Term 4 2015

Calendar

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

Week 8

Wednesday, 25th Nov.  Kinder Parent Information Session 9:00-10:00am

Week 9

Tuesday, 1st Dec.  Scripture Performance
Wednesday, 2nd Dec.  School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
Thursday, 3rd Dec.  Mobile Library  EnviroMentors Visit

Week 10

Monday, 7th Dec.  Swim School
Tuesday, 8th Dec.  Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday, 9th Dec.  Kids Club - 3:00-4:30pm

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Week 2

Wednesday, 3rd Feb.  School Development Day
Thursday, 4th Feb.  Students Return

Notes Coming Home This Week

• Nil

Canteen Roster

• Wednesday, 25th November - Linda Taylor
• Wednesday, 2nd December - Gillian Star

Student of the Month

Qyarah Harrison
For showing initiative and responsibility in all areas of learning.

Principal's Message

Welcome to week 8 of term 4.

Congratulations to our 4/5/6 students for their excellent behaviour and involvement at camp last week. I know they had a wonderful time.

Thank you to Ms Sheehan and Mrs Muirhead who did a fantastic job making sure all went well for all our students. Excursions are a 24/7 job and we appreciate their commitment and dedication to our school.

We are also very grateful to Mrs Rose Williams who made sure our students travelled safely to and from camp. Thank you Rose. We think you are awesome.

Despite the very hot weather on Wednesday afternoon, our 2/3 class blew us away with their amazing “rocket” science projects. This learning activity was an excellent example of high quality teaching and learning. We had 100% engagement.

Our students were interested, excited and motivated. The learning involved was high and integrated all our key learning areas.

Congratulations to Mr Calwell for leading this inspirational learning and thank you to all our parents who came along to support their students learning by being present for the launching of their home made rockets. They were brilliant. Very exciting times for our students.

This week we say farewell to our uniting church scripture teachers. Sadly Mrs Jane Richards, Mrs Helen McDermott and Mr George and Mrs Shirley Moore are retiring. They have been dedicated, loyal and caring scripture teachers. They volunteered their time to teach scripture at Goolgowi Public schools for many many years. We appreciate the care and kindness they have demonstrated to our students. We will miss them very much and it is difficult to imagine Thursday scripture without their happy and friendly faces.
This week Mrs Robertson has invited our kindergarten parents for 2016 to our information session on Wednesday morning. We look forward to meeting you.

Thank you to Mrs Cheryl Wray who gave up her personal time to be our life guard for swimming last Friday. Our sun smart policy does not allow students to be out in the hot sun on these very hot days after 10am. Our students would have missed out on their swimming for sport if Cheryl had not been so generous with her time and energy.

Great learning, inspired teaching and amazing community support for our school.

Goolgowi Public School should be feeling very proud.

Have a great week.
Lucia Gargaro

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.

Quote of the Week

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new. Socrates

What's happening in The Classrooms?

Our PBL focus this week is Value.

I am responsible - I will make good choices

The focus for this week will be on:
* walk on the designated paths when moving from room to room
* walk sensibly when leaving classrooms
* walk to play areas.

Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.

Mrs Zambon
* Harry Furner - for working co-operatively with his peers.

Mr Calwell
* Brezn Harrison - for moving between group and individual tasks purposefully.

Ms Sheehan
* Brandon Williams - for fantastic collaboration on all activities at Borambola.

2/3 News

On Wednesday 18/11/2015 2/3 participated in a science lesson with a difference. The class has been learning about forces (pushes and pulls) all term and as part of the assessment of this unit were asked to construct a simple bottle rocket out of a PET plastic bottle.

The students brought their rockets to school and Mr C brought in a specially constructed launcher which allowed air to be pumped into each water filled rocket. Students pulled the release pin (from a safe distance) when the rocket was properly pressurised and the rocket (hopefully) launched into the sky.

We had some spectacular results and some disappointments but on the whole the students produced excellent rockets and most flew very well. Our audience, made up of K/1 and some proud family members enjoyed the display despite the very warm conditions.

Students have been able to discuss the forces involved in the launch and flight of their rockets and participated in literacy and numeracy activities about their experience before and after the launch.

I congratulate all of 2/3 on their enthusiastic participation in this great learning activity and thank all of our supportive families for their interest.

Now all of 2/3 can honestly say that they study rocket science at school!

Thank you all for making this event possible

Jason Calwell
Class teacher 2/3
4/5/6 News

Borambola Report

Last Monday, 16th November the Year 4, Year 5 and Year Six students travelled to the Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre. Our leader was Bridgette.

Monday - Raft Building and Mud Run

On arrival we were taken to our accommodation. We set up our beds and then went for a walk around the camp to familiarise ourselves with the camp. We had some free time before lunch and spent it in the play area playing mini golf, tennis, cricket and some stilt walking.

After lunch the students had a swimming test and then we had our first activity; raft building.

The students had great fun making a raft and testing it in the pool.
In the afternoon session we went off to the mud run. The students showed great sportsmanship in this activity helping each other throughout the very challenging course.

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Then we were off to Archery our last activity before having lunch and heading home. Brandon got a bulls eye first go.
Students are to be commended for their sportsmanship and team work during the activities they participated in whilst on the camp. A big thank you to Rose Williams for all her help and for transporting us all to Borambola and home again. Thank you also to Mrs Muirhead for all her assistance on the camp.

Ms Sheehan

Book Club

Book Club orders are due by Wednesday, 25th November.

SRC Ice Creams

This Thursday SRC will be selling Zoopers for 60 cents and Chocolate Coated Ice-Creams for $2.00.

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, 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.
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.