Goolgowi Public School
To the Stars

Newsletter Term 1, Week 10
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Proud Reach for the Stars Award Winners

Term 1 2015

Calendar

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

Week 10
Thursday, 2nd April Whole School Assembly
Easter Hat Parade
Mobile Library
Last Day Term 1

Term 2 2015

Week 1
Monday, 20th April School Development Day - No Students
Tuesday, 21st April Students Return
Thursday, 23rd April Cross Country Carnival

Week 2
Tuesday, 28th April Trent Barrett Shield 3/4
Wednesday, 29th April School Photos

Week 3
Tuesday, 5th May P&C Meeting - 7.00pm
Thursday, 7th May Mobile Library

Week 4
Tuesday, 12th May NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing (Yr 3 & 5)
Wednesday, 13th May NAPLAN - Literacy & Reading (Yr 3 & 5)
Thursday, 14th May NAPLAN - Numeracy (Yr 3 & 5)

Notes Coming Home This Week
- Sport Day Note Reminder
- Canteen Roster
- Wednesday, 1st April - Linda Taylor
- Wednesday, 22nd April - Cheryl Wray

Student of the Month

Tess Power
For being a responsible student and enthusiastic learner.

Principal’s Message

Congratulations to our Year 6 Students and Parents

What an amazing effort for such a small team. Our school grounds were visited by many locals as they came in to vote for the NSW State elections. Most voters left our school grounds with bags full of homemade cakes, slices, jams and relishes. Well done to Gillian Star for coordinating this event and her band of happy helpers.

Our School Bell

It never ceases to amaze me how much our school is loved and cared for by the wider community and families who attended this school years ago.

As Sally Friend came in to vote last Saturday she noticed that our school bell rope had become a bit worn out. Without being asked she went home and made a new one for us. We have kept the 25 year old rope because it has so much history. We are going to frame it because it had been braided by Sally and it is a keepsake. Our year 6 parents are very keen to collect the names of all students who would have rung our bell over the past 25 years. The math question is how many little hands would have rung that bell over the past 25 years and how many times would the bell have been rung? Who would like to take on that challenging question?
We certainly have a lot to celebrate as this term draws to a close

We have had a very happy and successful term.

All this has been possible because we have happy and keen students at our school who are always eager to learn and be involved in all school activities.

We have supportive parents who are always here to support our school and their child's learning.

We have a dedicated hard working and committed staff that all collaborate brilliantly as a team to make sure each and every child is engaged with their learning and wellbeing.

I am very proud to be the principal of Goolgowi Public School and thank you all for your support.

I am looking forward to continue consulting and sharing our completed school plan and vision with you all as we continue along our journey of making sure each and every student at Goolgowi Public School is moving along the learning continuum.

Please stay safe over the Easter holiday break from school routines and enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

Lucia Vernon

Mrs Robertson

2/3 News

As an extension of our ‘Schoolyard Safari’ science unit and ‘Going Wild’ classroom theme for term 1, 2/3 travelled to Altina Wildlife Park on Thursday. 19 students and three staff with Robin our bus driver left school at 9:00am for the 90 minute journey to the private Zoo outside of Darlington Point.

On arrival we were met by Zoo staff who began our tour with a look at the small enclosures which housed animals such as crocodiles, meerkats and monkeys. The students enjoyed this close look immensely.

Where has the time gone? We have had a very busy term. I am very proud of the way in which my kindergarten students have settled in so well to school routines. I am as equally proud of my year one students for being such good role models and learning buddies for our new kindergarten students.

It is a rewarding experience as an L3 teacher to observe and watch my students grow in their learning. Thank you to all my parents for making sure your children have come to school organised, well rested and ready to learn. We all deserve a little break.

Last Thursday the students made their Easter hats in class. They had fun making and creating these works of art.

Students were keen to hand in their home learning projects. Thank you to all my parents for helping your child with these pet projects. The students are enjoying sharing their projects with the class.

I wish everyone a happy Easter and enjoy the special time with your family and friends.

Lucia Vernon

K/1 News

This is the last week of our first term of the year!
horse and our driver. We began our hour long tour of the wildlife parks extensive grounds which houses a wide variety of large animals including giraffes, lions, many kinds of deer and a large variety of other animals from all over the world.

At half way the students jumped off the cart to meet some friendly goats and very friendly wild emu. Then it was back on board to complete the tour with a spectacular display from the white lions and some other impressive animals.

Although the weather was quite cold all students enjoyed the trip and learned a lot more about the animals we share our world with. After a quick visit to the gift shop we climbed back aboard our bus for the trip back to Goolgowi.

My thanks to Gillian Star, Julie Muirhead and Robyn Clark for their invaluable assistance in making this excursion a success. I commend the staff of Altina Wildlife Park for such a professional tour of their zoo and I congratulate my class for being courteous, curious and cooperative representatives of Goolgowi Public School.

Well done all.

Mr Calwell

Our Excursion - By David Taylor
Last Thursday the 26th of March year 2/3C went to Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point. We saw lots of animals from different countries and zoos around the world.

We saw goats, wombats, Tasmanian devils, emus, monkeys, meerkats, Hyenas and wild dogs.

I liked the lions best because we saw their cubs. I also liked seeing Connor get scared by the emu when we were feeding the goats.

At the end we got to go shopping and on the way back some people were sick and most of us were tired but it was a fun day.

4/5/6 News

The students in 4/5/6 have been reading quality texts designed to help children understand the spirit of ANZAC Day. Originally, ANZAC Day in Australia was to remember the ANZACs - soldiers who fought in Gallipoli during World War 1.

The students have used the information through these texts and their prior knowledge to complete some fantastic writing, using the writing prompt “WHAT ANZAC DAY MEANS TO ME”.

ANZAC day the 25th April falls on the first Saturday of week one term 2. Students at Goolgowi Public School have the honour of being very involved in this year's ANZAC day program.
Term 1, Week 10

Monday, 30th March 2015

which is very significant as 100 years have passed since Australia’s involvement in the First World War. This ANZAC day not only commemorates Australia’s involvement in World War 1 but remembers anyone who has served in a war or conflict as well as those men and women still serving in the Defence Forces today.

All students are encouraged to attend the march and ceremony to support the school and the community. Students from year 5 and 6 will be participating in the day’s events by laying the wreath and making speeches during the ceremony.

Could parents please ensure notes sent home on Friday on students participating in the Anzac Day service are returned this week?

**Thumbs Up Awards**

Kyron Clark, Annabelle Liddicoat, Rachel Jackson

**Reach For The Star Reward Winners**

K/1

Jordon Williams, Charlotte Star, Annabelle Liddicoat, Joshua Jackson, Millie Power, Jewel Shaw, Dayton Harrison, Harry Furner.

2/3

Jack Furner, Dylan Litchfield, Bridget Leidl, Brezn Harrison, Rachel Jackson, Eliza Wray, Tevita Namoa.

4/5/6

Dakota McMillan, Zarli Srdoc, Becky Jackson

**Accelerated Reader Awards**

4/5/6

Lily Taylor, Dakota McMillan, Becky Jackson, Lochlan Wilson

**Weekly Class Learning Awards**

Mrs Robertson

- Laurie Beasley - for great one to one work in matching.
- Mikaele Murphy - for joining in counting activities.
- Annabelle Liddicoat - for displaying a keen interest in counting activities.

Mr Calwell

- Kadon Williams - for outstanding improvement in number.
- Jack Furner - for excellent use of reading strategies.
- Brianna Leidl - for enthusiastic participation in PE.

Ms Sheehan

- Brandon Williams - for great work in Maths learning multiplication strategies.
- Zarli Srdoc - for always having a positive attitude to learning.
- Tess Power - for fantastic story writing using visual prompts.

**Reading Awards**

25 Nights - Kyron Clark, Millie Power

Jason Calwell

**National Young Leaders**

The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event created in 1997 by the Halogen Foundation to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. Student leaders from year 6 had the unique opportunity to attend this event on Monday, 23rd March 2015. Bindi Irwin, the HON Mike Baird, Dylan Parker, James Norton and Racheal Leahcar were the quest speakers who
shared their leadership story with students at The National Young Leaders Day.

![Image]

### National Young Leaders Day Report By Goolgowi Public School Leaders Jisharn Harrison, Simon Star And Cameron Langridge

We travelled to Sydney last Sunday to participate in the national YOUNG LEADERS DAY. On Sunday afternoon we visited Centre Point Tower where we were able to view the city from the observation deck and then we were shown a 4D movie. We then walked to China Town where we had a banquet dinner at the 90 Dragon’s restaurant.

On Monday we attended the Sydney Entertainment Centre where we listened to Mike Martin talk about different leadership ways and introduced the speakers for the day.

The first speaker was the HON Mike Baird, Mr Baird talked about his cat called Simon that had taken on a massive dog that was attacking his little dog and that Simon never gave up until he won the battle with the dog. His message through this story was to be a good leader at times you’ll need courage.

Bindi Irwin was the second speaker and she talked about her father’s leadership and passion in conservation and how he at times had to make very hard choices in this role. She told us whatever your passion never give up and if your actions inspire others you are a leader.

Racheal Leahcar was the next speaker she is the ambassador for the Royal Society for the Blind and does a lot of charity work for organisations helping people who are blind or vision impaired. She has grown up with music all around her and wants to show the world that she’s capable of achieving anything, despite being 90% legally blind.

Dylan Parker and James Norton were the last speakers for the day. They have a love for paper plans and were closely involved in the making of the movie ‘PAPER PLANES’. They told us they had to stay up till 3 in the morning to make paper planes for the movie no matter what they just kept going.

### April Is Autism Awareness Month

This April is Autism Awareness month - a time when Autism Associations and people around the world raise their voices together for Autism awareness. While World Autism Awareness Day isn't until Saturday the 2nd, the month’s efforts will begin on the evening of the 1st when iconic buildings all around the world will Light it up Blue for Autism. In Australia, buildings like the Sydney Opera House, Federation Square, and the Perth Bell Tower will turn blue to help raise awareness down under.

At Goolgowi Public School next term we will be holding a fundraising day to support the Griffith Autism Group who make a difference in the lives of people with Autism by providing early intervention programs, education, resources, therapy and support programs for children and adults with Autism. More information on our fundraiser will be in the school newsletter first week of term 2.

### The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier’s reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW Stage government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely. For more information, access the website via the link below.


Mrs Liddicoat
Sports and PDHPE

Swimming
As the pool has now closed, Tuesday 24th March was the last day of swimming. **Students are to wear sports uniform for this TUESDAY 31st March** as we will be doing Cross country training.

**We will be having Sport on Friday for Term 2 & 3.**

Rugby League Trials
On Friday 27th March three hopeful Goolgowi PS students headed to Leeton to trial for the zone representative rugby league team.

Danvir Singh-Clark, Simon Star and Harrison Ryan all tried out for their various positions against the best Year 5/6 players from the Griffith and Leeton areas. All played to the best of their ability and are to be congratulated for representing themselves and their school so well.

Harrison and Simon shone on the day. Harrison will be continuing to further rounds. Unfortunately Danvir and Simon did not make it further but are to be congratulated on trying so hard.

Well done to you all and thanks to the parents taking time out to support their children in their sporting endeavours.

Jason Calwell
Sports Coordinator

P&C News
Thank you to the very small band of helpers at the Election Day sausage sizzle.

It was a fairly quiet day for the BBQ but the Yr 6 cake stall/Devonshire Tea behemoth just keeps going from strength to strength! I'm not sure what they raised (as this is a closely guarded secret) but, from what I've heard, the Yr 6 gift to the school this year should not fall too far short of a go-kart track or tennis court!

A few helpers for the end of term assembly this Thursday will be appreciated.

The P&C is currently running an Easter egg hamper raffle to help raise funds to purchase a cuddle cot for Griffith Base Hospital. Tickets will be on sale at the assembly BBQ and Emma Robertson will be drawing the winners before everyone goes home.

Thank you to all who help out in some way or other. I hope everyone can have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Thank you.
Ian Langridge - 0427 508 775

Canteen News
Available for purchase from the canteen:
- Rice Wheels (Chicken, Cheese or BBQ) $0.80
- Potato Curls Gluten Free (Burger or chicken) $0.80

Easter Activities
Easter is approaching and we are preparing for our annual activities.

We are continuing with the competitions ‘guess the bunny’s name’ and how many Easter eggs in the jar.

Each guess or name will cost 50 cents a turn. Students will be able to do this at recess every day. SRC members will be running this. Entries will close on Wednesday, 1st April.

On Thursday, 2nd April there is a whole school assembly. The focus will be the Easter Hat parade. Hats will be made at school.
There will also be a section for young children who are not yet at school. They will have the opportunity to parade a hat that has been made at home.

Please put this date in your diaries.

**Parent Tips**

**Easter reading**

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What’s your child reading right now?

Find out more:


**April school holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more:


**Community News**

**Year 6 Fundraiser**

Year 6 will be holding a cake stall and Devonshire Tea at the school on State Election day, Saturday, 28th March.

As there are only three Year 6 boys any donations of cakes, slices, saleable goods etc. would be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Any items can be left at the school on Friday or Saturday.

For further information, please contact Gillian Star on 6965 1455.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Catholic Easter Services**

The following is an outline of Easter Services. These will be conducted by Father Murray or a priest from Griffith.

- Holy Thursday Hillston 6:00pm
- Good Friday - Stations of the Cross Hillston 10:00am
- Good Friday - Veneration of the Cross Hillston 3:00pm
- Saturday Easter Vigil Hillston 6:00pm

- Sunday Goolgowi 9:30am

Please let family and friends know and feel free to join in the services.

**Year 6 Fundraiser Cake Stall**

On Saturday the Year 6 boys held their cake stall. We would like to thank everybody who helped out by cooking, selling and buying all of the yummy cakes, slices, jams, biscuits, relish and other goodies.

It was a huge success and we really appreciate all of the very generous donations which helped us.

Also, thanks to Lucinda, Qyarah and Kaycee for your help on the day.

Thanks to Jisharn’s dad, Eden, for providing the entertainment.

![Jisharn, Simon and Cameron](image)

**Goolgowi Group Anzac Day Meeting**

The next, and final, Goolgowi Group Anzac Day meeting will be held at the Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen’s Club on Thursday, 9th April starting at 7:00pm.

**Goolgowi Boot Camp**

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. 5pm Start. $15.00pp.

Contact Christine 0474 477 803

**Days aren’t set in stone but these days had the most availability for people.**

**Goolgowi Preschool ANZAC Day Cake Stall**

Goolgowi Preschool will be holding its annual cake stall and fundraiser after the ANZAC Day Ceremony at Goolgowi Exies Club 25th April.
Community donations of cakes, slices, jams and pickles will be most welcome on the day. 
Thanks, Goolgowi Preschool Committee

Free to Good Home

5 kittens. Ready to go 6965 1388.

Goolgowi Golf Club News

Season Opening Day Saturday, 11th April
2 person Ambrose
Hit Off from 11:00am
All welcome

Autumn 2015 Western Riverina
Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith

WHERE: Griffith East Public School Hall, Griffith
(McKenzie Place off Wokaden St)

WHEN: Friday 17th April 2015
(Last Friday of the school holidays)

TIME: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

ENTRY FEE: $10 ($15 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 U18 & U12
Possible prizes for U10 depending on numbers.

REGISTER BY: 14th April 2015 by contacting:
Noel Maddern Ph 0420 897 626
or by email: noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments

You don’t have to be a great chess player, or 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.

Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen’s Club News

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED THIS GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL, 2015, SATURDAY & SUNDAY TRADING HOURS WILL BE NORMAL

Please come & check the beautiful Colouring In entries we have displayed at the Club from the Goolgowi Public School students, they are all very colourful, the winners will be announced at the Schools end of term assembly on Thursday.

The Directors and staff wish everyone a safe and happy Easter

Are you having unexpected visitors on the weekend?

The Club has for sale approximately 30 frozen Pizza’s available for $15 each, they were supplied by “Romeo & Julieta’s”, and are surplus from the rally.

Please call the club on Wednesday afternoon if you would like to buy some. Ph: 6965 1308

JUNEE WAS THE SELECTED CLUB LAST WEEK BUT THE MONEY WAS NOT CLAIMED, SO THE RIVERINA CLUB’S SUPER-DRAW THIS WEEK WILL BE $25,000

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

Please keep in mind that the Annual General Meeting will be in the next few months. Which means Committee Positions will be up for Nomination, if you like being part of a Pro Active team, enjoy a challenge, don’t mind a bit of hard work, and have an interest in our community, please think about nominating. We are currently waiting for our financials to be ready; we can then give 21 days’ notice for the meeting.

THE CLUB KITCHEN IS OPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

KITCHEN HOURS: THURSDAY & FRIDAY 6-9 PM SIT DOWN OR TAKE-A-WAY, SORRY BUT SATURDAY NIGHT BY APPOINTMENT ONLY PHONE: 6965 1308

(Not open this Friday, 3rd April)
Auction Night

We are raising funds for a cuddle cot for Griffith Base Hospital maternity ward

18th APRIL 2015

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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.

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