



# Goolgowi Public School

## To the Stars



### Newsletter Term 1, Week 7

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## Calendar

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

### Term 1, 2025

#### Week 7

Wed 12 March -	NAPLAN
Fri. 14 March	
Fri. 14 March	Swimming for Sport

#### Week 8

Mon. 17 March	NAPLAN
Tues. 18 March	NAPLAN
	Harmony Day
Thurs. 20 March	Little Champions
Fri. 21 March	Little Champions
	Swimming for Sport

#### Week 9

Mon. 24 March	Young Leaders
Tues. 25 March	Young Leaders
Fri. 28 March	Student Induction
	Assembly 9.15am

#### Week 10

Mon. 31 Mar -	Parent Interviews
Fri. 4 April	

#### Week 11

Wed. 9 April	Easter Hat Parade & Assembly & P&C BBQ
Thurs. 10 April	Mortimer Shield
Fri. 11 April	ANZAC Assembly
	Last Day Term 1

## Student of the Month



**Enara**

For an impressive start to the year, demonstrating initiative, determination and application to all areas of learning.

## Principal's Message

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held during Week 10. For students in Years 3-6, these will be three-way interviews involving the teacher, parent and student. For students in K-2, the interviews are between the teacher and the parent. We all look forward to these meetings and sharing the progress your child is making, setting learning goals and discussing ways you can assist your child with their learning. A note with available times will come home next week.

### NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN assessments will take place during Week 7 & 8 for our students in Years 3 and 5. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and skills. For the students they need to remember that it is important to do your best, but also to remember that these tests are just one part of their educational journey.

### Attendance

The school has very high expectations for attendance. Our current attendance data shows that our attendance rate is 95.4% with 86.5% of students attending more than 90% of the time. This is above the Griffith network and above the state.

### Harmony Day at Goolgowi Public School



Harmony Week is an annual celebration of Australia's cultural diversity and the benefits it brings to the Australian community. This year Harmony Week will be held from 17 to

23 March. This includes the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) on Friday 21 March. It is an Australian Government initiative led by the Department of Home Affairs. Harmony Week is a time to celebrate that Australia is one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

During Harmony Week, the students will participate in a range of activities in their classes. On Tuesday 18 March, we will have a multicultural food feast. We are asking parents, if they can, to bring in multicultural food for the students to share. All the teachers will also be bringing in food to contribute to the feast. The students and staff can wear orange coloured mufti clothes on this day.

### Small Schools Cricket Team

Three students played in the small schools cricket team on Friday at Rankins Springs against Hillston. Charlie B, Hugo and Ted all played brilliantly and contributed to the team winning. Charlie was appointed captain for the team and Hugo earning Player of the Day. They play their next game later in the term.



### Riverina Cricket

Last week, Charlie B. headed off to Maitland to participate in the NSW PSSA Cricket Competition. He proudly represented

Goolgowi PS and the Riverina in the Riverina Cricket Team. The competition ran over four days. The team had two wins and some losses and Charlie was awarded the Riverina Medal. Charlie bowled brilliantly with five wickets for nine runs in eight overs.



### Swimming

Our swimming lessons have started and the students are learning to swim or improving their strokes. Swimming lessons continue until Week 8 with Friday 21 March being the last Friday for swimming.



Reagan, Hugo, Charlie and Max competed in the Peter Dobson Relay at the Riverina carnival on Monday. They all swam brilliantly and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the relay with a 5.82 second Personal Best. Max also competed in 50m freestyle and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in his heat.





### Clean Up the School Day

As part of our commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment, the students participated in Cleaning up the School as part of Clean Up Australia Day. There was really not much to clean as the students take care and pride in their school environment.



### Travel Pass

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible school and TAFE students free or subsidised travel between home and school on NSW public transport, including trains, buses, ferries and light rail.

Depending on where you're travelling, you may receive a free school travel pass, a School Opal card, or both.

Eligible cards are automatically updated for the new school year, so you'll only need to apply if you're:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time

- changing name, school and/or address, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

### Eligibility

You need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible for a free school travel pass. The minimum distance varies according to the year/grade you are enrolled in, in that calendar year:

- Years K to 2 (Infants): no minimum distance
- Years 3 to 6 (Primary): 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further
- Years 7 to 12 (Secondary): 2km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

See the link below for further information.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-school-travel-pass>

Angela Dayhew  
**Principal**

### Book Club

Issue 2 Book Club orders are due back on **Wednesday 26 March.**



**in the classrooms?**

### 3-6 News

It's hard to believe that we are already in week seven of the term. The students from 3 to 6 are settled and work well together. It's encouraging to witness the Stage 3 students caring and supporting the younger Year 3 students as they settle into a new stage and classroom environment.

We've been practising persuasive writing as some students prepare for NAPLAN. Read some of their persuasive texts and see if you have been persuaded! They are quite convincing in their arguments and are learning to use strong and emotive language. Here are some. I'll share half this fortnight and more in Week 9.

I strongly believe that dogs are the best pets because they are friendly, loving and clever.

Firstly, the tail wags when I get home.

Secondly, the dog shows that it loves me when I sit near it.

### By Lily Pettigrew

Why mobile phones are important.

I strongly believe that mobile phones are important and here's my reasons why.

Firstly, you can stay in contact with your family, friends and emergency services. If you're ever in trouble you can call your mum, dad and other family members. If you see someone hurt, you can always call 000 and then the ambulance will come as soon as possible.

Secondly, if your family member or friend are lost you can always check their location and find them. If you're ever bored and need entertainment it's all there. You can play games watch movies listen to music.

Thirdly, you can get information like facts, meanings of words and many more. You can Google about things and learn about history. You can go in education sites and do your schoolwork when you're at home. You can check the time whenever you want.

In conclusion, that's all my reasons why mobile phones are good to have. Just remember, you can use phones to call, entertain, use for emergencies and help you for 'location'. Make sure to bring your phone everywhere you go.

### By Amia Collier

Dogs.

It is certain that dogs make the world's best companions. Dogs are kind loyal and caring.

Firstly, dogs are extremely protective. For example, if you have a dog your chances of being burgled will be dramatically drop from 100% to one percent.

Secondly, having a dog can increase your fitness because dogs must go for a walk every single day. Taking a taking a dog for a walk every day also let them release their droppings.

Thirdly dogs are non-human best friends. So, whenever you are feeling down or sad and need a hug you can always go and cuddle your dog.

In conclusion, I hope I've convinced you to buy your own dog as a furry friend.

### By Charlie McLauchlan

Country over city.

I strongly believe that country living is 100% way better than the city. It is so much more peaceful, has fresh air, a lot more space and has the most beautiful nature you'll ever see. It's obvious that country living is better.

Firstly, the country is way more peaceful without all of that noisy traffic and people yelling at five in the morning. The city is definitely more noise polluted. Meanwhile the country gives you a break from all the traffic, yelling, sirens and car engines. In the country you get none of that. It's quiet and peaceful for everyone.

Secondly, there is much more fresh air because there's no huge buildings and cars every turn you take. There's none of that in the country. The only sounds you'll hear are the birds chirping happily and the wind blowing because unlike the city there is only 2% of pollution. Some cities are at 98%! That's a lot.

Finally, there is so much more space for everything and everyone.

### By Enara Siddall

I absolutely believe that everyone should obey traffic rules so that everyone is safe.

Could you imagine if no one obeyed road rules? If everyone was responsible on the road, everything would be safe.

First, if everyone followed road rules the road would be 97% safer. If you wear your seatbelt you have a 75% high chance of surviving a car crash. Statistics have shown that people that don't wear a seatbelt die sooner.

### By Wade Power

Dogs.

I strongly believe that dogs are the best pet to have in the whole entire world.

Firstly, a dog can be the best pet to have. A dog helps you walk when you're tired. Dogs can be helpful as service dogs. A service dog is when a dog helps people like the police or elderly people, blind people and have even been known to help kids with their reading.

Secondly, they protect you from everything that is unsafe. A dog can scare away strangers. Sometimes your dog can kill snakes for you when you are worried or scared even when you're not home, your dog can kill the most venomous snake you have ever seen. A dog can protect you from other dogs. Some dogs even risk their lives to save you. Your dog will even protect you from strangers. They will protect you from getting hit by a car.

Thirdly when you take your dog out for a walk, it gives you and your dog very good exercise. It helps your dog to know they're going for a walk and helps your dog get used to walking on the street.

### By Annalee Harris

I strongly believe that you should have a pet because they are great company. They can provide good friendship, and they can be great protection.

Firstly, dogs love their owners and they have a lot of friendship to give. Dogs can show a lot of love inside.

Secondly, dogs will warn you when there are strangers coming. They will kill a snake when you find one and dogs can keep you fit and healthy.

By Lucy McLauchlan

I absolutely know that dogs are the best. They can protect you, make you feel loved and make you fit.

Firstly, dogs aren't like other animals. For example, dogs would bark at a robber if they tried to break in.

Secondly, dogs make you healthy, fit and not fat. Dogs make you happy.

### By Max Bunn

I strongly believe that traffic rules are important because it keeps people safe, keeps order and helps people be responsible.

Firstly, if everyone followed the road rules there wouldn't be as many crashes. Always follow them or there could be a very big crash and never run a red light.

I believe that everyone should follow the road rules because they could seriously injure themselves if they don't follow the rules. If you don't wear a seatbelt, you could die very easily by running into another car. You could get thrown out of the window and get stabbed by glass.

### By Connor Siddall

Dogs are the best.

I absolutely believe that everyone should get a dog because dogs protect, give you company and keep you fit. Dogs are loving and caring as well.

Firstly, dogs give you lots of love attention and happiness. Dogs will always keep you happy. They are great friends and they won't judge you. Dogs will always make you laugh.

Secondly, dogs give you protection from a lot of different things like snakes, robbers and strangers. If you're blind, they will keep you from falling or danger.

Finally, dogs keep you fit and healthy because you must take them for walks and keep them fed.

### By Lizzy Domjahn

I strongly believe you should have a mobile phone because they can keep you safe, give us entertainment and give us information.

Firstly, calling 000 for an emergency. If you don't have a mobile phone you can't have a family member to come and pick you up if you aren't in danger.

Secondly mobile phones give us entertainment by music, games, movies and social media.

### By Brooklyn Smith

I look forward to sharing more great writing in week 9. Enjoy the next fortnight as the weather starts to cool.

Mrs Fox





We had lovely Lochie visit and he shared some stories about life in high school.



Freddie Bunn helped rescue a stunning green tree frog.



Stage 2 and 3 students working well together.

## Library News

Wouldn't it be wonderful if your child brought home a new book for you to read to them? Or perhaps they might enjoy sharing the story with you.

I am encouraging all students to experience the joy of reading. As part of this, we will be promoting the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC), which ties in well with the Reading Club.

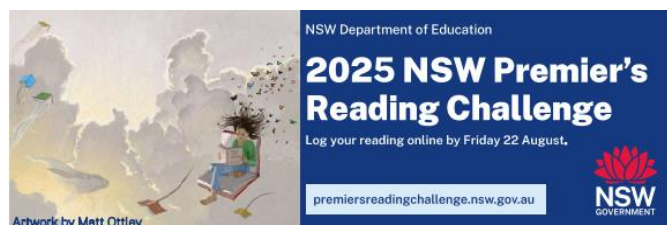
The Challenge aims to foster a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, while also exposing students to quality literature. It is not a competition but rather a personal challenge for each student to read more, read widely, and enjoy the process. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 10. For Infants, the PRC will be completed at school, with teachers reading the books to students.

I am urging every student to bring a library bag to school to carry their books home. This



will help protect the books from potential damage in their school bags, such as a leaking water bottle. When students get into the habit of returning books in their library bags, they are much easier to locate. A library bag doesn't need to be fancy—an old pillowcase, a shopping bag, a plastic bag, or anything that works is fine.

Let's enjoy reading and sharing stories together!



Alice Robertson

## Mid-Term Awards

Congratulations to our mid-term award winners.

### Ms Dayhew

- **Colt** – for consistently demonstrating a positive approach to his learning.

### Mrs Liddicoat

- **Halen** – for demonstrating a positive approach to his learning.

### Mrs Fox

- **Amia** – for amazing progress in all writing tasks.
- **Hugo** – for being an amazing role model in class and always demonstrating initiative, kindness and care.

### PBL Award

- **Elizabeth F** – for demonstrating resilience in her learning and schooling.

### Principal's Award

- **Harry** – for excellence and achievement in mathematics.

### Student of the Month

- **Enara** – for an impressive start to the year, demonstrating initiative, determination and application to all areas of learning.



## Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

### Week 6

#### Ms Dayhew

- **Colt** – for always being ready to learn.
- **Hannah** – for working hard to improve her swimming.
- **Nathaniel** – for improvement in swimming.

#### Mrs Liddicoat

- **Nela** – for trying hard to use his sound knowledge when writing words.
- **Lenny** – for trying hard to use interesting action words when writing.

#### Mrs Fox

- **Lily** – for improved listening and trying hard to follow instructions.
- **Max** – for settling well into year and improved writing and book presentation. Well done!



**Week 7****Ms Dayhew**

- **Sonny** - for great starts to the school day.
- **Yazrah** - for being a kind friend.

**Mrs Liddicoat**

- **Addyson** - for trying to think of interesting words to use in her writing.
- **Hannah** - for writing entertaining stories in writing time.

**Mrs Fox**

- **Lucy** - for settling well into Year 3 and trying hard in all areas of her learning.
- **Brooklyn** - for improved fluency with reading and remembering to complete home reading. Keep it up!

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience**

**Respect** – take care of yourself and others.

**Focus:**

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

**Action**

- ✓ We have our own space bubble – personal space.
- ✓ We use a kind voice.
- ✓ We are kind to each other.

**PBL Awards**

**Weekly Prize** – Annalee, Reagan & Sonny.

**NEW everyday lunchbox ideas**

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try.  
Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping



Mini rice wheels



Fruit scone



Roasted fava beans

**Community News**

Goolgowi Branch CWA

Monthly Meeting

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**1:00pm**

At CWA rest rooms

**New members and visitors  
welcome**

**Come along and have a chat.**

**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.

Meat raffles from Hanwood Butchers.

100-wheel spin.



**Goolgowi**  
**START 9AM**  
**6 ASIDE**  
**2025**

12 YEARS PLUS TO PLAY  
BBQ & CANTEEN WILL BE AVAILABLE  
BYO ALCOHOL, NO GLASS ALLOWED  
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**MARCH 22ND**  
GOOLGOWI FOOTBALL OVAL

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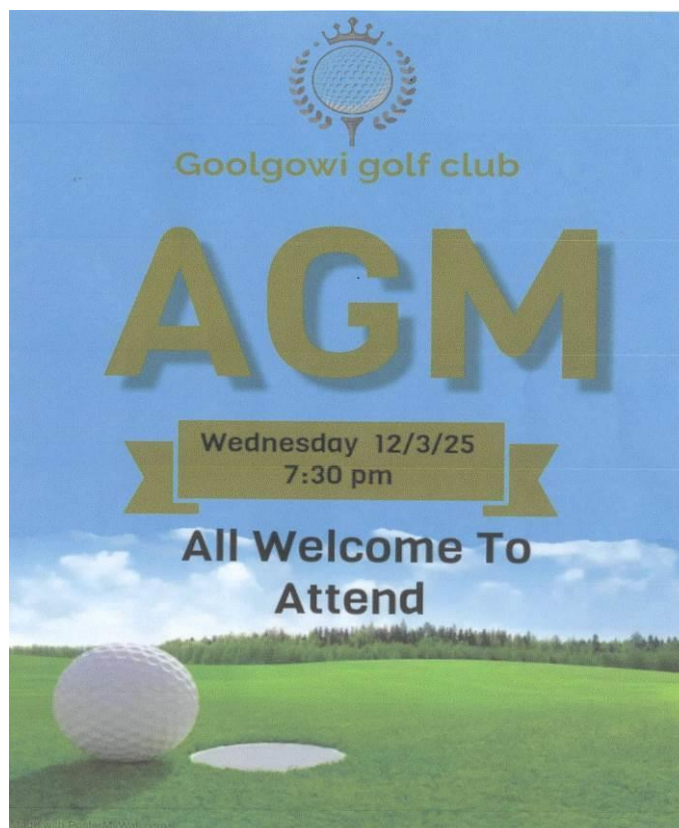
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Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

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**AGM**

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**All Welcome To Attend**

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Our newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday.





# Kindergarten News



The students are learning to sit with five Ls. Eyes are Looking, Ears are Listening. Lips are closed, Hands in Lap. Legs are crossed.

We have all logged into Reading eggs and Mathletics and are engaged when using the iPads.

The formation of our letters is improving and we are consolidating our sounds and using them to create words. and read decodable books.

s a t p i n

Our next letters to learn are:

d m g o e

All the students know the basic two-dimensional shapes and can count forwards and backwards. We are learning to identify dot patterns and starting to look at time and clocks.

We are having a great time in the pool.







### YEAR 1 AND 2 NEWS

Year 1 and 2 have had a busy few weeks filled with exciting learning experiences. In reading, we have been practising using expression and rereading when we make mistakes to improve our fluency. In writing, we have been working on making our sentences more engaging by including amazing verbs and adjectives. In mathematics, we have been learning about grouping and arrays to help us understand multiplication. We have also been developing our ability to read both digital and analog clocks. In science and technology, we have been exploring the characteristics of living things and what makes them unique. In art, we discovered the work of Piet Mondrian, an artist known for using only primary colours in his artworks. We then created our own Piet Mondrian-inspired masterpieces. It has been a fantastic few weeks of learning!