



Goolgowi Public School

To the Stars



Newsletter Term 3, Week 7

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Calendar

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

Term 3, 2025

Week 7

Fri. 5 September	TheirCare Father's Day Breakfast 8:00-9:00am Father's Day Stall 11:15am
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Week 9

17-19 September	Year 3/4 Excursion to Dubbo/Parkes
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Week 10

Tue. 23 Sep. Fri. 28 Sep	Mobile Library Assembly Last Day Term 3 Sports Jersey Day
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Term 4, 2025

Week 1

Mon. 13 October	School Development Day
Tue. 14 October	Students return
Wed. 15 October	Librarian Excursion K-6

Week 2

Tue. 21 October	Mobile Library
Thu. 23 October	Year 6 Transition 9:00- 11:35am
Fri. 24 October	Rankin's Springs Round Robin

Week 3

29-31 October	Year 5/6 Excursion to Canberra
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Student of the Month



Freddie

For always trying his best in class and in all areas of his schooling.

Principal's Message

This week is SAS recognition Week where we recognise, celebrate and thank our non-teaching staff for everything that they do for our students and school. A huge shout out to Jane Brown, Janaya Ippoliti and Danielle Smith who go above and beyond in their support.

This week, students in Year 3-6 completed the Check-in assessment. This is an annual online assessment for students in Years 3 to 9 in NSW Public Schools. All students complete a reading test and a numeracy test. Year 6 students also complete a writing task. The reading assessment covers comprehension, vocabulary and language processes. The numeracy assessment covers number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability. The Check-in assessment supports the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and informs next steps in teaching and learning.

We are looking forward to seeing all the dads, uncles and grandfathers at the Father's Day breakfast on Friday morning from 8:00am.

Goolgowi Students Shine in Trent Barrett Shield Carnival

Last Tuesday, students in Year 3-4 from across Griffith participated in the Trent Barrett Shield rugby league carnival. Students from Goolgowi Public School played in the Small Schools Team made up from students from Binya, Yoogali and Rankin's Springs Public Schools. There were wins and losses and all students had an enjoyable day playing rugby league and improving their skills. Max B. scored a multitude of tries and was awarded Player of the Day. Cordell scored a try and played brilliantly, and Wade and Charlie M had many great runs and tackles. All players demonstrated superb sportsmanship, behaviour and teamwork. A huge thank you

to Jess Burns for helping coach and running the team.



Attendance

Our attendance rate continues to exceed the state and network and is currently at 92.9%.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

School Uniform

Black school shoes form part of our school uniform. Students look very smart when dressed correctly in their full school uniform. A reminder to label all items to ensure they are returned if misplaced.

Book Week

WOW what a great parade! All the students look splendid dressed up as their favourite book character. It is impossible to choose a winner so a random raffle style draw from each grade was used to determine the prize winners. Nathaniel, Colt, Dallas, Connor, Annalee, Reagan and Hugo all received a gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair. The Book Fair raised \$834.00 from which our school receives a 20% commission. We purchased books for the students to enjoy. Thank you to all the parents who attended and purchased and donated books.

Thank you to Lynne and Frank from the Goolgowi Motor Inn for their generous donation. We appreciate how they are always so supportive of Goolgowi Public School.



2025 Book Week Competition

Students from Goolgowi Public School participated in the Carrathool Shire Library Book Week competition. Prize winners for the 2025 Book Week competition include:

Margaret Merrylees Drawing Competition

Kinder to Year 2 students

1st Place – Hannah Harvey

Highly Commended – Lenny Cahill

Highly Commended – Nathaniel Congdon

Margaret Merrylees Writing Competition

Year 3 to Year 6 students

1st Place – Charlie Bunn

Highly Commended – Connor Siddall

Angela Dayhew

Principal



Book Club – Issue 6

Book Club orders are due on Wednesday 10 September 2025.

Payments can be made via **School Bytes**.

what's happening
in the classrooms?

Year 3-6 News

Thank you to everyone for supporting the children with their Book Week costumes. The variety of characters, creativity, and effort that went into the costumes was amazing. The students thoroughly enjoyed the book parade and meeting author Rhiân Williams, who wrote *One Dung Beetle*. I'm sure they went home with many fascinating facts about dung beetles and how these creatures benefit the environment in multiple ways.





I'm sure you'll join me in celebrating the amazing efforts of Stage 2 and 3 with their writing. The enjoyment and creativity they express through this medium is praiseworthy. Hearty congratulations to Connor Siddall and Charlie Bunn for being recognised for their quality writing as part of the Carrathool Shire library Margaret Merrylees Writing Competition. Connor received a Highly commended and Charlie Bunn was awarded first place! Well done boys!

We are now in Week Seven, and the warmer weather has arrived. Goolgowi is certainly showing its picture-postcard charm! As part of our study of *Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre* by Pamela Freeman, students explored blogs and websites that promote this unique part of Australia. In response to our reading, they created their own blurbs to promote their hometown. Their writing reflects both convincing points and a clear love for this special part of the country.





Goolgowi is a small town with a big heart and large events. At Goolgowi Public School there are loving students and you're always welcome when you walk past the red line. Goolgowi has a lot of history in a small school. Goolgowi is a loving town that has a pool and basketball wall. Have you ever wanted to move out of a large city with noise every day? Well, if so, visit Goolgowi with chirping birds, a nice environment and other tranquil areas. Goolgowi also has a post office, motel and other shops. Visit Goolgowi now! Goolgowi is a beautiful place.

By Connor Siddall

Goolgowi may be a small town but big in number and heart. It features three parks, skate park, pump track, pool and general store. You can breathe in unlimited fresh country air. You can see the stars at night and hear the chirping of birds in the morning. No matter how old or young, you will always love Goolgowi.

By Charlie McLauchlan

Goolgowi is known for its lovely kind people. There are a lot of parks and things to do like go riding on our lovely pump track or skate park. We also have beautiful swimming areas like pools and rivers a couple of minutes away. The scenery and sunsets around five or six at night and the sunrise early in the mornings are really a picture of wonder. Every morning you wake up, I guarantee you'll hear beautiful birds chirping. 'It's a small town,' they say but a beautiful environment. The stars are absolutely mind blowing. Weekly I see the Southern Cross with its attractive emu friend.

By Amia Collier

GOOLGOWI is a small town with a big heart. If you go for a walk, you'll experience a beautiful site. The town features two small parks, a pool, golf course, pump track, skate park, football field and a tennis court. If you do not want to cook just duck around the corner and go to the club.

By Lizzie Domjahn

Have you ever wanted to get out of the big city? Well here's the perfect town, Goolgowi. Goolgowi is a friendly community. The town has three parks including a pump track and a skate park. It has a cookoff and a golf day. Goolgowi has a beautiful Ex-service men's club where you can have dinner and then the kids can play in the park right next to it. With a pool you can swim in the summer when it gets hot.

By Ted Young

Goolgowi is a great town but small. In the heart of it is the community. Goolgowi features a pool, three parks, pump track, skate park, golf course and a basketball wall. But the most important feature is the school to keep kids educated. Heaps of people come to the caravan park to visit this amazing place.

By Hugo Bunn

Goolgowi is a small town with a lot of character and different heritage. There is a beautiful school, houses, shops, Carrathool Shire Council, pump tracks, skate parks, a swimming pool and a Ex servicemen's club. Goolgowi has beautiful trees and lots of

nature. There is even some bush walks. One walk is called the Bunyip Walk. However not many people go there.

By Brooklyn Smith

In the classroom, we've also been working hard in Mathematics. This week Stage 2 have been consolidating a range of strategies to efficiently add and subtract numbers, as well as learning to tell time to five-minute intervals on an analog clock. This can be a tricky concept, so any support you can give at home to reinforce their understanding would be very helpful. Stage 3 have been exploring how to partition numbers in non-standard ways. This helps build flexibility and efficiency when mentally calculating with large numbers.

I'll include a few snap shots of work we've been doing with magnets as part of our science unit. We explored how magnetic forces can exert pushes and pulls on objects without direct contact and investigated how magnets interact with different materials. The students enjoyed seeing the magnetic forces at work.

Mrs Fox

Mid-Term Awards

Congratulations to our mid-term award winners.

Principal's Award

- **Dallas** – for improved resilience across all areas of her school.

Ms Dayhew

- **Braithen** – for following school and class expectations.

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Hannah** – for consistently applying herself, excelling in reading and writing, and embracing every challenge with enthusiasm.

Mrs Fox

- **Lucy** - for commitment to home reading and showing improved fluency and expression when reading aloud. Keep it up!

- **Ted** - for always treating others with kindness and compassion and being a positive role model in all school contexts.

PBL Award

- **Elizabeth D** - for consistently demonstrating the school values of Responsibility, Respect and Resilience and being a role model to all students.





Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly award winners.

Week 6

Ms Dayhew

- **Sonny** – for improvement in reading.

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Jaxson** – for working hard to improve his handwriting.
- **Halen** – for working hard to form entertaining sentences.

Mrs Fox

- **Kaidan** – for beginning to apply maths skills independently while solving problems.
- **Lizzie D** – for improving reading fluency and writing some amazing descriptive sentences.



Week 7

Ms Dayhew

- **Piper** – for improvement in mathematics.

Mrs Liddicoat

- **Freddie** – for thinking about ways to make his writing more interesting.
- **Nathaniel** – for being a great role model in class.

Mrs Fox

- **Lucy** – for being proactive in seeking help to improve her math skills.
- **Reagan** – for taking initiative with learning in all class activities.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Resilience

Challenge Yourself

FOCUS

We have a go and speak positively.

ACTION

- ✓ We encourage, support and help others.
- ✓ We respond to challenges and setbacks in appropriate ways.
- ✓ We understand the power of YET!

PBL Awards

Weekly Prize – Hugo & Lizzie D



Community News

Goolgowi Exies News

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Exies Opening Hours

Monday to Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday, 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.

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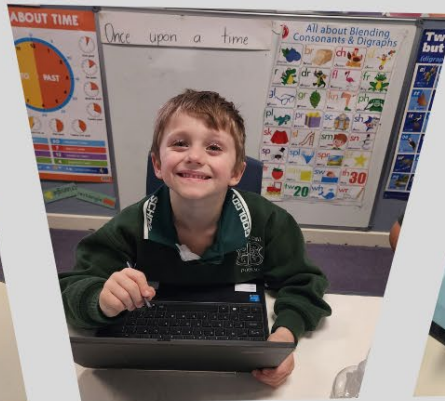
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If you have any community announcements or wish to advertise through our school/community newsletter please contact Janaya by phone or email by Monday afternoon.

Our newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday.



K-2 Classroom News

K-2 have been busy learning about volume and capacity. One of their favourite activities was using the interactive program Gynzy to construct prisms and cubes, then finding the volume by counting uniform blocks.

In PDH, the students have been learning about stranger danger and discussing important ways to keep themselves safe. They have also been talking about when it is an appropriate emergency to call Triple 000.

In science, the focus has been on how combining different materials can create something totally new. This week, the students will be making playdough and discussing how the original materials change during the process.



Book Week





Goolgowi Public School TheirCare

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Book Week!

Last week, the children absolutely smashed book week with their amazing costumes!

We had fun sharing our favourite books with book week activities, and of course, shared what characters they were dressing up as!

We also loved spending time outside playing Ga Ga ball of course, throughout the week.

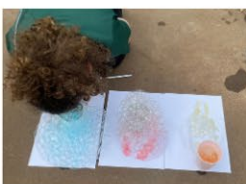


Exploring our theme of shapes & creative activities

Our new learning theme of shapes was a great hit! We explored the shapes around us in our shape scavenger hunt and also created the cutest shape robots!



As always, creative arts and cooking have been very popular to explore!



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