



Newsletter Term 3, Week 7

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Calendar

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

Term 3, 2024

Week 7

Fri. 6 September	Riverina Athletics Carnival Come & Try Kindergarten 10:30am – 11:45am
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Week 9

Tues. 17 Sept.	Trent Barrett Legends Day Mobile Library
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Week 10

Wed. 25 Sept.	Proud & Deadly Awards Assembly & BBQ Lunch Rankin's Springs Round Robin Last Day Term 3
Thur. 26 Sept.	
Fri. 27 Sept.	

Term 4, 2024

Week 1

Mon. 14 October	Staff & Students Return Kinder Orientation 9:00am – 11:40am Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Session
Fri. 18 October	

Week 2

Mon. 21 October	Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Session 6:00pm Mobile Library
Tue. 22 October	
Fri. 25 October	Kinder Orientation 9:00am – 11:40am

Student of the Month



Nathaniel

For consistently doing his personal best to be a successful learning, in all subject areas. Also, for positive interactions in the playground.

Principal's Message

Check-In Assessments

The Check-in assessment is an annual online assessment for students in Years 3 to 9 in NSW Public Schools. All students complete a reading test and a numeracy test. Year 6 students also complete a writing task.

Each test is designed to take up to 60 minutes, however, there is no time limit. Students are allowed extra time if required. Both the reading and numeracy tests have approximately 50 items (including a small number of items for trial purposes). The Year 6 writing task is a single prompt marked against set criterion. The Check-in assessment supports the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and informs next steps in teaching and learning. The Check-in assessment window is open from Week 6 to Week 9 in Term 3. Goolgowi Public School students in Years 3-6 will start the Check-in assessment this week.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Cancer Advocates Griffith are inviting all schools, to yet again, be involved in having much-needed conversations about childhood cancer. A topic not spoken about often enough and as such many of us simply are left not knowing all we should or could. This September we are going GOLD to show our support.

WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION?

Childhood cancer is not simply adult cancer in a child. Cancers in children are often different in their causes, the way they grow and spread, and how they respond to treatment. Worldwide, about 400,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed each year in children and adolescents.

In Australia, more than 1,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer each year. When a child dies from cancer, an

average 70 potential years of life are lost. Cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia. About three children and adolescents per week die from cancer in Australia. Two-thirds of children who survive cancer suffer serious long-term effects. The overall survival rate for childhood cancer has now risen to over 80%, thanks to medical research.

By having a conversation, we can gain greater awareness, and offer support to children and their families, simply by showing we care.

Book Week

All the student looked fabulous dressed-up in their Book Week costumes. A HUGE turnout of parents for the parade, BBQ and assembly.



Harry Laing – Visiting Author



Author and poet, Harry Laing, visited the school and recited a poem about a Yowi at the student's request which was made up on the spot.

A Yowi is tall and hairy

He is not like a fairy

He stinks

He's smelly

He walks backwards

Oh, it's scary

I was in Goolgowi when I met this Yowi

Fortunately, there was a helpful Cowie.

Father's Day Breakfast

We hope that all the fathers had a lovely Father's Day on Sunday. Thank you to Danielle from Their Care for providing a delicious Father's Day breakfast last Friday.



Riverina Athletics Carnival

We wish Reagan, Hugo, Charlie, Lochie and Tyler all the best of luck at the Riverina Athletics Carnival on Friday. Reagan will be completing in the junior girls 1,500m and the boys will compete in the 4x100 metre Nigel Bagley Relay. Do your best and have fun!

AFL – Small Schools Team

On Tuesday Hugo, Charlie, Lochie and Tyler will travel to Lake Albert to compete against Lake Albert in the Small Schools AFL competition. They had a huge win last time with this game being a bit more of a challenge. We are all hoping they can kick more goals than behinds and progress to the next round. Good luck and play hard!

Lost Property

Our lost property is growing! If your child has lost a jumper, jacket or tracksuit pants please come in and look through the lost property. A reminder to check the clothing for your child's name, it makes it so easy to return.

School Hats

The school provides spare hats for students that on the odd occasion forget their hats. They are not meant to be taken home. Please check if you have a spare school hat at home and return it to school for others to use. A reminder for all students, especially as the weather warms up to bring their school hat every day. Some of the older students leave their hats at school so they do not forget them. The school policy is *No Hat – Play in the Shade*.

Angela Dayhew

Relieving Principal

Scholastic Book Fair

A very successful Scholastic Book Fair was held on Wednesday, 21 August. Thank you for your generosity in purchasing books and goods to the value of \$1,142.00. The commission and Book Club rewards earned will allow us to purchase more books for the library.

Thank you to Lynne and Frank from the Goolgowi Motor Inn for their donation to purchase books. We are very thankful for their continued support of our school.

Book Club



Book Club orders are due back by **Wednesday 11 September**.

School Uniforms

If you need any school uniforms, they can be ordered via the School Bytes parent portal.

Go to the forms tab. Then select the 2024 Uniform Order Form. You will have to calculate the totals manually. Once you submit the form, please make your payment via the 'payments' tab or at the office. Uniforms will not be issued without full payment being received.

If you have any questions regarding uniforms, please contact Mrs Brown in the office Monday to Thursday.

School Bytes

The School Bytes Parent App is a great way to access the parent portal. With the upcoming Bush Fire Danger period the Parent App will be an important tool with which to communicate with parents in an emergency.

Please download the School Bytes Parent App and enable notifications. It is available in the App store and Google Play.

The team at School Bytes are always making improvements to the Parent App to make it more user friendly.

If you have any questions regarding School Bytes, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Brown in the office Monday – Thursday.

what's happening in the classrooms?

1/2 News

The recent Book Week Parade was another expression of our student's enthusiasm to participate in special events, with a whole lot of amazing costumes. Thanks especially, to the parents/carers who helped get the costumes ready. Harry Laing was the visiting author the next day, and he related well to the students.

The Father's Day breakfast was well attended too, with a fabulous breakfast provided by Danielle and Janaya. Many thanks to those who attended, giving up their early start to a normal working day.

I have been working with Years 3–6 on puppet making. We made the puppets and have practised using them to carry out brief conversations, recite nursery rhymes and tell some very corny jokes. It was lovely to see the growth in confidence, to speak in front of an audience. I've included some photos.





Year 1 and 2 are applying their understanding of 'place value' to add pairs of two or three-digit numbers **in their heads**, sometimes with 'trading' or 'carrying,' as you might remember it.

We're talking a lot about using what we know to get something new: e.g. $5 + 5 = 10$, so $5 + 6$ is one more than 10, or $5 + 4$ is 'nearly' 10.

We've just about mastered the use of full stops and capital letters. Now we are looking at using commas in our own writing.

Mr Fox

3/4 News

Year 3 and 4 have been busy learning about equivalent fractions, adding fractions, fraction families and factors and multiples. We have also been practising our column addition and the different strategies we can use when adding and subtracting numbers. We also have been writing to persuade, learning about base words and prefixes and suffixes and creating Father's Day cards. The student's cursive handwriting is constantly improving as is their reading.



Year 4 students took on the leadership roles while Year 5/6 were at camp. They were very confident and keen to put up and take down the flags, share the PBL focus at the morning assemblies and manage the sports shed at lunch time. They did a great job and will make excellent school leaders in the years to come.



Ms Dayhew

5/6 News

It was great to see an amazing attendance for our Book Week Parade. It is always astounding to see the creativity of costumes and how widely read students are as they base their characters on a wide range of books. On Thursday we were privileged to have Harry Laing entertain us with his poetry and props. He even composed a poem about Goolgowi on the spot. Students composed their own poem about a strange pet.



In Stage 2 and 3 we've been looking at 2D shapes, properties of shapes and symmetry. We've also explored the terms flip, slide and turn. They are words to describe how shapes can be changed, or transformed, from their original. Flip, slide and turn are colloquial terms for reflection, translation and rotation. Students worked in groups to create some interesting pictures showing reflection. Some created one line of symmetry and others, as you can tell, two lines of symmetry.



Time marches on, so quickly. We had been looking forward to the camp to Ballarat for so long and now, sadly, it's behind us. It was such an amazing experience for three days. Every day was filled with incredible opportunities, experiences and challenges for each of the students who attended the camp from Goolgowi, Lake Wyangan and Yoogali Public Schools. There were so many

highlights, from the history of Jerilderie, to the paddle ships of Echuca, to the mining and gold rush of Ballarat, to pottery kilns at Bendigo, I'm sure each child has a greater appreciation for democracy and the impact freedom fighting miners fought for with the Eureka Stockade and a greater understanding of multi-cultural Australia as many people from across the seas flocked to Ballarat in search of gold. You can be proud of your children. They behaved beautifully, mingled well with students from the other schools and as a whole group, were commended several times by tour guides for their attentiveness and behaviour. It was a privilege to witness and be a part of such a shared adventure.



Mrs Fox

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

Week 6

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Cecillia** – for trying extra hard in reading activities.
- **Vinny** – for being an enthusiastic learner.

Mr Fox

- **Lucy** – for running while spinning a hula hoop on one leg.

Ms Dayhew

- **Charlie** – for greater care and neatness when writing.

Mrs Fox

- **Clayton** – for improved effort and pleasing performance in maths lessons.



Week 7

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Freddie** – for writing a fabulous adventure story.
- **Evelyn** – for doing a great job using adjectives in your writing.

Mr Fox

- **Max** – for being caring to invite someone into his game.

Ms Dayhew

- **Cordell** – for improvement in his mathematical thinking.
- **Hugo** – for consistently working well in class.

Mrs Fox

- **Enara** – for displaying amazing drama skills in a performance enacting Eureka Stockade at the Year 5/6 camp.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Responsibility – making good choices.

Focus:

We look after our own property.

We look after school property.

Action

- ✓ We return equipment to where it belongs.
- ✓ We are careful with the things we use.
- ✓ We put personal belongings in our bag.

PBL Awards

Weekly Prize – Harry & Freddie

Community News



GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2025 COME AND TRY DAY



JOIN US FOR OUR 'COME AND TRY' KINDER DAY!

We invite you and your child to experience what "big school" is all about! This special event is designed to give your little one a taste of our warm and welcoming school environment, where they can meet our wonderful staff and students.

Date: 6 September 2024
Time: 10:30 - 11:45 am
Location: Goolgowi Public School

There's no obligation—just an opportunity for your child to explore and enjoy. To reserve a spot, please call our office at 6965 1207.

We look forward to seeing you there!
A morning tea for parents will be supplied.

ENROL NOW 2025 ☎ 02 6965 1207 🌐 goolgowi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



ENROL FOR 2025

GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL

At Goolgowi PS, we aspire to equip our students to be engaged, motivated, and resilient learners who reach for the stars. We provide a high quality education in a nurturing, small school environment. We focus on the whole child, ensuring social, emotional and educational achievement and growth.

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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

Friday 18 October	9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Friday 25 October	9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
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.

All students **must be enrolled** beforehand to participate in the orientation program.
Enrolments can be now made online at
<https://goolgowi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>
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.

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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.

- ✓ **Visit the school and meet the teacher:** 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.
- ✓ **Establish a Routine:** 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.
- ✓ **Practice Independence:** 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.
- ✓ **Talk About Kindergarten:** 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.
- ✓ **Label Belongings:** 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.
- ✓ **Celebrate Milestones:** Acknowledge and celebrate the milestones your child achieves as they transition to Kindergarten. This boosts their confidence and excitement about this new phase.
- ✓ **Stay Calm:** 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.
- ✓ **Prepare for Separation:** 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

Goolgowi Exies News

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Exies Opening Hours

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

Coolgowi Club Bistro

Meals are available Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Thursday Night Draw

\$2,400

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.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 21 September - Trivia Night

Saturday 12 October - Ladies Bingo

Saturday 2 November – Melbourne Cup Calcutta



Goolgowi Branch CWA

Monthly Meeting

Thursday 19th September 2024

12:00 noon

Bring a plate to share

At CWA rest rooms

**New members and visitors
welcome**

Please join us for a chat

Registrations Now Open

*Be your best with Griffith Athletics Club
Join us for the 2024/25 summer athletics season!*

New to Athletics? Come along to our trial nights:
*****Thursday September 19th, 5pm start*****
*****Thursday September 26th, 5pm start*****

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All new members entitled to 2 free Come and Try sessions during pre-season.
 Season starts October 17th from 5:30pm (1 trial night permitted from this time for new athletes)
 Catering for ages 3- years to Adults
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Contact Us:
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2024/25 Early Bird Fees: (until October 6th)
 They (age 13-5yrs): \$140
 5's-17's: \$175
 18's+: \$175-\$200
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Your hosts: Emily, Amber and Geoff Hale

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