**Term 4 2015**

**Calendar**

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

**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 Night |
| 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**

- Student Semester 2 Reports
- Class letter for K/1 from Mrs Robertson

**Canteen Roster**

- Wednesday, 9th December - To Be Confirmed.

**Student of the Month**

**Qyarah Harrison**

For showing initiative and responsibility in all areas of learning.

**Principal’s Message**

We welcome to week 10 of term 4. We are on the countdown now and this time of the year can be very exciting and a lot of fun, but it can also be very tiring and stressful.

Harvest is almost over for most farmers and there are many families attending end of year celebrations and Christmas parties. We have also had a few “bugs” going around and quite a few students and staff have been sick. Please make sure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day. Students can easily become dehydrated on these very warm to hot days.

**Swim School**

This week we are sharing swim school lessons with Rankin’s Springs Public School at the Goolgowi Pool. Our session times will be from 11:20 to 2pm. Please note not all students will be attending these learn to swim lessons. Check your child’s school bag for notes that came home last week.

**School Council Meeting**

Last Wednesday we held our final School Council meeting for 2015. Thank you to those members who were able to attend. Sandy Wells was our guest speaker and she was very interesting and informative to listen to. Sandy is the Regional Coordinator for PBL and works in many schools around the region. Sandy explained the philosophy behind Positive Behaviours for Learning and why is has been so successful.

**Parent and Community School Council Members for 2016**

Sue Armstrong, President and Community Representative, Christine Leidl, Secretary and President of the P&C. Parent representatives are Sam Taylor, Dee Furner and our new parent members will be Cheryl Wray and Dimity Ryan. Meetings will be held on Tuesday nights at 7pm the week following our school P&C meetings.
Term 4, Week 10

Monday, 7th December 2015

Dates for 2016 Term one are:

- P&C Meeting 16th February 2016
- School Council Meeting 23rd February 2016

Student Reports

Student Semester 2 reports will be coming home today. Please make a time to meet with your child’s classroom teacher or with myself if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress report. Please keep in mind that effort and attitude towards learning are both as equally important as achieving the best results possible. We are proud of all our students who have worked hard on improving their learning.

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

*Life is a math equation, in order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert the negatives into positives.*

**In The Classrooms?**

**Personal Development Lessons**

**The 7 Habits of Happy Kids.** These habits are also helpful for adults!

The first 3 habits start with you.

1. Be Proactive - You’re in Charge
2. Begin with the end in mind - Have a Plan
3. Put First things First - Work First, Then Play
4. The next 3 habits help you play well with others.
5. Think Win – Win - Everyone Can Win
6. Seek First to Understand, then to be understood - Listen Before You Talk
7. Synergise – Together Is Better

And remember the last habit is to take care of yourself.

**Habit 5** is a very important one for us all to remember. It is about listening with your eyes and heart, not just your ears. Some things to try:

- Try to go one whole hour without talking even once. Instead just watch the people around you and listen to what they are saying. Good Luck!
- Think of someone in your life who is a good listener. Your grandma? Your dad? Your best friend? Your aunty? What do they do that makes them a good listener?
- The next time one of your friends is sad, notice their eyes or the way they are holding their body. Tell them you know they are sad and you want to help them.

Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.

**Mrs Robertson**

- **Charlotte Star** - for always being ready to learn.

**Mr Calwell**

- **Bridget Leidl** - for being able to work independently.

**Ms Sheehan**

- **Qyarah Harrison** - for making choices that reflect the school values.
Reading Awards

125 Nights - Jewel Shaw

K/1 News

Last Friday the class made reindeer faces. The students had to follow a procedure and listen to instructions.

The task was to spread Nutella on a milk arrowroot biscuit and add lollies and biscuits to make the reindeer. Students enjoyed the task and lots ended up with Nutella all over their face! I think they thought eating the end product was the best part!

Mrs Robertson

2/3 News

For the past three weeks students in 2/3 have been patiently designing and creating beautiful mobile sculptures inspired by the work of American artist Alexander Calder. Students have created their own 'theme' and moulded each piece out of air dry clay which was then balanced and hung. Finally the mobile is painted to complete the effect. This also complemented our work on forces as the students can see the effect of various forces on the completed work. Well done everyone.

Jason Calwell

4/5/6 Classroom News

On Thursday year all students at Goolgowi Public School participated in an EnviroMentors workshop. The workshop was run by Hayley
from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. The workshop was fun and interesting; workshops are designed to educate students about the importance of placing rubbish in the bin and the effect of litter when it ends up in the environment and waterways. Hayley showed us the process of how rubbish is recycled and we learnt about what some of the products we use every day are made from and which ones can be recycled. This workshop gave us a lot of information on how we can all value and look after our environment at school and in the wider community.

In our chess club school tournament Hayden Litchfield has emerged as champion after three hard fought weeks. The final game was between Hayden and his brother Dylan and was played at lunch time on the giant board in front of an appreciative audience.

Well done to you all. There will be a holiday tournament in Griffith these holidays. Please find the details in this newsletter. I encourage you all to give it a try and look forward to hearing your results.

Well Played Everyone.

Jason Calwell

**SRC Ice Creams**

This Thursday SRC will be selling Zoopers for 60 cents.

**P&C News**

Thank you to all our parents, staff and community members who pitched in and helped to make our Saturday morning garage sale a big success. Bargains were found and profits were made. This was another fantastic P&C success story. What a great team and fantastic community spirit and support for our school.
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.

Community News

Summer 2016 Western Riverina Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith

WHERE: St. Patrick’s Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrombool St)

WHEN: Monday 25th January 2016 (Last week of the school holidays)

TIME: 9.15 am to 3:45 pm

ENTRY FEE: $10 ($5 for a family) payable on the day

OPEN TO: Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess

PRIZES: Guaranteed trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in U10 & U12. Possible trophies for U10 depending on numbers.

REGISTER BY: 22nd January 2016 by contacting:
Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626
or by email: noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments (no drink and water for sale)

You don’t have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament, but knowledge of the rules is required.

The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

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