

## Newsletter Term 3, Week 3

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## Calendar

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

### Term 3, 2025

#### Week 3 – Public Education Week

|               |                          |
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| Tue. 5 August | 100 Days of Kindergarten |
| Wed. 6 August | Book Club orders due     |
| Thu. 7 August | KROP                     |
| Fri. 8 August | KROP                     |

#### Week 4 – Antibullying Week

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| Fri. 15 August | Griffith Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival |
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#### Week 5 – Book Week

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| Wed. 20 August | 12 noon Book Parade, Book Fair, Whole School Assembly and BBQ Lunch |
| Thu. 21 August | Author Visit Rhian Williams                                         |

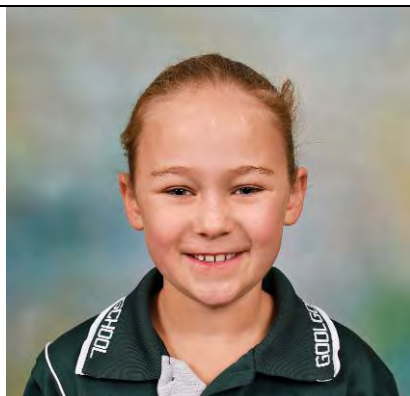
#### Week 6

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| Tue. 26 August | Mobile Library |
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#### Week 7

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| Fri. 5 September | Father's Day Breakfast |
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## Student of the Month



**Lucy**

For trying her best in all school activities resulting in improvements in her learning.

## Principal's Message

This week, our kindergarten students reached an exciting milestone—100 days of learning and growth! From counting to 100 to exploring new stories and making friends, our little learners have shown tremendous enthusiasm and curiosity. To celebrate, we held a special 100 Days of Kindergarten celebration filled with fun activities, creative projects, and a display of the amazing work they've accomplished so far.

We are so proud of our kindergarteners for their hard work and achievements. Here's to many more days of discovery and joy in learning!



### School Hats

Our school policy is No Hat No Play! The students are very lucky to be provided with spare school hats when they forget their own. Unfortunately, the spare school hats have also gone missing. We encourage all parents to look in their cars, and at home to ensure that their children have their own hat, that there are no school hats and if there are, they are returned to school and, to clearly label their child's hat. Some students continue to wear spare hats every day. The spare hats are there for single incidents if a child accidentally forgets their hat. School hats need to be left at school, so they are not forgotten.

We will be ensuring that all students have their own hats and encouraging students to remember their hats. From Week 5, we will be enforcing the No Hat No Play policy. New hats can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$20. We have a limited supply of older style hats which can be purchased at the cost price of \$10.00. From Week 5, the spare hats will only be provided for students to use for outdoor lessons if they have forgotten their hat.

We encourage all students to be responsible for their belongings.

### KROP

All the students are very excited about KROP! The teachers are also excited! They have practiced and perfected our dance, and we can't wait to see them shine on stage.

### NAIDOC Week and Aboriginal Murals

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week which is an important occasion that recognises and celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Throughout the week, we engaged in various activities, including storytelling, making Johnny cakes and art projects that highlight Indigenous perspectives and traditions. Our students learnt about the significance of this year's theme and reflected on the rich heritage of our First Nations peoples.

We also had students from Wade and Griffith High School visit the school and work

with all our students to design Aboriginal murals for the panels in the brick building. All students contributed ideas, and we are very excited to see the designs when completed.



### Antibullying Week 2025

Next week, our school will observe Antibullying Week, a vital initiative aimed at promoting kindness, inclusion, and respect among all students. Students will engage in various activities and discussions focused on raising awareness about bullying and its impact. Our students will participate in workshops, create anti-bullying posters, and learn valuable skills to stand up against bullying.

Together, we can foster a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Let's unite to ensure that our school is a place where all students feel valued and respected!

### Book Week Celebrations and Book Week – Week 5

Get ready to celebrate the joy of reading during Book Week from Monday 18 August this year and throughout Week 5! Our school will be filled with excitement as we dive into the wonderful world of books and stories. Throughout the week, students will participate in a range of activities. We have author Rhian Williams visiting and of course our Book Week Parade.

**Please note the change of date and time.** Our Book Week parade will be held on Wednesday 20 August at 12 noon followed by a BBQ lunch. We will also have a Book Fair where parents and students can

purchase books and other items. Books can also be purchased and donated to the library.

This year's theme, 'Book an Adventure' will inspire us to explore new titles and genres. We encourage all students to come dressed as their favourite book character on Wednesday! Let's make Book Week a memorable celebration of literacy and imagination!



### Phonics Screening Test – Year 1

We are excited to inform our Year 1 families about the upcoming Phonics Screening Test, which will take place between Week 4-6. This important assessment is designed to evaluate our students' phonics knowledge and their ability to decode words. The test involves reading a series of real and pseudo-words to assess their understanding of phonics skills.

The Phonics Screening Test is a great opportunity for our Year 1 students to demonstrate their learning and progress in literacy. It provides valuable insights that help us support each child's reading development. We encourage you to engage with your child at home by practicing phonics and reading together. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for learning!

### TheirCare

We are excited to introduce and welcome Jessica Hanh (or known by the children as

Miss H.) as our new coordinator for Their Care here at Goolgowi Public School. Originally from South Australia, Jessica brings a vibrant energy and a passion for education to our community. Currently in her second year of a Bachelor of Education, Jessica has gained valuable experience working across different primary schools. She recently completed a short placement here at Goolgowi Public School, giving her first-hand insight into our unique environment. She is deeply committed to creating a fun, engaging, and safe space where children can learn and grow. Her enthusiasm and dedication make her a wonderful addition to the school. We are very lucky to have Jessica, and we welcome Miss H. to the Goolgowi Public School community.

Angela Dayhew  
**Principal**

### Book Club

Book Club order forms will be sent out tomorrow.

Please make sure that all returned to school **by Wednesday 6 August.**

**what's happening**  
**in the classrooms?**

### 3-6 News

Term 3 is well underway, and our Stage 2 and 3 students are buzzing with excitement as they prepare for their upcoming KROP performance. I've had the privilege of watching a few of their rehearsals, and I must say, I'm both surprised and thoroughly impressed by how well they remember their choreography and work together as a team. Like many of you, I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing the final polished performance.

Amidst their regular rehearsals, we've continued with our classroom learning.

Thank you for your support with home reading. I am noticing greater confidence as students read with improving fluency and

prosody. It's encouraging to see the student's enjoyment of reading also developing.

Many students are excited as they improve their knowledge of multiplication facts and are learning to apply them in a variety of contexts.

I've included a few photos from our science focus last term, Our Material World. The students explored the role of people and technology in the mass-production of toys. They used their knowledge of properties of materials and designed and produced a toy. Students worked by themselves or with partners. Some very creative toys were designed and students enjoyed the creative process.





In the first part of this term, we've been exploring a hybrid text titled *Desert Lake*, which focuses on Lake Eyre. The students are learning about this fascinating lake and how it transforms with the seasons. We've also been studying the rich and descriptive language used by author Pamela Freeman. Inspired by her writing, students have been experimenting with adverbial clauses and phrases to enhance their own writing. Below are a few examples of their work.

Dark grey clouds filled the sky and rain poured down. Day after today, the dry riverbeds filled and became swamps. The kangaroos dashed through heavy rain finding shelter to stay.

By Lucy McLauchlan

As the dark gloomy and thunder clouds rumbled in the distance, the huge male kangaroos hopped faster than a leopard looking for food and shelter.

By Wade Power

The dark gloomy storm thunders causing the resting kangaroos to sprint across the barren land.

By Enara Siddall

At Kathi Thanda a mob of kangaroos sprinted to a safe place where they could seek shelter from the dark gloomy crackling thunder. The spooky grey rain clouds would soon fill up Lake Eyre's vast crusty desert.

By Reagan Liddicoat

As thunderheads clustered together with grey gloomy clouds, kangaroos bounded across the vast plains seeking shelter. The mobs of kangaroos darted quickly across the

desert plains as rivers filled travelling to the large salty lake.

By Connor Siddall

Bang! Crash! Boom! Thunder and lightning echoed across the vast plains of endless desert. Excited kangaroos hopped as quickly as they could towards the huge lake, Kati Thanda Lake Eyre.

By Charlie McLauchlan

As the dark gloomy clouds rumbled with excitement, kangaroos use their strong tales to help them balance bounce and bound on the crusty red and dry soil.

By Charlie Bunn

Dark gloomy clouds rolled over the dusty red desert as the rain fell and kangaroos scrambled.

By Lizzie Domjahn

In the deep dark stormy night kangaroos bolted seeking shelter away from the dreadful storm. People's feet rushed with the burning salt of the never-ending burn.

By Annalee Harris

The lake grew high as it started raining and the ground cracked in pieces of clay. The kangaroos hopped quickly. Then the rain stopped and the animals came out when they saw water.

By Lilly Pettigrew

As the thunder struck the ground the kangaroos hopped quickly to find shelter. The treacherous clouds appeared gloomy over the kangaroos as they hopped around the vast desert.

By Ted Young

As the clouds roll over the sky, the kangaroos pound the ground with one powerful hop. The kangaroos grey and red, seek shelter as water gushes and swirls towards the dry crusty lake.

By Hugo Bunn

As the thunder rumbled and roared, the kangaroos hopped back to their mob. When the loud trucks drove past the kangaroos, they bolted back to safety.

By Cordell Murray

I encourage all parents to visit the classroom during Public Education Week this week.

**Mrs Fox**

## Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

### Week 2

**Ms Dayhew**

- **Piper** – for trying hard to learn sounds and letters.

**Mrs Liddicoat**

- **Elizabeth F** – for listening carefully to feedback during writing and using it to improve your work.
- **Nathaniel** – for always working hard and following directions with care and consistency.

**Mrs Fox**

- **Xia** – settling well into a new school environment.
- **Lilly** – for improved focus and effort with pleasing results.



### Week 3

**Ms Dayhew**

- **Colt** – for learning to read with expression and fluency.

**Mrs Liddicoat**

- **Nela** – for working hard to make improvements in maths.
- **Dallas** – for working hard to make improvements in maths.

- **Nathaniel** – for always working hard and following directions with care and consistency.

**Mrs Fox**

- **Brooklyn** – for excellent progress with times table knowledge and commitment to home reading.
- **Connor** – for improvement in handwriting and writing an impressive exposition.



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

**Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience**

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <h1>Respect</h1>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <h2>Take care of yourself and others</h2> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>FOCUS</b>                              | We demonstrate responsibility and respect.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ACTION</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We listen carefully to others.</li> <li>✓ We follow instructions.</li> <li>✓ We demonstrate our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience at all times.</li> </ul> |

## PBL Awards

**Weekly Prize** – Hannah & Yazrah

## Community News

### TheirCare

Dear Goolgowi

Welcome back to a new and exciting school term! We're here to support your school community every step of the way.

Our TheirCare team is committed to providing the highest level of service to ensure great experiences for your school, your families, and your students. Whether you have a question, need support, or would like to share feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out.

For your convenience, we've attached at the end of this newsletter a contact card with all your key TheirCare contacts. Our team is always ready to assist you.

We look forward to working together to make this term a memorable one, filled with learning, connection, and fun.

Warm regards,

Shari Beard.

### Goolgowi Exies News

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook

#### 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 HALL COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**AUGUST 30 6:30PM**  
**\$10 ENTRY**  
**6-10 PER TABLE**  
**GOOLGOWI PUBLIC HALL**  
**BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES**  
 TO RESERVE A TABLE CONTACT  
 HAYLEY 0438 237 890 OR TURN UP ON THE NIGHT



## CAMP OVEN COOK OFF

**16 AUGUST**

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

**COOK OFF CHAMPIONS**  
 2 YEARS IN A ROW!

**REGISTRATION**  
 Call the Club or message via Facebook to book your spot

**TIMES**  
**START** from 12pm  
**JUDGING** at 6:30pm  
 \*\*BYO Camp oven & Camp Oven Food

**PATRONS**  
 Everyone is welcome to come down, have a look & taste

**\$15 A PLATE**

02 6965 1308 Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen's Club 9-11 Combo Street @goolgowiexies



# Goolgowi Branch CWA

## LAMINGTON DRIVE

\$15 for a tray of 6

Pick up/drop off will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Payment/orders before Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Payment:** Cash or direct deposit to

**Name:** Country Women's Assoc. Goolgowi Branch **BSB:** 062 548 **Acc No:** 0090 0767

**Please use your name as reference**

You can return order forms in person to Goolgowi General Store – Donna's Diner  
Or text a copy to Eliza – 0428 261 452 or Sally – 0428 688 300

Please advise about delivery/pickup of lamingtons.

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to your community



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Thursday, 7 August 2025  
9AM - 12PM

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### Week 2 Highlights – Stories, Songs, and Stage Prep!

Week 2 was filled with NAIDOC learning experiences, creativity, and performance practice! During Crunch & Sip reading time, we explored Aboriginal Dreaming stories such as How the Birds Got Their Colours, The Rainbow Serpent, and Tiddalick the Frog. These stories sparked great discussions about nature, culture, and the power of storytelling.

We also listened to songs by Aboriginal artists Christine Anu and Yothu Yindi, learning how music can share stories and celebrate identity.

Our class continued reading the 2025 CBCA Book Week short-listed stories and began working on art for the Carrathool Shire Library Book Week competition. Students have shown wonderful creativity, focus, and persistence—we're excited to see the finished pieces!



# NAIDOC WEEK

Last week, the students took part in a range of meaningful activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. The day consisted of a hands-on art session, traditional Johnny cake making, and an outdoor activity where students built huts using natural materials found down the back of the school. We were also fortunate to have students from Griffith and Wade High School visit and work alongside our students to help develop ideas for a special artwork displayed around the school that will reflect our school's connection to culture and community. It was a wonderful week of learning, creativity and cultural celebration.







Goolgowi Public School TheirCare

TERM 3, WEEK 3 ➤ NEWSLETTER

August 2025

## August

The last couple of weeks, the children have been exploring challenging new games!

Planes Monopoly and Kerplunk have been a great hit! Practising patience and teamwork to overcome challenges.



# WACKY Science Week!



**Join us from 11-15<sup>th</sup> August**  
to Celebrate National Science Week at TheirCare!

The theme this year is 'Decoding the Universe – Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language'.

With lots of fun experiments and activities planned for both Before and After School Care, it's going to be a week filled with exploration and wonder. Book in now, at no extra cost to families.

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## FEEL GOOD FIESTA



**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
**When:** After School Care  
**Where:** At Your TheirCare Service!

Join us on R U OK? Day for a magical afternoon of fun and feel-good vibes at our wellbeing party. It's all about happiness and mindfulness as we take part in a selection of calming and self-care activities.

To join in, simply book into service.



**WeCare!**  
Community connection

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**R U OK?**

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