Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Most parents, students and teachers will be meeting together this week to discuss their goals for 2013. This is not a time for teachers to report on your child’s progress, but rather an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher. Discuss your child’s areas of strengths and challenges they may have with learning at school.

We will be asking what the student, teacher and parent goals are for their learning. The person who has the biggest influence on your child’s learning is the classroom teacher. This is a perfect time to learn about learning in the classroom and expectations of your child’s teacher. As well as discussing the parent and students aspirations for their learning.

Student Semester One reports will be sent home in about Week 8 in Term 2 and interviews will be held then to discuss your child’s progress at this time.

HOW2 Learn: Teacher training and development

This Wednesday and Thursday Mrs Robertson and myself will be attending a two day workshop in Griffith along with many other schools from the Griffith area. This is a new and exciting regional initiative teaching teachers Higher Order Ways to Learn …going from good to GREAT.

How2Learn complements the NSW Quality Teaching Model and draws upon a respected body of research, including much of Guy Claxton’s work on Building Learning Power which identifies the higher order ways that enable students to be successful lifelong learners.

This is very exciting as How2Learn is a strategy that helps students develop a clever learner’s toolkit that have powerful influences on student learning.

I thought the following quote from the Equity in Education portfolio, sums up beautifully what public education is all about:

“Splendid in throwing open the doors of our schools to all children of all sects, making no distinction of faith, asking no question where the child has been born, what may be their condition in life, or what the position of their parents, but inviting all to sit side by side in receiving that primary instruction which must be the foundation of all education.” Sir Henry Parkes

Up Coming Events

- P&C AGM - Tuesday, 19th March - 7.00pm
- Monday, 25th March - Young Leaders Day - Sydney
- Thursday, 28th March - Easter Hat Parade - 2.00pm
- Tuesday, 9th April - Hemlock The Acrobat - 2.00pm

Canteen Roster

Wed. 20th March - Emily Barber & Sandy Taylor
Wed. 27th March - Sharon Power & Linda Taylor

IMPORTANT NOTES TO BE RETURNED THIS WEEK

- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Please return this note to school as soon as possible

Student of the Month

David Taylor

For being a caring, cooperative member of the school and for always trying his best.
**Young Leaders Day**

With thanks to our P&C’s very generous donation, all our Year 6 student leaders will have the opportunity to experience the inspiring and motivational 2013 National Young Leaders Day at The Sydney Entertainment Centre.

We will be travelling to Sydney next Sunday morning on a bus with approximately 90 other students from the Griffith Community of Schools to attend the conference on Monday and returning very late on Monday evening. On behalf of the students and parents I would sincerely like to thank the P & C for sponsoring this opportunity and experience for our Year Six students. I am sure they will have lots to report and share with our school community.

**Student Uniforms - Appropriate Footwear**

Please note that student must wear correct school shoes to school. School shoes should be black leather (no slip-ons, canvas, volleys), fully enclosed shoes (no exposed foot), black lace up or Velcro. Please do not send your children to school with slip on, coloured type shoes that look like slippers. These types of shoes do not follow our safety regulations and are definitely not suitable for sport and fitness activities. Thank you for you co-operation and support with this matter.

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**What's Been Happening In The Classrooms**

Mrs Liddicoat has been following up on the Quality Literacy teaching workshops we recently had with Jo Trickett. The students have been reading and studying a high quality literary text, called The Island, by John Heffernan and Peter Sheehan.

The purpose of these literacy sessions is to expose students to high quality tests using modelled, guided and independent learning.

Learning about the way in which authors and illustrators write using high quality literacy techniques. The students then further develop their writing skills by applying the techniques learnt in their literacy sessions.

The students in class 2/3/4 have been learning about similes and here are some student work samples.

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**The Tribe**

Once upon a time there was a tribe. The tribe lived on an Island in the middle of the sea. The people lived in the middle of the ocean.

They hardly smiled and the tribe wore all the same clothes, black and white clothes like magpies. They did not care.

Nicola Barber

The whole tribe were too busy to realise how nice their Island was because they were as busy as a child doing Maths.

Danvir Singh-Clark

Once upon a time there was a hard working tribe that worked as hard as a small John Deere working a paddock.

Their clothes are the colour of an elephant.

Their faces are as big as a car.

Tom Nicholls

In the book “The Island” there is a tribe.

The tribe never laughed and rarely smiled. The whole tribe all wore grey clothes as dull as a stormy night’s sky.

Their noses are as pointy as a hunting knife. They all have different shaped heads like building blocks. The girls’ hair is hanging down like vines in the jungle.

Simon Star

Congratulations to Mrs Liddicoat and her students for all this quality learning that is happening in her classroom.

Class 5/6 have also been very busy cooking, writing, measuring and the seniors have taken on their responsibilities as student leaders with pride.

K/1 are also settling in very well to their new routines and learning at school. Well done everyone.

I hope we all have a great week.

Lucia Vernon

Principal
P&C News
Thanks to all those parents and others who have helped with BBQs during this term. It has been a relief to me to know that there are so many people out there who are willing to step up and help out when I send out emails asking for help.

Our P&C AGM is going to be held tomorrow evening at 7pm in the staffroom. Several committee positions will be vacated as many of our current committee have other commitments. The P&C plays a vital role in our school, providing funds for additional staff and resources to greatly benefit our children.

I urge you all to come along tomorrow night and get involved.

Tania Lucas
P&C President

Year 5/6 Report
So far this term the class has enjoyed some different activities.

Earlier in the term, we researched the meaning of and traditions about Pancake Day. We made pancakes, wrote a procedure on how to make pancakes and wrote a recount about the experience.

In measurement we were looking at the kilometre so we measured the perimeter of the school to see if it was a kilometre. It is approximately 600 metres or .6 km or just over half a kilometre.

Next week on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March, the class will be given time to make and decorate their Easter hats. Students might like to start to think about their hat and create a design for this. We have some supplies at school. Students are encouraged to bring in craft items to make and decorate their hat.

Mrs Robertson

Easter Hat Parade
As you are well aware Easter is fast approaching and it is nearly time for us to have our special Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat parade will be held on Thursday 28th March at 2pm. Parents will be invited to have lunch with the children at 1pm. An Easter Egg Hunt will occur at 1:30pm followed by the Parade and then the announcement of the parade and Club Colouring in Competition. There will be no BBQ on the day and parents will need to bring their own lunch to school.

Students will be making their hats at school and are more than welcome to bring in their own decorations or a hat that they may like to decorate.

Parents are invited to help in the classroom when it is time to decorate.

Start thinking of ideas as the decorating will begin as early as next week!

ICAS Tests
Permission notes and money for the ICAS tests are due back this Wednesday, 20th March 2013.

Guess the Easter Bunny's Name
What is the bunny's name?
The student representative council will be holding a ‘guess the bunny’s name’ competition at recess for the weeks leading up to Easter. Students can buy a guess for 20c. The student who guesses the name is the winner of the bunny itself.

Premier's Reading Challenge
This week recording sheets will be sent home for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Primary classes need to read 20 books, 15 from the PRC list and 5 of own choice. Infants need to read, or have read to them, 30 books, 25 from the PRC list and 5 free choice. Books need to be recorded online, either at home or at school.

Please encourage your child to participate in this very worthwhile program.

Hemlock The Acrobat
On Tuesday, 9th April Hemlock The Acrobat will be performing at Goolgowi Public School. Hemlock is a 45 minute interactive circus show involving equilibrist (balancing) acts and acrobatic feats delivered with flair and showmanship. A question and answer session is integrated into the show to allow young people the chance to find out about
life in the performing world. The cost will be about $5.50 per student. A permission note will be sent home next week.

**DrumMuster**
Drum Muster is held the third Thursday of every month. Bookings are essential. Please call Max Campbell on 6965 1354.

**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Miss Gordon**
- **Renee Martin** - for fantastic participation during morning fitness.
- **Jack Furner** - for receiving 100% in his weekly spelling test.
- **Connor Litchfield** - for a great recount of his adventure collecting hay.

**Mrs Liddicoat/Ms Maher**
- **Danvir Singh-Clark** - for writing a great description.
- **Thomas Nicholls** - for using some great similies in his descriptive writing.

**Mrs Robertson**
- **Bradley Chick** - for great learning in Maths about area.
- **Jack Gordon** - for applying himself to all his learning.

**Reading Awards**

**25 Nights** - Nicola Barber, Hayley Burke, Lucinda Star, Olivia Barber.

**Times Tables Awards**

**2 Times Tables** - Tess Power, Hayden Litchfield, Thomas Nicholls, Simon Star

**SPORTS REPORT**

**School Sport**
It was a little cooler last Friday for Swimming. Most students still enjoyed the opportunity to improve their skills in the water and have some free time to swim. There will be swimming for sport for all students this Friday. Please make sure your children bring their swimmers, swim shirt, towel, goggles, sunscreen and money if you are a season ticket holder. This will be the last day for swimming this term.

**Representative Sport**
Last Wednesday, Lucinda Star and Bradley Chick tried out for the PSSA Soccer team. Both students were successful in gaining a place on the team. Well done.

On Thursday 14th March Olivia Barber took part in a tennis round robin as part of the Small Schools Tennis Team. The Small Schools played Griffith North first and lost so didn't need to do another round. Olivia played really well and enjoyed it. Griffith North won round 2 so will go on to the next level.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Goolgowi Golf**
**Working Bee**
for start of season.
**Saturday, 23rd March at 9.00am.**
Clean up around course and club hours.
Greens to sanded, raked and oiled. Tee off markers and flags to be placed. Fairways to be mowed. There is plenty to do, all welcome.

**Golf Opening Day**
**Saturday, 6th April**
11.00am Hit Off
Ambrose Event
Sausage Sizzle after golf.
Ladies a salad please

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**Carrathool Shire Council**
**Community Consultations**
Carrathool Shire Council is currently undertaking a series of community consultations as part of the review of the Delivery Plan 2012-16.
This will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and priorities for the future of the Shire and for Council to report back on progress against the plan to date.

**Meetings will be held at:**
Merriwagga Hall
Thursday 21 March 2013 3.00 pm
Hillston Ex-serviceman’s Club
Thursday 21 March 2013 7.00 pm
Please take this opportunity to contribute to the vision for your shire.
Enquiries can be directed to the Goolgowi Office 6965 1900

**ICPA Bulb Order**
ICPA bulb orders are due back on Thursday 21st March. Please put money in a clearly marked envelope and make any cheques out to Goolgowi ICPA.

**Swim Club News**
Swim Club will be having Championship Night this Friday. We will need to start at 4.45 as we have 8 races in each age group to get through.
They are swimming for ribbons and points to go towards their final total for the season to determine the age group champions. So if everyone can be there early to help set up to start on time it would be appreciated.

**Autumn Dance**

Saturday 23rd March, 2013
Goolgowi Hall
Music by Ian Stewart

7:30 Dance only: $30 a double.

Assistance with supper appreciated.
Raffle & door prizes.

To book or for more information, call Trevor 02 6965 1181 or Brian 0427 652 365.

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