



Goolgowi Public School

To the Stars



Newsletter Term 1, Week 3

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Calendar

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

Term 1, 2025

Week 3

Thur. 13 Feb.	Student K-6 return
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Week 4

Tues. 18 Feb.	Small Schools Swimming Carnival Year 3-6
Thurs. 20 Feb.	Goolgowi Public School Swimming Carnival

Week 5

Tues. 25 Feb	Mobile Library
Fri. 28 Feb	Clean Up Australia Day Swimming for Sport AFL Trial

Week 6

Tues. 4 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Fri. 7 March	Swimming for Sport Whole School Assembly 2pm

Week 7

Mon. 10 March	Riverina PSSA Swimming
Wed. 12 March	NAPLAN
Thurs. 13 March	NAPLAN
Fri. 14 March	Swimming for Sport NAPLAN

Week 8

Tues. 18 March	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

Week 11

Wed. 9 April	Easter Hat Parade & Assembly
Thurs. 10 April	Mortimer Shield
Frid. 11 April	Last Day Term 1

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another great year of learning. It has been a long break, and I am sure all students are very excited to be returning to school! And I am sure the parents are happy for school to have started also.

We welcome our new Kindergarten parents and new parents to the Goolgowi Public School community, and we are looking forward to getting to know you and the new students.

We are very excited to 'Kick-Off' the school year with a fun filled evening where parents can mingle, talk and relax and children can play. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Further information is included in the newsletter.

This year we are structuring the school as follows:

Kindergarten - Ms Dayhew and Mrs Liddicoat

Years 1-2 - Mrs Liddicoat

Years 3-6 - Mrs Fox

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs Hayley Gordon (Monday)

Library and RFF - Mrs Robertson (Wednesday)

Library Days – Wednesday

Sport – Friday

If you would like to discuss any aspects of your child's learning with the teachers, please make an appointment rather than an unstructured chat in the morning or afternoon. This ensures that the teacher is prepared and allows the teacher time to prepare for the day and attend to things in the afternoon.

I am available to talk to parents so please book a time through the office.

Sport this term is swimming and circus skills with students participating in circuit type locomotion activities for fitness. A detailed swimming note will be sent out.

We encourage students to eat healthy food and choose water as their drink of choice. Students are to bring fruit or vegetables for Crunch & Sip.

It is lovely to see all students in correct school uniform and a school hat. A reminder: No Hat No Play! We want all our students to be sun safe

Software Applications

The school uses four third-party online software applications where student details are recorded. All of these companies have been approved by the Department of Education. The school uses Mathletics, Reading Eggs, MathsOnline and Wushka. These software applications are an important tool for supporting learning in the classroom, they have been successfully assessed by the department from a cyber security perspective and the use of the software applications are consistent with the Department of Education's privacy obligations.

Attendance

Goolgowi Public School has high expectations for attendance are. This means a 95% attendance rate, which is 10 days or less absences a year. Let's all work together to ensure all students reach this goal.



Improved attendance = **Improved outcomes**

Attendance at school is a priority. Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.

Here at Goolgowi Public School we promote high rates of attendance through ensuring that the school is providing quality learning opportunities, it is a safe and welcoming environment, staff are responsive to student needs and are friendly approachable and genuinely care, staff ensure students are engaged and actively participating and are learning and happy.

Road Safety

This term the students in K-6 will be reinforcing their understanding of road safety. The focus will be safety as a pedestrian, safety on wheels and safety in a vehicle. A reminder that the school car park is for staff only.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlie Bunn for receiving the Carrathool Shire Council Australia Day Award for Junior Sports Star of the Year. Charlie is a very talented athlete who actively shines in all sports. He is currently representing the school and Riverina in cricket and has previously represented the school and region in AFL, athletics, cross country and swimming. A very well-deserved award.



Student Parliament and Student Leadership

This year we are developing the leadership skills in all of our Stage 3 students. All students in Stage 3 will have a leadership role. We congratulate Charlie Bunn and Lizzie Domjahn as our school captains for 2025. Our Goannas house captains are Reagan Liddicoat and Aleigha Power and our Rabbitohs house captains are Enara Siddall and Hugo Bunn March. Ted Young is our Student Representative Counsellor. All students in Stage 3 will be active members of the Student Parliament. The Student Parliament has been very successful and well received by all the students across the K-6 school. The Student Parliament provides all students with a voice and all students are actively involved in decision making. We look forward to the Leaders Induction Assembly in Week 5 where all the student leaders will be presented with their badges.



Stage 3



2025 School Captains

In Reach Nurse / Wellbeing Nurse and School Counsellor

Mrs Julia Hopp is our school counsellor and Mrs Lisa Brown is the school Wellbeing Nurse. The school counsellor is a teacher with a major in psychology who has responsibility for providing our school with advice and support in matters relating to student academic, personal and social development, welfare and discipline and provides psychological and other testing as required. It is the role of the school counsellor to provide a comprehensive student support program within the school environment offering counselling with students on a one-to-one basis or in a group setting assisting the students with specific issues, acting as a mediator or providing information on other life skills. Mrs Hopp will liaise with parents, teachers, or other external health providers as needed as part of the counselling process.

Wellbeing nurses are employed by NSW Health and co-located in public schools. Wellbeing nurses work closely with school wellbeing and learning and support teams. They also work closely with local health and social services to support students and their families on a wide range of health and wellbeing issues. Issues may include mental health, social and behavioural support, physical health, and peer or family relationships.

If you would like to see either Julia or Lisa please contact Ms Dayhew (Principal) to discuss further and organize a meeting.

Reading Club

The School Reading Club was very successful last year in encouraging students to read regularly at home. Students in Years K-6 will be encouraged to participate in the Reading Club which will start in Week 4. The Reading Club encourages students to read regularly and for those students to be rewarded and acknowledged for their good reading habits. The Reading Club will operate simultaneously with the Premier's Reading Challenge. The key differences between the programs are that the Reading Club encourages reading on a daily basis and the Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read a certain number of books. Also, the Premier's Reading Challenge stops in August and the Reading Club continues throughout the year and can continue throughout the school holidays and over the weekend. Each time a student reads for 25 days they will be rewarded at assembly with a bookmark award. Students who read for 250 days in the year will be rewarded with a certificate at the annual Presentation Night and be part of the '250 Club'. The Reading Club folder contains further information with the first 1-25 page. Any questions about the program please see your child's classroom teacher.

Tea and Tissues Morning Tea

This morning, we welcomed our new 2025 Kindergarten students and a few new parents. Our annual 'Tea and Tissues' was provided to welcome the new parents and also to support parents in a large change in their world.... their child starting school. I thank the staff and P&C for providing a lovely morning tea.

First Day of School

The first day of school
can be hard for mum and dad.

Part of you feels excited, the other part feels
sad.

For many years you've held their hand and
have been their loving guide.

Now you know the time has come to leave
them by my side.

But it is only for a little while as your child
will learn and grow.

And at the end of every day, they will share
with you all they know.

So as you walk away, don't worry anymore,
I'll take care of all those precious gifts when
you leave them at my door.





Newsletter

The newsletter is sent out every fortnight via email and on School Bytes.

School Volunteers/ Parent Helpers

Goolgowi Public School is very fortunate to have outstanding parent support in assisting us to implement our many and varied school programs. This support is very important to us and a key part of our partnership with parents and community. In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 NSW Department of Education requires schools to have volunteers, (which includes parent helpers) complete a Working with Children Check. This check is free of charge for volunteers but must be completed before entering into child related work. To complete a Working with Children check, please follow the links at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au or come and see us in the office.

School Routines

Please note the following school routines. It is very important for our students to be organised and on time. It is very important for their learning to be at school for our

9:00am start and to avoid missing school unless they are sick. Please come and see me if there is any other reason why your child is not attending school.

Bell Times

- Morning Session 9:00am - 11:15am
- Recess 11:15am - 11:40am
- Middle Session 11:40am - 1:15pm
- Lunch 1:15pm - 1:55pm
- Home Time 3:00pm

Money & Notes Collection

All money and notes should be placed in the grey tin outside the office. Please make sure that all permission notes and money are placed in an envelope that clearly has written on it your child's name and what the money is for on the outside of the envelope. We appreciate your support with this.

Visitors' Sign in at Office

A reminder that all visitors to the school must check in with the school's QR code. This includes everyone, even parents, who enter onto the school grounds between the school hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm. Parents coming to school to pick up their child before 3.00pm, helping out in the classroom for reading or maths, coaching sporting teams at lunch time and on canteen duty are just a few of the examples where parents must sign in.

No Hat, No Play Policy

No hat, no play is a school policy that takes place during the whole school year. It is part of the Department of Education's Sun Smart Policy for School Students.

The aim is for students to be protected from the sun in the early years of their life in the hope that they won't develop skin cancer later on in life. Also, the children are learning the basic skills needed in order to protect themselves from the hot sun.

Students will not be able to play in the sun without a hat and will only be able to play in shaded areas.

You will note that the School Uniform Policy clearly states that the hat is to be a school wide-brimmed hat. This hat protects the

children's face, ears and neck. This policy, and the rest of the school uniform, will be enforced.

School Bytes

Goolgowi Public School uses School Bytes to send out notes, notifications, absences and for parent payments etc. You can access the parent portal and the app using the following information.

If you need any further information regarding School Bytes, please contact the school.

Parents Need to Supply Their Child With Sunscreen

Parents will need to ensure that if they wish their child to use sunscreen at school during the week and especially on sport days and swimming, they will need to supply their own sunscreen (labelled with their child's name) and make sure that your child knows how to apply it to themselves. Due to the possibility of reactions and allergies associated with the large variety of different sunscreens from which to choose from, we as a school are not allowed to provide

sunscreen for the students to use. Nor are other students allowed to lend their sunscreen for other students to use.

Also, due to child protection issues, teachers are not allowed to apply sunscreen to students.

To participate in swimming, students will need to have sunscreen and a swimming shirt. This is needed to ensure that the school's H&S responsibilities are covered.

Students will not be able to participate in swimming without them.

Parents really do need to ensure that the wellbeing of their child is of the highest priority. Many students already have sunscreen permanently in their school bag so that they can use it at any time throughout the school day. If you wanted to send in to school a tube of sunscreen for your child to use at any time, it can be kept at school in their classroom.

Change of Student's Travelling Arrangements

A reminder that if you wish your child in the afternoon to travel home a different way to their normal routine you must inform the school beforehand, **preferably by note**. This includes being picked up by another parent or person, going to someone else's place, birthday parties, etc. We are not allowed to let a student go home a different way unless we have parental permission first. It is also not our responsibility to make phone calls to parents who haven't organised things correctly. If we don't have parental permission for your child's travel arrangements to vary, they will be sent home in the normal way.

Picking Up Your Child After School

While students catching the bus or walking home are required to line up in one of three lines near the office. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wait out at the front gate or outside the school grounds. There are also times when parents are accidentally delayed in the afternoon, and hence it is much safer for the student to be inside the school grounds where they can be properly supervised.

Voluntary School Contribution Fees

Voluntary school contribution fees are \$50.00 per child for the year. **Voluntary** school contributions fees will be invoiced via School Bytes. You can either pay online or in cash at the office.

If anyone needs to, they can speak to the Ms Dayhew confidentially about financial hardship involved in paying the voluntary school contribution fees.

Angela Dayhew
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Respect – take care of yourself and others.

Focus: We are kind to others.

Action

- ✓ We are helpful and use manners.
- ✓ We respond to others in a kind and thoughtful way.
- ✓ We are upstanders! We stand up for what is right.

Community News

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 6 ASIDE 2025

START 9AM

12 YEARS PLUS TO PLAY
BBQ & CANTEEN WILL BE AVAILABLE
BYO ALCOHOL, NO GLASS ALLOWED
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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.





Goolgowi Progress Association

PRESENTS

GOOLGOWI CENTENNIAL BALL

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2025

GOOLGOWI HALL

18+ EVENT (7PM TILL LATE)

\$5 ENTRY

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

SWAMP DAWKINS- BEST LIVE BUSH DANCE BAND