Welcome to our 2013 school year!

Welcome to Our New Families

We would especially like to welcome our new students and new families to our school community this year.

Welcome to Sam Loveridge in Year 5 and his parents, Sally and Robert. We would also like to welcome Zarli Srdoc in Year 2 and her mum Ros back to Goolgowi.

We would also like to welcome our 11 new Kindergarten enrolments and their families to our school.

Goolgowi Public School is well known for its friendly and supportive community and I am sure you will be made to feel most welcome.

I hope you have all had a very happy holiday and are ready and re-charged for a great year of learning and working together so that we can all continue to make Goolgowi Public School the best school it can be.

I am excited and really looking forward to working with you all to make sure that each and every student at Goolgowi is a successful learner.

It is going to be an exciting year as we implement new learning programs for our students. As a result of our successful application for equity funding we have been able to gain some extra teaching time. I will be working in all the classrooms with the teachers supporting literacy and numeracy programs as well as teaching all classes while the teachers have their release from face to face.

Classes for 2013

We have three classes this year;

- Kindergarten/1: Miss Hayley Gordon will be their teacher. Hayley is very excited about teaching Kindergarten/1. Thank you to our Kindergarten parents for supporting our Best Start assessment program and bringing their children in at their appointed time. Kindergarten’s first day of school will be on Friday 8th February and parents are welcome to stay for Tea and Tissues. This will be provided by the P&C.

- Class 2/3/4: We welcome Mrs Beth Liddicoat, who is returning back to work from maternity leave, she will be teaching the children on Thursday, Friday and Monday. We welcome Ms Katie Maher who will be job sharing the class and teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Years 5/6 will be taught by Mrs Alice Robertson

- We also have a wonderful support staff who support our teachers and students. Jane Brown in the office, Bev Furner in

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Up Coming Events

- Friday, 8th February - School Swimming Scheme K-6 12.00-3.00pm
- Monday, 11th February - School Swimming Scheme K-6 12.00-3.00pm
- Thursday, 14th February - Captain & SRC Induction
- Thursday, 14th February - School Swimming Scheme K-6 12.00-3.00pm
- Friday, 15th February - School Swimming Scheme K-6 12.00-3.00pm
- Monday, 18th February - School Swimming Scheme K-6 12.00-3.00pm

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WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 2013
the Library every Wednesday, Julie Muirhead as our support learning officer and Neville Ziebarth as our wonderful General Assistant who keeps our school grounds looking great. I would like to especially thank Neville for all the extra little things he does for us around the school. We are very lucky!

After many years of teaching Mrs Ros Munro has decided to take 12 months Long Service Leave. We wish Ros a very happy time enjoying the company of her grandchildren and family.

Staff Development Day
It is a requirement of our profession to keep up to date with training and development in many areas of our teaching. Yesterday all the staff, including teaching and non-teaching staff trained in the following:

- **Code of Conduct.** As employees of the NSW Department of Education and training, we have significant influence in developing an informed, dynamic and democratic society by providing experiences that inspire and facilitate teaching and learning.
  
  The values that underpin our work include fairness, integrity, respect and responsibility.

- **Child Protection:** All staff have a duty to recognise and respond to safety, welfare or wellbeing concerns for children or young people that arise from or during our course of work. *(The Children and Young Person’s Care and Protection Act 1998, section 23, sets out the grounds for reporting to community services)*

- **Autism/Asperger’s Training:** We have begun an on-line and three sessions of face to face training in becoming more aware, skilled and knowledgeable in teaching students who fall in the Autism Spectrum Disorder. This will ensure equitable student participation in classroom activities by establishing safe and supportive learning environments.

Swim School Starts This Friday
We are so fortunate to have Sharon Power as a qualified swimming instructor to run this very worthwhile program for our students here in Goolgowi at our local pool.

Sharon needs parent volunteers to help run our swim school program. Can you please contact the school if you are able to assist her. Thank you.

Bell Times
The following times are a reminder to students and parents. It is very important for each student to arrive at school on time.

The bell will be rung at:

- **8.55am** - line up for morning assembly
  
  If students arrive after 8.55am they have to go to the office to sign in and it is recorded as a partial attendance.

- **9.20am** - end of morning fitness - time to pack up, have a drink and line up ready for the morning’s lessons (except Monday due to our assembly)

- **11.00am** - recess begins - students sit down to eat their recess.

- **11.25am** - warning bell, students go to the toilet, wash hands

- **11.30am** - end of recess, students line up for class.

- **1.00pm** - lunch begins - students eat their lunch and then are dismissed by the teacher on duty at 1.20pm. Lunch boxes are to be put back in their school bags and sport/play equipment gathered.

- **1.45pm** - end of lunch. Stop playing, equipment returned to the sports shed, have a drink, go to the toilet, wash hands.

- **1.50pm** - students to be lined up ready to begin afternoon activities.

- **3.00pm** - end of school day. Students dismissed, line up either in bus or walkers line, or seated waiting for parents.

School Contribution Fees
School Contribution fees are $60.00 per child for the year. It is important to note that the $60.00 per child only goes a small way towards the total costs involved. The eldest child in each family will be bringing home an envelope next week for you to use to pay your school contribution fees. You can send these back in to the office or see Mrs Brown at school to pay them in person.

If anyone needs to they can speak to the Principal confidentially about financial hardship involved in
paying the school contribution fees. Please don’t hesitate to see Mrs Vernon.

Money & Notes Collection
All money and notes should be handed to the class teacher each morning at the commencement of class. Please make sure that all permission notes and money are placed within 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 Folder at Office
A reminder that all visitors to the School must sign the Visitors Sign In Sheet which is located in the office. 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.

P&C Volunteer’s Sign In Book – This will be situated in the office and will need to be also signed by visitors who will be working in the school canteen and at School Working Bees. This procedure is very important because, as the Principal, I need to know at all times just who is on the school grounds and for what reason.

Thank you for your support and understanding. It will ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors.

Students’ Attendance
- All students are expected to attend all timetabled classes.
- If a student is absent for a day or more, they must bring a note on the day they return.
- If a student is sick and needs to go home, a note MUST be signed by the parent or person who is picking the student up.
- If you will be picking your child up during the day, please call first to the office to sign a partial day absence leave note.
- If you arrive late to school you MUST bring a note to explain why you are late to school. If you don’t then you are marked down as an unexplained partial absence and you are officially trespassing on School Property.
- It is important that teachers and the school know where all students are at all times, as it is part of the school’s responsibility.

Student Banking
Each Tuesday students can bank through the School. School banking is with the Commonwealth Bank and is conducted electronically. If you would like your child to use this service or open an account, please let Mrs Brown know and she will send home the necessary forms and information.

Tissues
Could every student please bring in a big box of tissues for use in their classroom? Every year we seem to go through the School’s supply very quickly. The boxes brought in by the students are used only in their own classroom.

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 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 get 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 this term 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.

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 Friday’s with sport 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 OH&S responsibilities are covered. Students will not be able to participate in swimming without them.
Parents really do need to ensure that the well-being 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 anytime throughout the School day. Parents must make sure that the sunscreen has their child’s name clearly marked on it. 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, students who are waiting to be picked up by parents are to wait under the eating area in front of the Library until their parent comes into the school to pick them up. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wait out at the front gate or outside the school grounds. There is a chance students could be hit by a car or be taken by a stranger. 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. I would appreciate if parents who are picking up students from school in the afternoon could do their part to support this procedure. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Swim Club
Swim Club will start this Friday at 5pm.
ICPA News
There will be a General ICPA Meeting on Friday, 8th February 2013 starting at 7.15pm at the Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen’s Club. Subs of $45 are due to Lee Flood or Jane Brown (at the school) before Christmas.

TAFE RIVERINA INSTITUTE
Distance delivery means that you can study from home and not have to attend classes
The Riverina Institute, Business Faculty is offering the following courses by DISTANCE delivery in 2013 through its Leeton Campus:

- Certificate III in Business (Course 20119)
- Certificate III in Business Administration (Course 17807)
  Both of these courses would allow you to develop knowledge and skills to pursue employment and/or further training in a range of business areas. These courses cover skills using current business technology, writing and communication, plus a number of elective units.
- Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) (Course 17812)
  Develop knowledge and skills to be able to work as a legal receptionist or an administrator in a legal environment. This course is also suitable if you want to work in non-legal offices.
- Statement of Attainment in Processing and Maintaining Financial Records (17820) (MYOB)
  Develop skills and knowledge to enable you to process and maintain financial records in an office environment using MYOB software.

Why not gain a new qualification? These Distance courses are offered by the Riverina Institute through the Leeton campus.
For further information please contact the Campus on 02 6953 9600 or email RICourseInfoLeeton@tafensw.edu.au
Enrolments are open NOW. You can register/enrol online for the courses via www.tafensw.edu.au

The above courses may be offered as face-to-face classes at your local campus, along with other course offerings. For other Distance courses, check out the following TAFE website: http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/online/business

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GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Walking Permission Note for 2013

I give permission for my child /ren ____________________________ to go on walking excursions around Goolgowi (i.e. Post Office, Police Station, Carrathool Shire Council Chambers, Goolgowi Swimming Pool, Goolgowi Recreation Ground, Goolgowi Golf Club etc) from time to time throughout the year of 2013.

I understand that they will be under teacher supervision at all times.

I understand that this consent remains until 19th December 2013, and if I wish to review my consent I should contact the school.

_________________________________  ______________________
(Parent/Caregiver)                  (Date)

GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Swimming Permission Note for 2013

I give permission for my child / ren ____________________________ to participate in the Goolgowi Public School Annual Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday, 22nd February 2013. I understand the children will walk from the School to the Pool in their Sporting Houses.

I also give permission for my child/ren to participate in Friday sport, if applicable. (During Terms 1 and 4 sport for classes is held at the Goolgowi Swimming Pool)

Our family has a Season Ticket to the Goolgowi Pool Yes / No

or

I will pay $1.50 per child entry per day Yes / No

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Parent / Guardian

Dated:           /           /2013
6th February 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

**ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME 2013**

This year the School Swimming Scheme for Goolgowi students will be run over five days from 12.00 - 3.00pm on Friday, 10th February, Monday, 11th February, Thursday, 14th February, Friday, 15th February and Monday, 18th February at the Goolgowi Swimming Pool. Students will walk to the pool. It will be run at the start of the year in order to culminate in the annual school swimming carnival on Friday, 23rd February.

All students will be taking part in the Department of Education & Communities Learn to swim program. Each student will be grouped within their swimming ability level. Teachers and parents/carers will be instructing and supervising these swimming groups.

Students will swim in two groups from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. Students will need to bring their swimmers, swimshirt, towel, sunscreen and hat in a separate bag.

Could you please sign the attached permission note and indicate if you are a Season Ticket holder. Pool entry is $1.50 if you are not a Season Ticket holder. If you are not a season ticket holder could you please indicate if you will pay daily or weekly.

**Permission notes must be returned by Thursday, 7th February**, otherwise your child will not be allowed to participate.

Lucia Vernon

PRINCIPAL
ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME 2013
GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL
GOOLGOWI SWIMMING POOL

PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child / children to participate in swimming lessons for 2013 at Goolgowi Swimming Pool on the above school days. I understand children will be supervised in walking to and from the Pool.

* K-6 from 12.00 to 3.00pm

I understand that inappropriate behaviour will result in my child being withdrawn from swimming lessons, and I have discussed this issue with my child / children.

Please tick:

I am a Season Ticket holder [ ]

I am not a Season Ticket holder and I will pay for each child:

Daily ($1.50) [ ]

Weekly ($7.50) [ ]

Children’s Names: ..........................................................

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Signed: ..........................................................

Parent / Guardian

ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME 2013

I _____________________________ am able to help with the School Swimming Scheme on the following days (please circle):

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