



Goolgowi Public School

To the Stars



Newsletter Term 2, Week 5

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Calendar

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

Term 2, 2025

Week 5

Tue. 27 May	Mobile Library
Fri. 30 May	Whole School Assembly 2pm & BBQ Lunch 1.15pm
Fri. 13 June	Centenary Meeting

Week 7

Mon. 9 June	Public Holiday
Tue. 10 June	Healthy Harold Visit
Thur. 12 June	Riverina Cross Country

Week 8

Thur. 19 June	Athletics Carnival
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winter clothing to ensure they are labelled with your children's name. This ensures a speedy return if misplaced. There are plenty of unlabelled jumpers in lost property if you would like to come and get a spare.

It is lovely to see all the students in the correct school uniform. With the weather cooling down, it is still expected that the students will wear the correct school uniform, including black shoes. Winter school jackets are also available through the office.

We thank Charlotte Star for her work experience where she helped all the staff and students both within and outside the classroom. We hope she goes on to choose teaching as a profession in the future.

Griffith Zone Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday, our small but mighty cross country team displayed incredible determination and endurance at the Griffith Zone PSSA Cross Country Carnival.

Max got the team off to a flying start, running a flawless race to be crowned the 8/9 Years Boys Cross Country Champion. It was a well-deserved win and a fantastic way to kick off the day. Nathaniel also bravely ran in this race but unfortunately had to pull out due to injury.

In the 10 Years event, Amia, Brooklyn and Wade all ran fantastic races, finishing 19th, 21st and 28th respectively. Each showed grit and resilience throughout the course.

Reagan and Lizzie represented us proudly in the 11 Years Girls event. Reagan ran a strong race and narrowly missed out on progressing to the next level, finishing in 5th place. Lizzie also had a great run, finishing with a strong sprint to claim 11th position. Hugo, also in the 11 Years event, ran a clever race, picking off many runners in the second half to finish an impressive 6th overall.

Student of the Month



Charlie

For striving for excellence in all endeavours with great success.

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 5. The weather has definitely turned COLD! Please check your child's jumpers, jackets, hats and other

Our final runner of the day was Charlie B in the 12/13 Years event. Charlie B ran a terrific race, with all his hard work and training at school paying off as he powered through to secure 3rd place overall.

The presentation ceremony was a proud moment as we watched Max receive his champion medal. To top off an already incredible day, Goolgowi Public School was announced as the Division 2 overall Champion for the third year in a row, recognising us as the highest-scoring small school in the Griffith district.

We wish Max and Charlie all the best as they will now run at the Riverina Cross Country Carnival in a few weeks in the hills at Gundagai.

Congratulations to all our runners, you represented our school with pride, sportsmanship and true Goolgowi spirit!



In line with the Department of Education advice, we're introducing updated school reports. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand. Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, Mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology. A new achievement scale and descriptions are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress. Parent-teacher interviews held formally in Term 1 remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail. If you would like another meeting with your child's teacher, please make contact through the school to organize a time. We welcome your feedback or questions about the new report format.

School Cross Country

The weather was spectacular for our school Cross Country where we welcomed Rankins Springs students, staff and families. Once again Goolgowi Public school came out in front and winners on the day.

All students can be congratulated for their effort and all those who achieved a personal best with great stamina, encouragement of others and sportsmanship.

Age Champions for this year are:

Senior Boys Champion: Charlie B

Senior Girls Champion: Reagan

Junior Boys Champion: Max

Junior Girls Champion: Amia

Sub-junior Boys Champion: Freddie

Reports



Walk Safely to School Day

Walk safely to School Day is an annual event that promotes and supports road safety in our students. Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Throughout the year, students across the K-6 school learn about safety on wheels, safety as a pedestrian and safety as a passenger. The students were dropped off at the football oval and walked safely to school with parents and teachers.



Dress like a Pirate Day

Ahoy me hearties! Wednesday 14 May was Dress like a Pirate Day! It is an annual charity event, often referred to as Pirate Day, that is held each year during Brain Cancer Awareness Month in May. All students at Goolgowi Public School looked fabulous dressed like pirates and donated a gold coin for research into children's brain cancer. They were engaged in a range of activities "Avast, ye, there was a treasure trove of events on the day. And Aye and Shiver Me Timbers! It was a smarty time!"



National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) 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. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. Students from Goolgowi Public School listened to the story as part of their library lesson. The National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) book for 2025 is *The Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel, illustrated by Danny Snell.

The Truck Cat is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other, and, in doing so, might find more than they expected ... “*The Truck Cat* is a story that’s all about belonging and connection” says the book’s author Deborah Frenkel.



Reagan Represents Riverina at NSW PSSA Hockey Championships

It was a week of torrential rain and wild winds as Reagan joined her Riverina

teammates at the Newcastle International Hockey Centre for the NSW PSSA Hockey Championships. With over 360 students from across New South Wales competing for the title of state champions, the competition was fierce.

Reagan was thrilled to be selected as one of the captains for the Riverina team. She thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and making new ones throughout the week. Participating in these championships is something Reagan loves, as it provides a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills and play high-quality hockey against strong opponents.

Over the course of the week, Reagan played an impressive seven games. She made countless tackles and showed great courage in defending numerous penalty corners. Her determination and leadership were evident in every match.

The final day was filled with emotion as Reagan and her teammates said heartfelt goodbyes to their coach and each other. This year marked Reagan's last time competing at the championships, as she will begin high school next year. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and the way she represented our school and the Riverina region with pride and passion.



Angela Dayhew

Principal

what's happening
in the classrooms?

3-6 News

It was exciting to return to school and hear stories about the student's success at the school cross-country last Friday. Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Zone Carnival yesterday at Lake Wyangan. The vigorous training and determination certainly paid off!

We enjoyed having Charlotte Starr visit last week as part of her Year 11 studies. Charlotte had attended G.P.S from kindergarten and was a school captain at Goolgowi. It was lovely having Charlotte at Goolgowi School and to meet and work with all our students.

We've been creating art designs for the Operation Art Project. Students have enjoyed choosing various art mediums and



from the photos you can see how their choice of colour enhances their drawing.

Creativity is also evident in the student's writing. Many students are showcasing their creativity as they paint pictures with their words. I'd like to share with you, some of their 'lead sentences' for the narratives they've written in the past few weeks.

As the greedy old man's wrinkles gobbled up loads of knowledge, the bookshelves rattled violently under the darkness.

By Charlie Bunn.

The big shiny egg was about to explode into pieces of chocolate.

By Lilly Pettigrew.

Alone in a dark alley was a man that read every book, so he could be smart and take over the world.

By Anna Lee Harris.

Deep in the enchanted Gangnam Style country was an old poor evil man. He had his own base filled with old ancient rusty books. The old man had stolen banjo Patterson's lost treasure book.

By Amia Collier.

Jeffy, better known as the book thief, sprinted. He read a million books about everything, but it was never enough.

By Enara Siddall

As the old man gripped every page, his knowledge grew like a sunflower exposed to the sun.

By Hugo Bunn.

Deep in the heart of the old man's basement, there were old books about knowledge everywhere.

By Ted Young.

As book Spanish from the library, the greedy man took words with his eyes.

By Connor Siddal.

Andy learnt to read, but one day the words disappeared from the page.

By Wade Powell

He grinned as he looked around the books. He was ready to suck out all the facts and stories, as many as he could.

By Aleigha Powell

Underground in an old man's basement, the knowledge thief pushed open a dusty door.

By Elizabeth Domjahn

As the words vanished on the pages, his knowledge grew bigger and bigger.

By Lucy McLauchlan.

In the wonderful library, there was a secret basement and a man wanted to see what was down there.

By Max Bunn.

Deep down in my village, a thief broke into a library and knocked down all the books.

By Brooklyn Smith

A man determined to find Atlantis was heartbroken until he saw a book saying, 'Guide to the underworld.'

By Cordell Murray .

In Mathematics, Stage 2 have been looking at multiplication and division through using arrays. We've been studying fact families and inverse operations. In Stage 3, we've been building knowledge and realising the fluency and relationships between factors and products. Students have been

recognising the importance of times table knowledge and how this can be a very useful tool throughout all our learning.

We were excited to be part of the National Simultaneous Story Time and joined with hundreds of schools and about 2 million students from around the nation who listened to the *Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. The students loved the back story to the written story and sat mesmerised as the author read the picture book.

We replaced a cupboard in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 classroom with two tote tray trollies. I am very grateful, as are the students for Danielle, Charlotte and Miss Ippoliti for putting these together.

I look forward to seeing you this Friday at the assembly.

Warm Regards,

Pauline



National Simultaneous Storytime

Last Wednesday, our students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime, an annual event that promotes the joy of reading across Australia. This year's chosen book was *The Truck Cat*, written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell.

At exactly 12 noon, we joined over 2 million participants nationwide in a live-streamed reading of the story. Author Deborah ("Debbie") Frenkel shared the inspiration behind *The Truck Cat* before reading the book aloud. Illustrator Danny Snell followed with a fun, guided drawing activity where students learned how to draw a cat, a highlight for many!

It was a wonderful experience that brought storytelling and creativity to life.

We encourage you to continue supporting your child's love of reading by helping them log the books they read as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Every book

counts toward building a lifelong love of literature!



Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

Week 4

Ms Dayhew

- **Piper** – for working well in the K-2 class.

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Nela** – for great running in the Cross Country.

Mrs Fox

- **Lucy** – for great work in mathematics.
- **Annalee** – for consistently working well in class.



Week 5**Ms Dayhew**

- **Colt** - for great effort in mathematics.

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Dallas** – for showing a calm and caring attitude towards others.

Mrs Fox

- **Annalee** – for demonstrating a positive attitude to all areas of her learning.
- **Brooklyn** – for an amazing effort in Math and improvement with reading fluency.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Responsibility

Making good choices

FOCUS

We make safe and kind choices.

ACTIONS

- ✓ I keep my hands and feet to myself.
- ✓ I think before I act.
- ✓ I walk away.
- ✓ I go and talk to the teacher.

Weekly Prize – Vinny and Hugh

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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.

This Thursday night the draw is:

\$19, 000


Meat raffles from Hanwood Butchers.

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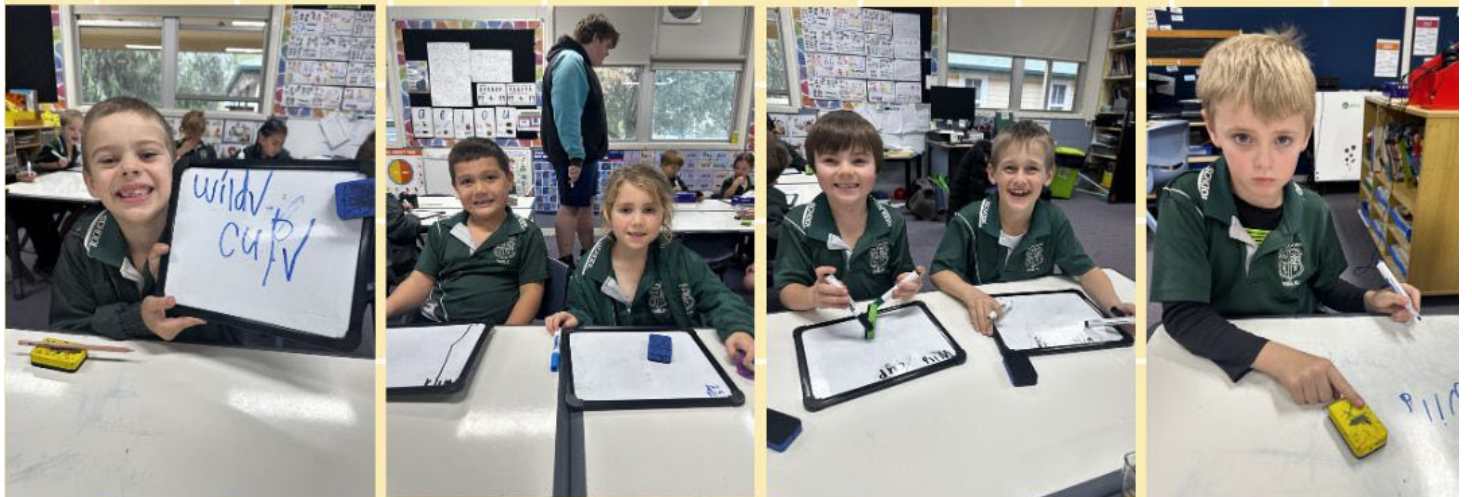
K 1 2 NEWS



IT HAS BEEN A JOYFUL AND BUSY TIME IN OUR K-2 CLASSROOM THIS WEEK. ACROSS ALL YEAR LEVELS, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER, LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER AND BUILDING STRONG CONNECTIONS. IN MATHS, WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING 3D SHAPES - BUILDING, STACKING AND DISCOVERING THEIR UNIQUE FEATURES. KINDERGARTEN IS GROWING CONFIDENT IN SENTENCE WRITING, USING OUR SOUNDS AND SIGHT WORDS TO EXPRESS OUR IDEAS.



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