



# Goolgowi Public School

## To the Stars



### Newsletter Term 1, Week 11

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### Calendar

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

#### Term 1, 2024

##### Week 11

Thu. 11 April	PSSA Swimming Sydney
Fri. 12 April	1:15pm BBQ 2:00pm Assembly Last Day Term 1

#### Term 2, 2024

##### Week 1

Mon. 29 April	School Development Day
Tue. 30 April	Students Return Mobile Library

##### Week 2

Mon. 6 April	P&C Meeting 6pm
Fri. 10 May	Cross Country

##### Week 5

Tues. 28 May	Mobile Library
Fri. 31 May	Assembly & BBQ Lunch Griffith Zone PSSA Cross Country

### Notes coming home this week:

- Nil

### Student of the Month



**Aleigha**

For showing kindness to others and challenging herself to improve in all areas.

### Principal's Message

We have come to the last week of Term 1! Our Kindergarten students have settled in beautifully and now know and understand the school expectations and routines. Students are very excited for our final day of the term with a mufti day and carnival games. Our final assembly for the term will also be held on Friday preceded by a BBQ lunch put on by the P&C. We look forward to welcoming all parents and caregivers. We all wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break from school and are looking forward to Term 2. Term 2 starts on Tuesday 30 April for all students. The school will be open on Monday 29 April for any inquiries but only school staff will be on site for the Term 2 Staff Development Day (SDD).

### Riverina AFL Team

A huge congratulations to Charlie Bunn who was successful in gaining a position in the Riverina AFL team. We wish him all the best in this team and look forward to hearing how the Riverina team goes in the State AFL competition to be held next term.

### Easter Colouring In Competition

All students at GPS entered the Goolgowi Ex-Serviceman's Club Easter Colouring In Competition. The work of the following students were judged by an impartial visitor to Goolgowi and won the competition for their grade.



**Kindergarten** - Freddie

**Year 1** - Nathaniel

**Year 2** - Lucy

**Year 3** - Cordell

**Year 4** - Hugo

**Year 5** - Reagan

**Year 6** - Tyler

### SRC and Student Parliament

Before the Easter break the SRC have been busy selling ice blocks every Friday. This week will be the last week for ice blocks and will re start in Term 4, once again on Fridays. The SRC also ran an Easter guessing competition where students had to guess the number of eggs in the jar or try and guess the names of the furry friends. Cecelia in Kindergarten was lucky enough to win the furry friends and Krystian won the guessing competition. The money raised will be used for the end of year Pool Party and for purchases suggested by the students through the Parliament process. So far this year we have raised \$124.70.



Our first Student Parliament will be held this week on Thursday afternoon and will be run by the SRC students who have all been allocated a role in the Parliament.

Prime Ministers - Tyler and Lochie

Minister for the Environment - Krystian and Hugo

Minister for Sport - Reagan and Charlie

Minister for Finance - Lizzie, Sean and Max

Minister for the Media and Publicity - Brooklyn and Clayton

### Easter Hat Parade and Winners

The annual Easter Hat Parade held at the end of Week 9 was a delightful event filled with excitement and creativity. The hats showcased by the students were nothing short of exceptional, truly capturing the spirit of the occasion. Judges Mrs Fox and Miss Ippolito faced a challenging task in determining the winners amidst the array of egg-themed headwear.

During the egg throwing competition, the Year 5/6 students had a great time, showcasing their skills with impressive

catches and throws. However, amidst the excitement, a few students found themselves with egg on their faces due to some wayward throws. Nevertheless, the event was a testament to the enthusiasm and participation of Goolgowi Public School students, who truly displayed the "EGGS-Factor."

The presence of parents added to the festive atmosphere, and their support was greatly appreciated. The P&C contributed significantly by organising a yummy BBQ lunch for everyone to enjoy.

Congratulations to all the winners:

**Kinder** - All Kinder students were recognized for their eggmazing hats!

**Year 1** - Addyson

**Year 2** - Max

**Year 3** - Cordell

**Year 4** - Ace

**Year 5** - Enara

**Year 6** - Lochie



### Egg Toss

The annual Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6) Egg Toss was a lot of fun and a lot of mess! The Stage 3 students in bare feet, shower caps and garbage bag coats challenged each other to catch raw eggs without them breaking..... the harder you thrown and the longer the throw the harder that gets. Mrs Fox was coaxed into the competition, but I



certainly could not be swayed or persuaded to participate.



### Attendance

Our school has great student attendance rates, but it can also improve. For this term, our attendance data show that we have a 95% attendance rate which is above the State average, above the Griffith network of schools and above schools with a similar setting. The data also shows we have 86% of students attending 90% of the time. We encourage and support high levels of attendance to ensure that students have success at school, that they are making valuable connections with others, developing friendships, and are consistently

learning. All staff at Goolgowi Public School work collaboratively to ensure the school is a place where students want to be.

### Rugby League and Rugby Union

Last week saw a group of students attend the SIRU Rugby Union Gala day in Griffith. The students teamed up with students from other small schools and competed in a round robin format. The small schools team ended up running third on the day.



Unfortunately, due to the weather the Mortimer Shield Rugby League Gala Day that was scheduled for last Friday had to be postponed to 29 May.

### Carnival Mufti Day

Friday, we celebrate our last day of term with a Mufti Day and Carnival Day. This is one of the end of term rewards chosen by the students. It is a reward and celebration for a great term of learning, positive behaviour choices and for following our school values of Responsibility, Respect and Resilience. Students do not have to wear school uniform and we will all participate in some carnival like activities in the middle session followed by a BBQ put on the by the P&C and the last assembly for the term. We



are looking forward to a great day and seeing lots of parents attend the assembly.

Angela Dayhew  
**Relieving Principal**

### Thank you!

Thank you to Lynne and Frank from the Goolgowi Motor Inn for donating Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt and Zooper Doopers for the SRC fundraising. Your support of our school is appreciated.

Thank you also to Griffith Dental Surgery for donating toothpaste and toothbrushes for the students and providing pamphlets on how to correctly brush your teeth.

### Little Champions

Last week the students were privileged to have Ben from Little Champions visit our school. Ben involved the students in four sessions over two days in a variety of fun challenging movements. The students loved the interactive games and circuit activities challenging them to attempt new skills, requiring concentration and practise. Students enjoyed the fast pace, variety and engaging activities. They learnt to respond to the commands such as, candlesticks, motorbikes, angry cat and more. You might like to try some of these and see if they can remember.







## P&C Chocolate Money

If you have chocolate money, could you please send it in to school? If you are having trouble selling the chocolates bring them back to school and they will be sold.

Money and/or chocolates need to be returned to school by **Thursday 11 April**.

Thank you.

## School Uniforms

Uniforms may be purchased from the school office Monday to Thursdays. Mrs Brown will be able to help you with all of your uniform questions.

## what's happening in the classrooms?

### 1/2 News

We are starting to try some ideas for our Art Express entries: mer-cats, dolphins and giant cranes that look alive are some of the ideas being tried. Also, the children have been listening to lots of Premier's Reading Challenge picture books. 'Walk of the Whales' by Nick Bland tells about some of the funny things that might happen if whales walked out of the ocean and into the cities and towns. You can listen to this story on YouTube too.

In our writing, we have been thinking hard about using interesting words that might make a reader think, "WOW!" WOW words help a story come alive and here are some sentences we have created using them:

The wet sand crunches while the dragons walk on the beach, looking for fish to eat. (Hannah Harvey)

The gasoline train stopped at school and then it broke down. (Halen Hodge)

The swooshing wind is very, very strong and the trees are tumbling down onto the ground. (Addyson Burns)

At this school I can hear "Cheep, cheep!" and I can hear "Ribbit." (Isaac Gatty)

The colourful and smelly roses are down the back and there are old gum trees. (Ramsie Dennis)



The chickens were having a dance party in the shed. (Connor Siddall)

The little platypus was making a burrow. (Sean Hall)

Once upon a time it was a beautiful day down at the beach with a smooth breeze in the air. (Kate Gatty)

When Bob stepped on the sand, it made a "Crack!" noise. (Max Bunn)

The dog was running so fast, like lightning. (Nathaniel Pettigrew)

The roses are purple and beautiful. (Rosielee Dowdy)

The wind made me upset because it kept blowing down the bowling pins. (Jaxson Calton)

Harry sped through the water like a rocket and the sleepy dog was leaping at the seagulls. (Lucy McLauchlan)

\*\*\* One last word: cringly (ask Max about that one).



Ms Dayhew



Mr Fox

### 3/4 News

Year 3 and Year 4 have been busy learning about fractions and equivalent fractions. They understand that a fraction is part of a whole but the size of the fraction depends on the whole. For example: you can cut an apple and a watermelon in half but the half of the watermelon would be bigger than half the apple. Ask what are some equivalent fractions for a half? Student have enjoyed crating their own fraction walls.

### 5/6 News

I look forward to meeting many of you at our three way interviews this week. Several children have returned their reading folders to receive their 25-night bookmark. Thanks for your continued support in this endeavour. Reading establishes life-long habits and supports improved writing, spelling and furthermore enhances vocabulary. If you can encourage your child to read each night, even for ten minutes, that would be most appreciated. Some wonderful language is evident in the writing that Year 5 and 6 are producing. Please feel free to drop into our class and read some



poems they've recently produced. They are amazing!!

Last Friday I enjoyed participating in the Year 5/6 egg toss and catch. Thanks to Lochie Nicholson's mum who contributed the eggs. Nothing like the feel of raw egg passing through your fingers. Yuck! The students enjoyed catching up with Miss Sim and her two lovely daughters. It was a most enjoyable day celebrating the start to the Easter break. Thanks for many of you joining us for the Easter hat parade.



A big shout out to your children. Again, today as I was on playground duty students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were involved in an Oz tag game. It is a real delight to witness the positive interactions of students from all stages. This is a special and unique experience I'm relishing in. This is a special country treat for me.

We look forward to sharing some poetry and a song about harmony at our assembly this week. A few of the photos are from activities from Harmony Day.



Hope to see you there.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Fox

### Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

#### Week 10

##### Mrs Liddicoat

- **Vinny** – for making thoughtful contributions to maths numbers talks.



- **Freddy** - for making thoughtful contributions to maths number talks.

**Mr Fox**

- **Halen** – for a big improvement in listening and participation in class activities.

**Ms Dayhew**

- **Alfred** – for working well and trying hard in class.

**Mrs Fox**

- **Enara** – for impressive creativity and use of description when writing.



**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	RESILIENCE
Take care of yourself and others	Make good choices	Challenge yourself
I am respectful.	I am responsible.	I am resilient.
✓ I know, understand and follow the PBL expectations. ✓ We are rewarded for the positive behaviour choices we make and for being responsible, respectful and resilient learners.		

**Week 11**

**Mrs Liddicoat**

- **Harry** – for great sight word recognition.
- **Nela** – for try very hard to correctly form his letters.

**Mr Fox**

- **Kate** – for fascinating, exciting inventive sentences.

**Ms Dayhew**

- **Ace** – for working hard to improve his handwriting.

**Mrs Fox**

- **Lochie** – for always giving 100% in all activities and having a positive attitude.

**PBL Awards**

Weekly Prize – Evelyn & Nela

**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:

**\$26,000**

**It will be drawn until a winner is found!**

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.



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**Goolgowi Branch CWA  
Monthly Meeting  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
At CWA rest rooms  
12:00 noon**

NB: this meeting has been brought forward to the second Thursday as we need to discuss a large catering event.  
New members and visitors welcome  
Please join us for a chat.

**CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE**

**PLAY SOMETHING UNREAL**

**WHERE:** Jubilee Oval, Griffith  
**WHEN:** Wednesday 24th April, 2024  
**TIME:** 10.00am - 12.00pm  
**AGE:** 5-14 Girls Only  
**COST:** FREE

**NRL**

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**NUMBERS CAPPED AT 10 SO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**AGES 12-24 YEARS**

**WED 24TH APRIL**

**9AM - 2PM**

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**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 22ND APRIL 2024**

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**Women's Business Paint & Yarn**

**Ages 12-24yrs**

*Join us for a day of painting, yarning and snacks!*


**When:** Wednesday 24th April  
**Where:** Youth Safe Space (Cnr Ulong and Olympic Street) **Time:** 11am to 2pm

*Numbers capped at 10 so registration is required*

Registrations close 22nd April 2024


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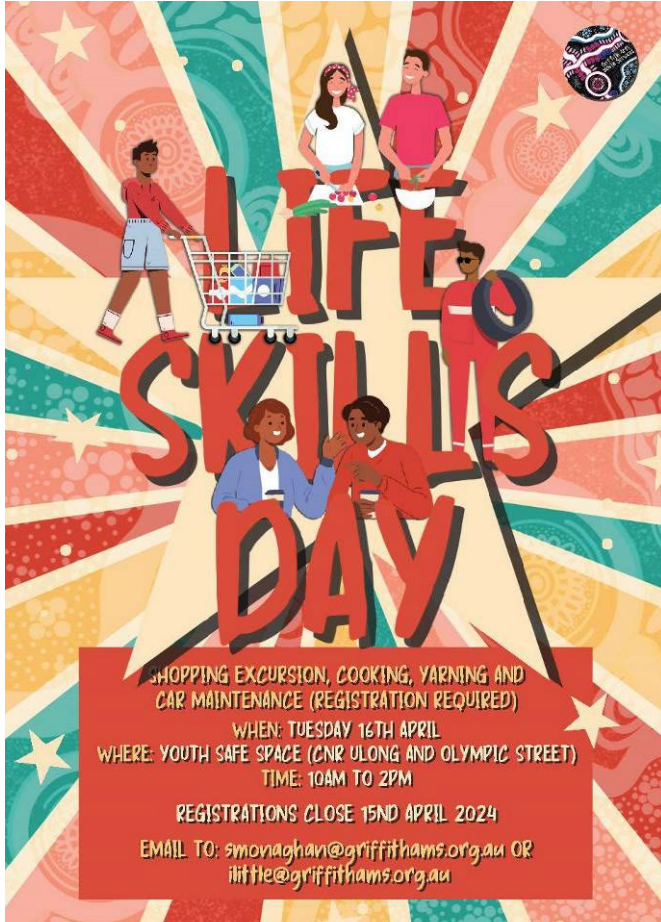


**PLUS FOOTY CLINIC, ARTS AND CRAFTS & LUNCH**

 **TUESDAY 23RD APRIL**  **10:45AM TO 3:30PM**  **TBA**

**ATTENDANCE BY REGISTRATION ONLY**  
FOR AGES 12-18 YEARS WITH NUMBERS CAPPED AT 60

**CONTACT VICKIE LOUISE ON 69620000 BY MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024**



**LIFE SKILLS DAY**

**SHOPPING EXCURSION, COOKING, YARNING AND CAR MAINTENANCE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

**WHEN: TUESDAY 16TH APRIL**  
**WHERE: YOUTH SAFE SPACE (CNR ULONG AND OLYMPIC STREET)**  
**TIME: 10AM TO 2PM**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15ND APRIL 2024**

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**YOUTH SAFE SPACE**

# DROP IN DAY

**AGES 12-24 YRS**

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**  
**COME HAVE A YARN AND A FEED!**

**15 APRIL** **CNR ULONG & OLYMPIC STREET**  
**10AM - 3PM**



**FREE EVENT**

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GOOLGOWI HALL

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UNDER 12'S 5-6PM  
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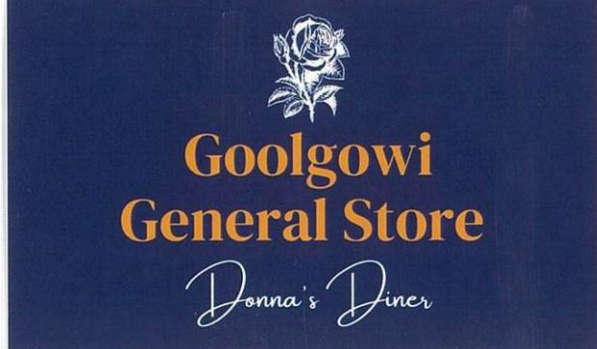
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# Classroom News

Week 11



The kinder students had a blast participating in gymnastics sessions with Ben from Little Champions Gymnastics School during Week 9! Learning the basics of gymnastics while having fun and exploring different shapes, skills, and games was an exciting experience for them. I'm looking forward to meeting all the kinder students' parents at the parent-teacher interviews this week. It's always important to keep open communication between teachers and parents to ensure the best support and progress for the students.

Thanks kindly,  
Beth Liddicoat