Term 4 2015

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

Week 4
Monday, 26th Oct.
Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 1:45pm
Borambola Medical & Consent Forms Due

Wednesday, 28th Oct.
Grandparents Day 10:00

Thursday, 29th Oct.
Music Count Us In - 12:30pm

Friday, 30th October
Teachers’ Day

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
Swimming Starts

Week 6
Monday, 9th Nov.
Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 3:00pm

Wednesday, 11th Nov.
Remembrance Day

Notes Coming Home This Week
• Nil

Canteen Roster
• Wednesday, 28th October - Dimity Ryan
• Wednesday, 4th November - Michelle Farlow

Student of the Month

Charlotte Star
For an enthusiastic learner who displays cooperative behaviour.

Principal’s Message

This week we celebrate Grandparents Week.

Grandparents play a vital role in our lives. It has been proven many times over that when young children and senior citizens, elders or grandparents spend time together forming strong positive relationships the wellbeing of both improves enormously.

Spending time together, sharing stories, laughing, listening and learning from each other can have an amazingly positive impact for both the child and the grandparent.

Our students have written letters of invitation to their grandparents inviting them to our school on Wednesday morning at 10 am to visit classrooms and share in their classroom learning.

Afterwards the students will be joining them for morning tea. Our P&C is catering for the morning tea. Some of our students are very fortunate to have grandparents living close by. Students may also invite other senior relatives or friends who are close to them.

Our Little Gecko’s Playgroup has been a great success. This has been a fantastic initiative by Beth Liddicoat. It was wonderful to see so many mums, babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers having fun in the school library.

Have a great week everyone,

Lucia Gargaro (Please note I have gone back to my maiden name)
Principal

Whooping Cough

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters.
Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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

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 Zambon

- **Jarod Harris** - for asking questions to clarify his understanding of difficult topics.

Mr Calwell

- **Kadon Williams** - for making connections between all of his learning and his general knowledge.

Ms Sheehan

- **Lily Taylor** - for identifying features in her learning to use/transfer to other learning.

**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 today, **26th October 2015**.

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


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

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

Each Friday at lunch time till the end of term the SRC will be selling either ice-creams or ice-block as a fundraiser.

This Friday the SRC will be selling chocolate coated ice-creams with 100s & 1000S at lunch time for students to purchase for $2.

**Sports Report**

So far this term students have been learning and practising the skills of bat and ball team sports such as cricket, softball and tee ball. This Friday will be the last day of these activities.

Beginning next Friday, with the opening of the Goolgowi Pool Goolgowi Public School students will be participating in regular Friday swimming activities for sport.

Our intensive ‘swim school’ classes will take place every day in week 10.

Thank you for your support of these learning opportunities.

Jason Calwell
Sports Coordinator
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 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/shsplacement. 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

The P&C have had a busy week.

Firstly, thank you to those who were able to attend the P&C Meeting last week.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th November at 7pm.

Last week, we were given the opportunity to run a canteen for a Girls High School Tackle Football Day run by the NRL at the Goolgowi Sports Ground. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Corinne Waide and Linda Taylor for helping in the Canteen and also to Adam Waide and Billy Hale for running the BBQ on the day.

Grandparents Day is being held on the 28th October. There will be a morning tea run for the grandparents. If you are able to bring in any baked goods, slices, scones and jams etc that would be most appreciated.

This week we have our Halloween Disco on. Preparations are well under the way and it’s great to hear from the kids what they are coming dressed up as.

We will be having a meeting Wednesday 28th October at 6pm for anyone who is helping out or would like to help out at the Goolgowi Ex Servicemen’s Club.

The P&C will be donating the money raised on the night to the 4/5/6 Borambola Excursion to help cover the cost of travel.

Christine Leidl
0474 477 803

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, 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…**

*Breakfast: Quick, Healthy Ideas for a Great Start*

Here are some quick and healthy breakfast ideas that even children can prepare. Encourage your child to have a go at getting their own breakfast ready as they grow and their skills develop.

- Fresh fruit
- Wholemeal or multigrain toast with toppings such as cheese, baked beans or avocado
- Porridge – quick oats
- Muffins
- Crumpets
- Yoghurt
- Cereals such as muesli or wheat flakes
- Boiled egg with toast


**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.

Sandy Taylor

**RCAV Waiting List**

The waiting list for enrolments at the Riverina Children’s Activity Van close on **Friday, 6th November**. The Van visits: Rankins Springs - Tuesday; Goolgowi - Tuesday and Wednesday; Barellan - Wednesday and Thursday; and Darlington Point - Thursday and Friday.

For further information, please contact rcavpreschool@bigpond.com.

**Gunbar Christmas Tree**

Christmas comes but once a year – join us for some holiday cheer!

All are welcome!

- Medieval activities for the kids (may need some clothes)
- Food & drinks to purchase
- Take your own Santa photos (parents, please bring a photo of your child to show)
- Free refreshments for the children
- Over $1500 in fabulous prizes to be won
- Bring a sweater and don’t forget your camera :-)

DATE **Monday, 14th December 2015**
TIME **6.00pm Santa arrives; 7.30pm**
WHERE Gunbar Community Hall

RSVP

Please ring 6955 3353 to book your entry before 7.12.15. Bring your child on Saturday in Santa costume if you wish. Contact 02 6955 3353 or contactswm@bigpond.com by 7.12.15

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Our newsletter is published on Monday.
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.