Term 4 2015

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

Week 9
Tuesday, 1st Dec. Scripture Performance
Wednesday, 2nd Dec. School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
Thursday, 3rd Dec. Mobile Library Enviromentors Visit
Saturday, 5th Dec. P&C Garage Sale

Week 10
Monday, 7th Dec. Swim School
Tuesday, 8th Dec. Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday, 9th Dec. Kids Club - 3:00-4:30pm

Week 11
Monday, 14th Dec. Gunbar Christmas Tree
Tuesday, 15th Dec. Concert & Presentation Night
Wednesday, 16th Dec. Pool Party Last Day Term 4

Term 1 2016

Week 2
Wednesday, 3rd Feb. School Development Day
Thursday, 4th Feb. Students Return

Notes Coming Home This Week
- School Council Elections
- Canteen Roster
- Wednesday, 2nd December - Gillian Star

Student of the Month

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

Principal’s Message
Goolgowi Public School is looking forward to the last three weeks of school.

Student Reports
We have been very busy writing our end of year student reports. These reports provide parents with a record of their child’s progress. It should not be compared with other children’s reports as this can lead to comparisons that are inaccurate and unfair. Each report reflects the achievements and application that your child has made. Reports are written in grade levels and designed to give you an accurate snapshot of your child’s individual achievement and where they sit at this point in time against our expected outcomes for learning in all key learning areas.

We are confident that all our students have grown in their learning and tried their very best at school. If you have any concerns about your child’s report or learning, please contact the school. Reports will be coming home next Monday.

Stewart House
Four of our students are attending Stewart House in Sydney over the next two weeks. Thank you to the parents who made sure they were in Griffith bright and early this morning to catch the bus. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I am sure they will have fun and learn a lot along the way.

End of Year Concert and Presentation Night
We have started our rehearsals for this year’s concert. We are looking forward to entertaining you and celebrating our students’ successes in learning and achievements for 2015.

School Council Elections
Last week we sent home a letter to all parents about our school council elections. The school council is an important part of our school and all...
parents are encouraged to consider joining the council or nominating another parent. The school council is now calling for nominations for members of the council for 2016.

**Scripture Teachers**

Last Thursday our students and staff had a special sausage sizzle to thank and farewell our scripture teachers who are retiring. Jane Richards, George Moore and Helen McDermott have been serving our school as volunteer scripture teachers for many years. Their loyalty, dedication and commitment to Goolgowi Public School has been amazing. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them sincerely. We will miss their cheerful, kind and friendly faces.

**School Swimming Program**

Next week Rankin’s Springs Public School will be joining us for our school swimming program. This is a learn to swim program and is designed to teach water confidence and swimming. If your child has been selected to participate in the learn to swim program, please fill in the permission notes and return them to school by Thursday 3rd December.

**P&C and School Garage Sale**

We are selling old school furniture, an old school photocopier, books and equipment that has been cluttering up our school storage sheds. Please come along and grab a bargain this Saturday 5th December. Please come along and support your school’s P&C.

**Whooping Cough**

There has been a case of Whooping Cough reported at Goolgowi Public School. If you suspect your child may have it, please take your child to the doctor and get them checked.

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 object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.*

Robert M Hutchins
In The Classrooms?

Personal Development Lessons

Students have been learning about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. Last week we talked about being proactive. This week we have been focussing on Habit 2:- Begin with the End in Mind - Have a Plan. Planning ahead whether it be with money, in school, or in life - always leads to good things, including being better positioned to help others.

Baby Steps: Things to do at home:

1. Lay your clothes for tomorrow before you go to bed tonight.
2. Get out a pencil and a piece of paper and write down the goals you want to achieve.
3. Tell your mum and dad what you want to be when you grow up and what will you have to do to get there?
4. We all have something we need to get better at, like doing our homework, brushing our teeth, or obeying our parents. Pick one you need to do better.
5. Start doing it. Yes you can change bad habits!

Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.

Mrs Robertson
- Declan Leidl - for having a go when things are hard.

Mr Calwell
- Jye McIntyre - for discussing problems and looking for solutions.

Ms Sheehan
- Tom Taylor - for linking connections between experiences and ideas.

New Kinder Parent Information Meeting

Last Wednesday we held a very successful and informative session with our kindergarten parents of 2016. All parents and students are looking forward to a new era in their lives.

We would like to welcome a new family to our school: Jeremy and Amy Young and daughter Lexie. Welcome back to Tim and Kylie McKenzie with son George and a welcome to Sam Liddicoat son of Beth and Damien.

Kinder/Year 1

There will be no written Home Learning for the rest of the year. I would like students to continue reading every night and counting activities.

Parents please listen to your child read, read with your child and read to them. Children learn through literacy.

Also discuss Maths. Count with them. Count forward and back; ask for number before and after. Discuss the time of the day. What time is it on the clock?

As a part of Creative Arts we will be rehearsing for the end of the year concert.

Swimming lessons will commence next week.

If you have any concerns please contact me.

Mrs Robertson

SRC Ice Creams

This Thursday SRC will be selling Zoopers for 60 cents.

Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice in the school. Could all parents/carers please check their child’s hair and treat if necessary? Children’s hair needs to be checked regularly so that we can keep the head lice problem under control. Your support and cooperation is appreciated.
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.

Catholic Mass

Catholic mass has been changed from Sunday, 6th December to 6:00pm Saturday, 5th December 2015.

Goolgowi Christmas Tree

Saturday, 5th December
Goolgowi Oval
6.30pm Start
$20.00/child

Please write child’s name and age on an envelope and drop it at the school or shop. Santa arrives at 7.30pm
COME AND ENJOY THE AIR CONDITIONING AND OUR SPECIAL THIS SATURDAY EVENING

The diary is just about full so we cannot book any more functions unless a booking form is completed!!! These are available at the club. PH: 6965 1308 or they can be emailed by request.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAM DRAW
11th DECEMBER
KITCHEN HOURS: THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS 6-8.30 PM

ATTENTION ALL GROWERS

The club has now received its “NGR” card. If you would like to donate, some part of your load to help support your Club it would be greatly appreciated. This can be done through Emerald Grain. To support the Club in this way, will in turn help the Club to support other community organisations.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR $500 WOOLIES VOUCHER $1 each DRAWN BEFORE CHRISTMAS

THE DRAW WENT TO CULCAIRN LAST WEEK BUT WAS NOT CLAIMED SO THIS WEEK IT WILL BE $10,400.

COULD YOU USE THIS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR?? I KNOW I COULD.

Draw is between 7 & 9pm, you must be a current financial member and on the premises at the time of the draw!

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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.
Goolgowi Public School
School Council Elections

The School Council is an important part of our school and all parents are encouraged to consider joining the Council or nominating another parent, particularly with the introduction of the Local Schools, Local Decisions.

The School Council is now calling for nominations for members of the Council for the coming year.

There are two positions (2) parent representative positions available.

The School Council consists of 10 members: the 4 parent members, P&C President, 2 staff members, 2 community members, and the Principal.

Membership for elected/appointed members of the Council will be two years, commencing the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting. 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. Membership of more than 4 consecutive years can only happen with the approval of the School Director.

Nominations close at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} December 2015. If there are more than two parent nominations, voting forms will go out with the Newsletter on Monday, 7\textsuperscript{th} December and will need to be returned to the School by 3.15pm on Friday, 11\textsuperscript{th} December 2015. The names of the elected parent and community representatives will appear in the School Newsletter on Monday, 14\textsuperscript{th} December.

If anyone would like to know more about the Council, the role of the parent or community representative, Dee Furner, Sam Taylor, Sue Armstrong, Alice Robertson, Christine Leidl or myself would be more than willing to help.

LUCIA GARGARO
PRINCIPAL

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GOOLGOWI PUBLIC SCHOOL
2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

NAME.................................................................................................................

PROPOSED BY (PLEASE PRINT)...........................................................................

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER..........................................................................

SECONDED BY..............................................................................................

I AM WILLING TO ACCEPT NOMINATION

SIGNED...................................................... DATE.....................................

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS 12.00 NOON WEDNESDAY, 2\textsuperscript{nd} DECEMBER 2015

N.B. 1. Forms must be handed in to the School Office by the due date.
       2. If you wish to nominate more than one person, additional forms can be picked up from the School Office.
       3. Copies of the School Council Constitution are available at the School Office.

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