposing a minor change to the current uniform guidelines. We invite any input or objection to these changes. The proposed changes are:

- removing the grey shorts and trousers for the boys and replacing them with black shorts or long pants/tracksuit pants
- replacing the boys' grey socks with white socks.

The remaining uniform for boys and girls will remain the same.

Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their voluntary contribution for 2024. If you are able to, payments can be made to the office or via School Bytes using the 'Make a Payment' tab.

These contributions provide opportunities to enhance the educational experiences for all our students beyond what is possible with Government funding. Voluntary school contributions are \$50.00/year.

Uniform Payments

Please check your School Bytes Statement of Account. There are several uniform payments outstanding. It would be appreciated if these could be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Book Club

Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to bring the best in children's literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age-appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional booklovers.

Scholastic operates on a unique model, proudly partnering with Australian schools and educators for over 50 years. As well as bridging the important class-to-home reading gap, Book Club also benefits Australian schools - for every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 15% of the order spend to schools to purchase valuable educational resources via its Scholastic Rewards program.

To find out more about Book Club and how to order online, please click on the link to the Parent's Guide to Book Club:

https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI

Book Club orders are due back on **Monday 20 May**.

AFL Gala Day

On Wednesday 8 May Lochie, Charlie and Hugo participated in the Tony Lockett Shield as part of the Griffith Smalls Schools AFL team. Please find following the report on the event.

Today I had the pleasure of coaching the Small Schools AFL side competing in the Tony Lockett Shield. I was so impressed with the 12 young men that competed today that I felt compelled to share with you not only their achievement of winning the Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day but also of their outstanding behaviour and attitude.

I have been attending this gala day as a parent and now a staff member for many, many years. This year's boys were many things including, polite, respectful, determined, resilient, talented and fair.

They displayed teamwork, inclusiveness and respect for each other and the opposition. They were determined to win and did so as a team with focus, toughness and fair play.

They played five games of football with only 12 players and gave it their everything with encouragement and enthusiasm and to say I'm proud is an understatement.

I would appreciate it if you could share this email with the students' schools so they can be acknowledged for their sportsmanship, behaviour and outstanding achievement.



Kind Regards

Kirsty Rowston

what's happening in the classrooms?

1/2 News

Last week many children came to school in blue clothing to remember Dolly Day, a reminder of the awful effects of bullying.

We talked about kindness and helping each other feel included in games, accepting people's differences. We are learning that when we all show kindness and caring to each other, we all win.

Please talk to your own children regularly about these issues.

We are learning a song called 'Are You OK?' which we will all sing at the next big assembly in week 5.

We are doing Home Reading as part of our reading group activities because we don't have many children doing it consistently at home. It really does make a significant difference when done each day.

Our big push in Maths is adding and subtracting without simply counting by 1's: doubling, using place value, knowing combinations of 10.

We are all looking forward to the Cross Country Carnival this Friday.

All the best to the farmers who are waiting for the mud to dry out so they finish their sowing.



Mr Fox

3-6 News

Reading in the Stage 2 Classroom

This term, the students in the Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) will be using The School Magazine to improve their reading fluency, accuracy when reading, vocabulary and reading comprehension. The school Magazine provides a range of different types of text (wide reading) including informative texts, stories, poems, plays and cartoons and is levelled to suit the reading needs of the students. Students receive The School Magazine once a month with ten issues across the school year.





The students in the 3-6 class have been busy training for the upcoming Cross Country. We are hoping some records will be broken and that all students actively participate in the Carnival.



Ms Dayhew

5/6 News

Last week in relation to Dolly Day we explored the theme of bullying. We covered the following: the definition of bullying, being a bystander, the importance of being congruent and treating others as we want to be treated. It's so important to raise these issues to help students develop lifelong habits of speaking up when they see bullying occurring. We also enjoyed learning a whole school song related to this topic.

For primary school students

Bullying is NEVER OK!

Tips for primary school students who experience bullying

Bullying is when a person, or a group of people, tries to upset or hurt you. Bullying can make you feel very sad, scared or upset. Bullying can happen anywhere – in person or online. When it happens online it is often called cyberbullying.

Bullying in person or online might look or feel like someone is:

- repeatedly saying mean words to your face, teasing you, hurting your body or damaging your things
- hurting your feelings through mean online posts, comments or messages
- spreading lies about you
- leaving you out or ignoring you
- sharing something online that will make you feel bad, like a photo or video that you don't want anyone to see
- threatening to do any of the things on this list.

No one deserves to be bullied or hurt. You can choose to:

- treat others how you would like to be treated – with kindness and respect
- include others in games and chats
- only share something about others if they say it's okay.

NSW GOVERNMENT eSafety Commissioner

Developed in partnership
www.esafety.gov.au | www.bullyingnsw.gov.au

POSITIVE CHOICES

Despite the rain, the students enjoyed the walk to school as part of Walk Safely to School Day. We've also been training in the mornings for our cross country and look forward to the carnival on Friday. We've tried to concentrate on breathing and trying to do our personal best.



Thanks for your encouragement with reading at home. Many students are bringing back their folders daily, which is great. This allows them to read their current book at school each day for silent reading. Many students are improving their times table knowledge. Using five minutes travel time to revise or quiz your child will support them with quick computation in maths activities.

Look forward to seeing many of you this Friday at the carnival.

Warm Regards

Mrs Fox

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

Week 1

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Vinny** – for great sentence writing.

Mr Fox

- **Jaxson** – for fantastic starting sentences in his story.

Ms Dayhew

- **Johnathan** – for actively participating in all lessons.
- **Cordell** – for working hard to improve his handwriting.

Mrs Fox

- **Elizabeth** – great improvements with her reading.



Week 2

Mrs Robertson

- **Harry** – for great explanation and answering in phonic activities.

Mr Fox

- **Nathaniel** – for writing stories all by himself.

Ms Dayhew

- **Annalee** – for improving confidence in mathematics.

Mrs Fox

- **Lochie** – for participating enthusiastically in all school activities and being a delight to know and teach.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Respect: Take care of yourself and others.

PBL Focus

We include others when we work and play.

- ✓ We encourage others to join in.
- ✓ We include others in games in the classroom and playground.
- ✓ We play fairly and follow the rules..

PBL Awards

Weekly Prize – CC & Freddie.

Community News

Goolgowi Exies News

Exies Opening Hours

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

Thursday Night Draw

This Thursday the draw is:

\$12,600.00

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.

Goolgowi Club Bistro

Meals are available Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to Brad who was the winner of our Mother's Day raffle.



Host: Goolgowi Branch CWA

Where: In front of Goolgowi General Store - Donna's Diner

Date: Thursday 16th May 2024

Time: 9:30am

Grab a plate of goodies for your workplace morning tea.




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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.







NAME:

Lunch Menu

Please tick

**24TH
MAY
2024**

CHICKEN BURGER	\$5	
LETTUCE		<input type="checkbox"/>
CHEESE		<input type="checkbox"/>
MAYO		<input type="checkbox"/>
CHEESEBURGER	\$5	
CHEESE		<input type="checkbox"/>
TOM. SAUCE		<input type="checkbox"/>
BBQ SAUCE		<input type="checkbox"/>
DRINKS	\$2	
WATER		<input type="checkbox"/>
JUICE BOX		<input type="checkbox"/>
FLAVOURED MILK		
CHOCOLATE		<input type="checkbox"/>
STRAWBERRY		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please have orders in by:
22nd May 2024**

Food will be available at recess on the day, please bring coin for additional purchases

CASH: ☐

AMOUNT

\$ _____





TRANSFER: ☐

BSB: 082-632
ACC: 9550-06552
GOOLGOWI P&C
REF: (CHILD'S NAME) POP UP

GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL

RANKIN'S SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL

GOOLGOWI CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – Friday 17 May 2024

<u>CATERING</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE</u>																																																									
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<div>Important Marshall's Safety Note</div> <p>We will need volunteer Marshalls from all the schools to keep checkpoints along the course. If you are thinking of volunteering for this and have a mobile phone please bring it with you. We will have a phone at the main table. This is important for safety, as it is not always possible to go for help if a student is injured. We would greatly appreciate your help with this.</p>	<div>Goolgowi P&C Mother's Day Stall</div> <p>The Goolgowi P&C will be hosting a Mother's Day stall on the day of the cross country carnival. Items available for purchase range in price from \$2.00 to \$10.00.</p> <p>If you would like to purchase any items, please bring cash.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>																																																										