Term 4 2015

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

Week 3
Tuesday, 20th Oct. P&C Meeting - 7:00pm
Thursday, 22nd Oct. Little Geko’s Playgroup 9.30am

Week 4
Monday, 26th Oct. Teachers’ Day
Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 1.45pm
Borambola Medical & Consent Forms Due
Thursday, 29th Oct. Music Count Us In - 12.30pm
Saturday, 31st Oct. P&C Halloween Disco 5:00 - 7:00pm

Week 5
Monday, 2nd Nov. Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 1:45pm
Thurs., 5th Nov. Mobile Library
Fri., 6th Nov. Whole School Assembly 12:00pm
Borambola Payment Due

Notes Coming Home This Week
- Learn to Swim Brochure

Canteen Roster
- Wednesday, 21st October - Sandy Taylor
- Wednesday, 28th October - Dimity Ryan

Student of the Month
Charlotte Star
For an enthusiastic learner who displays cooperative behaviour.

Principal’s Message
Welcome to week 3.

We are all extremely proud of Cody Headrick for his courage and determination to do the best he could at the PSSA Athletics Carnival. He was well supported by his family, friends and Mr Calwell who gave Cody some extra training. Well done Cody you have done yourself proud.

This week we welcome Mrs Dale Zambon who is teaching K/1 while Mrs Robertson is on Long Service Leave.

Have a great week everyone,
Lucia Gargaro (Please note I have gone back to my maiden name)
Principal

School Council

Last week we had a very successful, informative and productive school council meeting. I would like to thank Sue Armstrong, Sam Taylor, Christine Leidl, Dee Furner and Alice Robertson for attending.

The school is currently looking for nominations for two parent members for the Goolgowi Public School Council.

To help make your decision whether you would like to become a member of the School Council the following information is provided.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

3.2 Objectives
The School Council will:

i) be a forum where issues relating to broad school policy development can be discussed and determined ensuring that the school community is consulted and a wide sample of opinions is included in any discussion of such school policy issues.
ii) ensure that the role of the Council (as set out in Section 4) is carried out in an efficient and effective manner).

iii) actively promote the School within the community and encourage community participation in the school.

iv) be sensitive to the welfare of the pupils of Goolgowi Public School.

v) facilitate effective communication between school and parent organisations.

vi) consult with Principal and staff to determine the most effective use of the resources of the school.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION

5.1 The composition of the Goolgowi Public School Council will be as follows:

i) The Principal as Executive Member.

ii) The President of the P & C or where applicable an executive member of the P & C Association.

iii) Four (4) parent members elected from the Goolgowi Public School Community.

iv) Two (2) school staff members elected from teaching and non-teaching staff.

v) Up to two (2) community members appointed from local government/business/industry or other relevant groups from the local community.

Total number of Councillors is nine (9), or possibly ten (10).

5.2 EXECUTIVE MEMBER

5.2.1 The Principal of Goolgowi Public School is automatically the Executive Member of the Council, who automatically assumes the role of treasurer.

5.3 PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ EXECUTIVE MEMBER

5.3.1 The President of the Goolgowi Public School, Parents and Citizens’ Association is automatically a member of the Council.

5.3.2 Where the President of the Goolgowi Public School P & C Association declines to join the Council the Goolgowi Public School P & C Association should identify another executive member for this position.

5.3.3 The Goolgowi Public School P & C Association Executive Member who joins Council is to provide a report of each Council Meeting at the next P & C Association meeting.

5.4 ELECTED MEMBERS

5.4.1 A Secretary must be appointed to the Council from the elected Parent Representatives (or may be a staff member if approved by the SD).

5.4.2 The Secretary must make available a written report from each Council meeting, in the Staff Room, or by request to any school community member, within fourteen (14) days of each Council meeting.

5.4.3 A member of Goolgowi Public School staff may not be a parent member on the Council.

5.4.4 At least one (1) school staff member must be a teacher at Goolgowi Public School.

5.4.5 One (1) of the elected staff members must provide a report of each Council meeting to all school staff within fourteen (14) days of the Council meeting.

5.4.6 An elected member representing the school staff or the parents may be removed by the respective group, following a special general meeting of the relevant constituency, called for that purpose.

5.5 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

5.5.1 A currently employed member of the Goolgowi Public School staff cannot be a community member on the Council.

5.5.2 An appointed member can only be removed in accordance with the Constitution Section 16.3.

5.5.3 A community member may also be a parent or relative who owns or operates a local business.

5.6 CO-OPTED MEMBERS
5.6.1 Council may co-opt other members of the community to assist the Council for a specific purpose and for a specific period.

5.7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

5.7.1 At least one (1) representative of the Goolgowi Public School Student Representative Council has the right to attend meetings of the Council subject to Council's approval.

5.7.2 When a Goolgowi Public School Student Representative Council Representative attends a Council meeting she/he is to provide a verbal report to the next Pupil Council Meeting.

5.7.3 The Goolgowi Public School Student Representative Council representative attends a Council meeting as an observer only and does not have any voting rights.

5.8 GENERAL

5.8.1 A person who is a member of a School Council at another school cannot be a member of the Council except with the approval of the relevant SD (Riverina North-West Region).

6. TENURE OF COUNCIL

6.1 The term of office for elected/appointed members of the Council will be two years, commencing the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 Elected/appointed Council members may hold office for no more than two (2) terms of office consecutively, i.e. elected/appointed members may hold office for no more than four (4) years consecutively.

7. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 Elections for members to represent the school staff and parent community will take place in April.

7.2 Announcement of Council members representing the school staff and the parent community will be made in the School Newsletter.

7.3 METHOD

7.3.1 Election for Representatives of the School Staff and the Parent Community.

i) The Principal will arrange for the compilation of a list of eligible voters in each constituency before elections take place and will act as Returning Officer.

ii) All members of the school staff are eligible to vote for their representatives on the Council.

iii) ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR THEIR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL.

iv) Notification of election procedure will be published in the School Newsletter so that all school staff and the parent community have the opportunity to nominate and to vote for their particular representatives.

v) Nominations are to be submitted by the advertised closing date, in writing, on the form provided. Each nominee must be PROPOSED and SECONDED by members of the constituency he/she is to represent.

A nominee must sign the nomination form indicating willingness to accept the nomination.

vi) If more than the required number of candidates is nominated, the Principal will ensure that an election is conducted so that all members of the respective constituency have the opportunity to vote for their representatives.

vii) Any election for school staff or parent representatives will take place by secret ballot through personal delivery to a ballot box or postal vote to the school.

viii) The results will be published in the School Newsletter.

7.3.2 Community Members

i) The SD (Riverina North-West Region) shall appoint the community member.

ii) The Principal and the President of the Council, in consultation with the SD (Riverina North-West Region), shall recommend members from local government, business, industry and,
where necessary, other relevant groups in the associated community for consideration by the SD (Riverina North-West Region) as the appointed community member.

iii) Appointed members shall be confirmed at the first meeting of the newly constituted council.

Current members of the School Council are: Principal, Lucia Vernon; P&C Representative - Christine Leidl; Parent Representatives - Sam Taylor and Dee Amor; Community Representative - Sue Armstrong; Staff Representatives - Alice Robertson and Beth Liddicoat.

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

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

In The Classrooms?

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

DISTILLING….drawing out the lessons from experience…when you use this muscle you…

- Mull over experiences
- Draw out useful lessons from experiences
- Identify features that are likely to help you elsewhere
- Think about where else you might use these lessons
- 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.

Words such as “please”, “thank you” and “excuse me”, need to be used in our everyday interaction with our peers, teachers, parents and visitors.

It is such a pleasure to see and hear students who automatically use these words without
having to be reminded. This is something that parents teach their children every day at home.

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 and remembering to use their manners.

**Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.**

**Mrs Robertson**

- **Jordon Williams** - for reflecting on things that he has learnt to apply to new learning.

**Mr Calwell**

- **Brooklyn Headrick** - for continually reviewing and revising her learning to improve her skills.

**Ms Sheehan**

- **Cameron Langridge** - for reflecting on different approaches to effectively complete difficult work.

**Reading Awards**

75 Nights - Joshua Jackson
100 Nights - Joshua Jackson

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**Borambola Excursion - Year 4/5/6**

Year 4/5/6 students that are attending the Sport and Recreation school camp at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre must complete a Medical and Consent Form by the 26th October 2015.

All information that is required was contained in the note sent out in Week 1.

**Please complete** the Medical and Consent Form at:


If you require assistance with completing the form, please contact the school.

Final payment for the excursion is due on Friday, 6th November.

**K/1 News**

The focus for K/1 home learning for the next few weeks will be on reading. Please try to make time to listen to your child read and read to them. Discuss the book. What was it about? What were the characters like? What happened first? Next? How does it end?

Year 1 will have spelling words to learn.

Mrs Robertson

**Book Club**

Book Club orders are due back this Wednesday, 21st October. Please make cheques payable to Goolgowi Public School.

**Sports News**

Last Thursday Cody Headrick represented Riverina and Goolgowi PS at the PSSA State Athletics carnival at Homebush Stadium in Sydney.

Cody trained hard leading up to each carnival and has improved his performance dramatically since our school carnival. In a field of over 40 on Thursday Cody finished 19th with a final clearance of 1.25m. The eventual winner of the event jumped and amazing 1.41m.

Cody’s achievements so far this year have been outstanding and he has represented his school and region with pride and sportsmanship. Congratulations Cody.
own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 10th March 2016.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2017, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 13 October 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shspplacement. The application website opens on 13th October 2015 and closes on 16th November 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 13th October 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

If you require any further information please contact the school.

P&C News

Thank you to those who attended the P&C Meeting last Tuesday.

There will be a P&C meeting tonight, Tuesday 20th October at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Please see the attached note for our Halloween Disco.

Helpers will be required on the night or for making sweets.

If you are able to help out please contact Christine Leidl 0474 477 803 or Cheryl Wray 0401 031 147

Intention To Apply For Year 7 Entry To A Selective High School In 2017

Last week a note was sent home to Year 5 students asking them to indicate their intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2017.

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their
Thank you to those who have already offered some assistance for the night.
Christine Leidl

**Uniform Order**

Uniform orders are due on **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.

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**

**Community News**

**Swim Club**

Swim Club will commence on the 6th November from 5 pm.

There will be an AGM at 5.30 followed by registration, a few laps and a BBQ.

Hope to see you all there!

**ICPA General Meeting**

All ICPA parents are invited to the **ICPA General Meeting to be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 27th October** at the Goolgowi Pub with dinner afterwards.
This meeting is essential now because we have been reminded to be prompt with the subs by the Federal Treasurer, and please note that due to an increase the Subs are now $50.

Please mark this down on your already full calendar ladies. Life is getting busier and finding time to sit down, enjoy a meal and catch up on families and friends are becoming rare. We have a few things to discuss re ICPA but other than that just come, have not to cook and enjoy a relaxing night off.

Goolgowi Golf News
On Saturday, 10th October closing Day was held. A Canadian Event was held.
Winners Geoff Elliot & Ray Christoff.
RU Owen Pascoe & Neil Perkins
Ladies Robyn Brown & Jenny Nicholls
On Sunday, 11th October Geoff Elliot, Ray Christoff, Neil Perkins and Glen Bock went to Lake Cargelligo Open Day. All enjoying the day.

Swim & Survive Classes
Summer is just around the corner and Sport and Recreation will again be delivering Swim and Survive lessons throughout regional NSW.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program caters for children from 18 months through to 12 years of age. Our lessons provide intensive water familiarisation and learn to swim classes, generally held over eight or nine consecutive weekdays.

Our friendly, qualified instructors will teach basic skills on how to enjoy the water safely and the techniques needed to become a strong and confident swimmer.

All enrolments for Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program should be directed to www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or client service centre on 13 13 02.

Newsletter Sponsors
Thank you to all our community businesses who support our school newsletter. We really appreciate your support.

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

Our newsletter is published on Monday.

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K-6 HALLOWEEN DISCO

All K-6 students are invited to a P&C Halloween Disco.

Saturday 31 October 2015

5 – 7 pm

Goolgowi Community Hall

Gold coin entry

Items available on the night:

- Sweets 50c
- Sausage Sizzle $1.50
- Drinks $1.50

- Glow Items from $1.00

There will be a Parents area for those parents wanting to stay.

 Helpers needed for the night or for making sweets.