Term 4 2015

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

Week 2
- Wed-Thur., 14th-15th October: PSSA Athletics Homebush
- Wed., 14th October: Kids Club 3:00-4:30pm
- Wed., 14th October: School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
- Thurs., 15th October: Yr 5 Visit to REEC

Week 3
- Monday, 19th October: Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 11.30am
- Tues, 20th October: P&C Meeting - 7:00pm

Week 4
- Monday, 26th October: Teachers’ Day Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 1:45pm
- Thurs., 29th October: Music Count Us In - 12.30pm
- Sat., 31st October: P&C Halloween Disco 5:00 - 7:00pm

Notes Coming Home This Week
- Uniform Order
- Uniform Information Sheet
- Canteen Menu

Canteen Roster
- Wednesday, 14th October - Dimity Ryan
- Wednesday, 21st October - Sandy Taylor

Principal’s Message
There are many exciting events happening at Goolgowi Public School. Today we welcome our Kindergarten students for their first Kindergarten Orientation Session. You will also find attached to this newsletter a term overview about the exciting learning that is happening in Mr Calwell’s 2/3 class and Ms Sheehan’s 4/5/6 class. Mrs Robertson sent home her term learning overview last week. Class 4/5/6 welcome Caroline Warr, a pre-service teacher from Charles Sturt University, who will be undertaking a 25 day block placement at Goolgowi Public School.

Our P&C is busy organising a fun Halloween Disco on Saturday 31st October. We are all looking forward to this school community event.

School Uniform
I have attached an information sheet about our school uniform. Goolgowi Public School has always taken pride in making sure that all students wear correct school uniform. Please check that your child is wearing the correct school uniform to school each day and the correct school uniform on Friday for sport. If for some reason your child cannot wear correct school uniform, please send a note in to school or contact me. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this matter.

Kindergarten 2016
If you know of any students or families who will be enrolling kindergarten students at our school for 2016, can you please ask them to contact the school for an enrolment form.

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions
1. Monday, 12th October - Morning Session 9.00-11.30 am (including recess)
2. Monday, 19th October - Morning Session 9.00-11.30 am
3. Monday, 26th October - Morning and Middle Session 9.00am-1.45 pm (including lunch)
4. **Monday, 2nd November** - Morning and Middle Session 9.00am-1.45 pm
5. **Monday, 9th November** - All Day Session 9.00am-3.00pm

Please contact Lucia Vernon, Alice Robertson or Jane Brown on 02 6965 1207 if you require more information.

An **Information Session** for our 2016 Kindergarten parents will be held at a time and date suitable for parents.

**What Do They Need To Bring?**

**Sessions 1 & 2** - Hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, small container of freshly cut up fruit for Crunch & Sip plus a small, healthy snack - fruit and/or sandwich for recess.

**Sessions 3, 4 & 5** - As above plus something healthy for lunch, e.g. sandwich, wrap, salad.

Children need to wear shoes and socks and comfortable clothing.

**School Policy - No Hat, No Play**

**what’s happening**

**In The Classrooms?**

Our Building Learning Power Disposition we are focusing on this week is about developing a new craft in the classroom.

**REVISING** is….

- Are you ready to revise your plans as you go along
  - Are you flexible in your learning
  - Do you monitor how things are going
  - Do you review your progress and change tack if necessary
  - Change your plans when you have had a better idea

**PBL** Our school is a PBL school. This means that we focus on positive behaviours for learning and students understand what is expected of them to follow our school values of respect, responsibility and co-operation.

Our main focus for this week is showing respect by using appropriate words and actions. We show respect to all by using appropriate language in the classroom and on the playground and not “paddock” talk. We want our students to learn life-long skills and know that they will be respectful citizens in the wider community. Students who are having difficulties with these skills will need to spend some of their play time learning some more about speaking respectfully to everyone.

**Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.**

**Mrs Robertson**

- **Haley Marshall** - for being an organised learner.

**Mr Calwell**

- **Kirrlee Williams** - for carefully planning her recount during writing lessons.

**Ms Sheehan**

- **Qyarah Harrison** - for looking for links between questions and ideas.

**Reading Eggs**

Congratulations to Charlotte Star, Joshua Jackson and Annabell Liddicoat for completing all their Reading Egg lessons.
Reading Nights

100 Nights - Jewel Shaw

2/3 News

It is great to be back at school after an enjoyable holiday and I am looking forward to a busy term of exciting learning.

Our theme this term is ‘Up and Down, Back and Forth’. We will be investigating the science of forces (pushes and pulls). Students will be performing ‘hands-on’ investigations at school and at home beginning with this week’s homework task.

As part of our theme work we will also be reading and exploring ‘George’s Secret Key to the Universe’ by Stephen and Lucy Hawking and creating original artworks inspired by the amazing kinetic artwork and sculptures of Alexander Calder.

Last week 2/3 enjoyed a reward for achieving their target Dojo point score at the end of last term. The class watched the excellent Australian film ‘Paper Planes’ which not only included themes of resilience and positive relationships but also included a lot of the science concepts we will be investigating this term. The class has been set a target of 5000 Dojo points by midterm and will enjoy another reward if they achieve this target.

Finally; I remind parents that through online programs such as ‘studyladder’, ‘mathletics’ and ‘classdojo’ it is possible for your children to extend and reinforce their learning outside of school and for you as parents to keep in touch with your children’s progress.

Thank you again for your support of your child’s learning.

Jason Calwell

Operation Art News

I would like to thank Sandy Taylor for sending in these photos for our school newsletter. Thank you also, to our P&C for contributing to the cost of framing the children’s Operation Art works. Goolgowi Public School has had a long tradition of supporting this worthy cause. Congratulations to Tom, Harrison and Dylan for making it to the first round of this exhibition.

Over 700 artworks by young creative students from across New South Wales from Kindergarten through to Year 10 are on exhibition at the Newington Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. The works are all in the name of Operation Art, which provides students with the opportunity to design cheerful artworks to aid the healing process of patients at The Children’s Hospital, Westmead.

Tom Taylor and his family had the opportunity during the holidays to be able to visit the NEWINGTON ARMORY GALLERY where the operation art is currently being displayed. Once the exhibition is completed, a carefully selected 50 finalists will then go on display at the Art Gallery of NSW, before ending up adorning the wards at the Hospital.
Sports News

This week we wish Cody Headrick the best of luck as he heads to Sydney the PSSA State Athletics Championships. Cody will be competing in the 10 year boys’ high jump and has been practising hard. We know he will do himself, his family and his school proud.

As noted last week our sport focus for this term is team sports with a focus on summer games involving bat and ball such as cricket, softball and teeball. In morning PE classes will focus on game skills such as catching and throwing and two handed strike techniques.

As usual term 4 means swimming for sport and this term Goolgowi PS will be conducting swimming classes during week 10 and swimming for sport during the later part of this term.

Jason Calwell
Sports Coordinator

P&C News

This term, we are looking forward to holding our Halloween Disco, Saturday 31st October at the Community Hall.

Please note, that this is open to all who live in the Goolgowi area, not just attend school here. If you are able to help in any way (novelty cupcakes, decorations etc) could you please contact Christine Leidl 0474 477 803 or Cheryl Wray 0401 031 147.

We will be holding a P&C Meeting on Wednesday 14th October, 6pm at the School Common Room to discuss the Halloween Disco.

The P&C will be having a meeting on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm in the multi-purpose room. All parents and citizens are very welcome to attend.

Christine Leidl

Canteen News

In Term 4 there are two new items on the Canteen Menu.

- Smooze Fruit Ice in coconut & pineapple or coconut and mango flavours for 70 cents each.

- Quelch Fruit Sticks 99% Fruit Juice for 70 cents each.

Students will bring home the updated Canteen Menu today.

Starting tomorrow we will be selling the Smooze Fruit Ice and Quelch Fruit Sticks at recess every day.

Uniform Order

Sent out with today’s newsletter is a uniform order. If you would like to order any uniforms, please return the order to school by Friday, 23rd October. Please ensure correct money is returned with your order form. No uniforms will be issued without payment in full.

If you have any queries regarding uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Jane Brown
**DrumMuster**

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

**After School Kids Club Hosted By LifeSource Church**

Term 4 will again see After School Kids Club run again at Goolgowi Public School from 3:00pm to 4:30pm on the following dates.

- Wednesday, 14th October
- Wednesday, 11th November
- Wednesday, 9th December

The After School Kids Club is run by authorised volunteers of LifeSource Church with the blessing of the school. There are Christian themes shared with the children through activities which include craft, games, story time and songs. Fruit and drinks will also be provided.

There is no cost involved but any donation would be gratefully accepted.

Students need to return the signed permission note sent home last week before they are able to attend Kids Club.

**Parent Tips**

**A Quick Bite …**

**A Good Sleep Routine**

Is bedtime a struggle at your place? A simple, predictable routine might make a huge difference!

- Your child may want to stay up later and seem full of beans but that does not mean they don’t need sleep. Well ahead of bedtime let your child know what you expect – discuss some rules including a set bedtime. Avoid stimulating activities and have some calming activities before bedtime.

Avoid confrontation and revisit the rules so that they know what to expect. Tuck your child into bed and leave their room while they are still awake. If they call you or come out avoid discussion, return them to bed, remind them it’s time for sleep and “be boring!”

Acknowledgement: Melbourne Children’s Sleep Centre

For more information visit
mhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

**Community News**

**Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen’s Club**

CALCUTTA TICKETS NOW ON SALE 50 CENTS EACH (MULTIPLES OF $5.00)

AUCTION held SATURDAY 31st October

THE COMMITTEE HAVE REGISTERED FOR AN “NGR” CARD WITH EMERALD GRAINS

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

THE CLUB WILL BE OPEN on TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER FOR A PRIVATE FUNCTION BUT WILL ALSO BE TRADING NORMALLY

**BINGO THIS WEEK**

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMENCING 7.30 PM

SUPPORT FOR BINGO HAS BEEN LACKING THE LAST FEW MONTHS WITH BINGO BEING CANCELLED A NUMBER OF TIMES DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE, IF YOU DON’T SUPPORT THESE THINGS WE WON’T BE HAVING THEM. IF THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ANY PART OF THE FORMAT FOR BINGO PLEASE LET ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW.

POOL COMPETITION = FORTNIGHTLY FRIDAY NIGHTS ONLY $5 entry fee
COMMENCING 23rd OCTOBER, 7.30PM.

You must be a current financial member and on the premises at the time of the draw this THURSDAY NIGHT BETWEEN 7 & 9 PM for a chance to win $17,400 as Whitton was drawn out last week but the money was not claimed.

HAPPY HOURS
SATURDAY’S BETWEEN 4-6 PM.

With Silly Season fast approaching, please think about your end of year functions and BOOK now!

FUNCTION BOOKING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB. PH: 6965 1308

KITCHEN HOURS: THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS 6-8.30 PM

REMEMBER IT IS YOUR CLUB, PLEASE COME AND USE IT, OR YOU WILL LOSE IT

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Our newsletter is published on Monday.
This Term in 2/3C

SCIENCE UNIT THIS TERM IS

Push and Pull

In ‘Push and Pull’ students will be exploring the properties and uses of water. Through collaborative investigations students will pose questions and develop their own strategies to answer them. Through this unit students will explore the laws and workings of the physical world. Students will complete a home investigation focussing on how forces are applied around the home and some of the great minds who have explored these ideas through time.

LITERACY

Our shared novel this term is ‘George’s Secret Key to the Universe’. Students will follow George as he explores the wonders of the universe with the help of his unusual neighbours and a very grumpy, but brilliant, computer. Our writing will focus on information texts of various kinds as we learn how to share information. Students will read, explore and create their own informative texts. Students will continue to improve their reading skills through daily practice and focus on improving reading strategies.

MATHS

This term 2/3 will continue to focus on improving the skills of all students in the various strands of Mathematics through daily practice and hands on investigation. Students will learn through fun, practical activities that reinforce important mathematical concepts.

SPELLING CITY

Students will continue to use SPELLING CITY which is full of fun and educational activities to help children learn their list words. Children have a username and password to access it.

HOME LEARNING

Students are given a range of home learning choices each week including spelling, math and reading and whilst home learning is not compulsory all students should endeavour to be reading for at least 20 minutes every night to ensure continued improvement. Home learning is supported by a variety of online learning tools including Mathletics, Spelling City, Reading Eggs and Studyladder. All students have individual login details for these programs.

CREATIVE ARTS

Alexander Calder is our featured artist for the beginning this term. His brilliant and colourful use of moving and balanced works is an excellent and creative application of our science learning this term. We will be creating three original works by the middle of term.

Thank you for supporting your child’s learning
Jason Calwell
Baby Chicks Visit K/1

Today Annabell and Sam brought their baby chicks into school for show and tell. The students in the K/1 were very interested and excited to learn about the chicks. All the students had the opportunity to pat the chicks and write about their experience with the chicks. Finally, they finished off the morning reading the story ‘Hattie and the Fox’ by Mem Fox and doing the chicken dance.

Charlotte Star Year 1
Sam and Annabell brought in some small, cute and soft chickens that had speckled wings. They were nervous. The chickens were not interested in the food that Sam, Annabell and Mrs Liddicoat brought.

Jordan Williams Year 1
Annabell and Sam brought two chickens into class this morning. They are fluffy. The chickens did a poo and they are cute. The chickens went up Mrs Robertson’s shirt.

Harry Turner Kinder
The chickens weren’t hungry. The chicks were fluffy and yellow.

Mikaere Murphy Year 1
The chicks were fluffy and they were just to going to Annabell. The chicks did a poo and their heads went back and forth when they walked.

Alexis Ball Year 1
The chickens are fluffy and soft. We got to hold them. I know all about chickens. Annabel’s chickens are cute. There were two and they did a poo and one went under Mrs Robertson’s dress. It was funny.

Annabell Liddicoat Year 1
Today, I brought two fluffy baby chicks into school. They were cute and cuddly and they did a poo on the carpet. The mother was very protective. They are very delicate so you have to be careful when you are holding them.
TERM 4

ROBOTICS
Students continue to have a fantastic learning experience with the EV3 robots. Robotics has developed and encouraged students to work in teams; developing their skills to communicate and brainstorm. Students have gained hands on experience with construction and programming. Robotics will continue again this term.

LITERACY - INFORMATIVE TEXTS
Students will be looking at Informative texts this term. The primary purpose is to provide information. They include texts which are culturally important in society and are valued for their informative content, as a store of knowledge and for their value as part of everyday life. These texts include explanations and descriptions of natural phenomena, recounts of events, instructions and directions, rules and laws and news bulletins.

SCIENCE THIS TERM IS EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES
We will be studying a unit on EARTHQUAKES this term. Students will be looking at sudden geological changes and extreme weather conditions and the affect these conditions have on the earth's surface.

In addition to our daily maths lessons students will be completing some fabulous learning projects over the term using Mathematics & Design & Technology. YEAR 5/6 will be designing their own dream home. Students will be using many mathematical and design processes within a real life scenario including budgeting; with the final outcome being a completed house design with all costings.

Year 4 will be completing a money smart project called It's raining cats and dogs ... and chickens? In this unit students will be investigate the financial and non-financial costs of becoming a pet owner.

Students have continued access to the above programs.
CREATIVE ARTS

Students will continue to study famous artists and artwork, creating their own fabulous art.

Singing will continue again this term. Students will start preparing shortly for the end of year concert.

PDHPE

Each week in PDHPE the focus will continue to be on our values: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and CO-OPERATION.

SPORT each Friday will focus on ball skills, until swimming starts later in the term.

HOME LEARNING

Students are expected to complete home learning activities each week to reinforce their learning. Please be aware that home learning is not compulsory however all students need to be reading a minimum of 20 minutes every night to ensure continued success.

[Image of reading chart showing the benefits of extra reading minutes per day]