Proud Reach for the Stars Award Winners

Term 1 2015

Calendar
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Notes Coming Home This Week
- Healthy Active Kids resources and stickers for kids lunch boxes.
- 2/3 Altina Wildlife Park Excursion Note

Canteen Roster
- Wednesday, 18th March - Gillian Star
- Wednesday, 25th March - Sharon Power

Student of the Month
Tess Power
For being a responsible student and enthusiastic learner.

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents/Guardians/Community members,
This week, on Friday we celebrate Harmony Week. Since 1999 Harmony Day has been an Australian Government initiative. It is managed by the Department of Social Services. Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year and allows schools to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nation’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is about dealing with cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone. Schools have the opportunity to share with others the importance of diversity in school and community through teaching and learning outcomes including action, performance, costume and food.

Parents are welcome to join us at our Friday weekly assembly in the library at 12:40. Please bring a plate of food to share at lunch time that connects to your family’s cultural heritage.

Enjoy reading about all the fantastic learning that is taking place in our classrooms.

Have a great week.
Lucia Vernon
In The Classrooms?

Peer Support lessons this week will focus on our Harmony Day activities celebrating our cultural diversity.

K/1 News

Each morning between 9:20 and 11:00 our class engage in learning in the English KLA. I am using the L3 approach. L3 is about Language, Learning and Literacy.

Students enjoy engaging in independent activities, learning with me at the L3 centre, using computers, writing, listening to and responding to good quality books. They participate in modelled, guided and independent reading and writing activities. Last week student enjoyed focussing on the book ‘Pearl Barley and Charlie Parley’. It was a story about friends who were different in every way.

It is a very busy learning environment.

Mrs Robertson

2/3 News

Last week in 2/3 the students shared their home research projects as part of the ‘Schoolyard Safari’ science unit. The home based investigation was titled ‘Backyard Safari’ and students were encouraging to investigate the animal life around their own homes. With the guidance and support of family members students were able to locate and identify at least four creatures that lived in their yards, draw and describe them and their habitat.

Students were then asked to choose one of these creatures and investigate it further. Using various research techniques and materials students have compiled posters and 3D models of their chosen backyard wildlife and brought them to school to share.
To wrap up this unit of work our class is going on an excursion to Altina Wildlife Park on Thursday 26th March. Note coming home today.

Thanks to all those parents who are regularly logging on to Class Dojo to communicate with me and share in their children’s learning. If any of you are experiencing difficulties please let me know and I will try to sort it out as soon as possible.

Jason Calwell

4/5/6 News

Year 4/5/6 have been using the focus on reading strategy Text to self-connection. This helps students relate what they read to their own personal experiences. We used the book Sunday Chutney by Aaron Blabey to complete this activity, which was a fantastic text and students were able to write about the similarities and differences to their own life.

Ms Sheehan

Science

Earth Hour is nearly two weeks from today! Here are Costa Georgiadis’s top 4 tips for how to celebrate Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March with your friends and family:

1. Host a candle-lit dinner in the dark - either inside, or under the stars!
2. Get the kids involved - with lantern making or a shadow puppet show at home, or get active at school with Earth Hour Schools Day.
3. Get creative! Make a halloween-style carved vegetable with the 60+ logo and put it in your window to spread the word.
4. Screen the Earth Hour documentary Appetite for Change to learn more about how global warming affects Aussie food and farming.

Harmony Day

Goolgowi Public School will celebrate Harmony Day this Friday 20/3/2015.

Students and staff have been asked to wear Orange on the day to acknowledge and celebrate our unique multicultural way of life here in Australia.

This week class teachers will be featuring lessons and activities about the importance and beauty of multiculturalism in Australia in their classrooms before Friday’s ‘Harmony Day’ celebrations.

Last week we sang and discussed 'It's a Small World' together for the first time and look forward to singing it together again at this Friday’s school assembly.

Several community members will be sharing their experience of growing up in other cultures and of the challenges and joys of becoming part of Australian society with classes during the morning. A 'Taste of Harmony' will be on offer for those who wish to sample foods from different cultures at lunch time.

Food will be provided by members of the Goolgowi PS staff and community members and will feature delicious, Italian, Japanese, American and other international delicacies.

Accelerated Reader Awards


Thumps Up Awards
Zarli Srdoc, Haley Marshall, Jye McIntyre
Reach For The Star Reward Winners

K/1
Shayla Williams, Jordon Williams, Charlotte Star, Annabell Liddicoat, Joshua Jackson, Alexis Ball, Jewel Shaw, Millie Power, Dayton Harrison, Harry Furner.

2/3
Eliza Wray, Tevita Namoa, Brianna Leidl, Jarrod Langridge, Rachel Jackson, Brooklyn Headrick, Brezn Harrison, Jack Furner.

4/5/6
Becky Jackson, Qyarah Harrison, Brandon Williams, Lily Taylor.

Weekly Class Learning Awards

Mrs Robertson
- Dayton Harrison - for wonderful learning in Literacy.
- Joshua Jackson - for great adding of two numbers.
- Jordon Williams - for a cooperative and responsible student.

Mr Calwell
- David Taylor - for an outstanding science assignment.
- Jorja Srdoc - for excellent visual art.
- Dylan Litchfield - for outstanding visual art.

Ms Sheehan
- Danvir Singh-Clark - for excellent work in maths learning tables.
- Becky Jackson - for fantastic Narrative writing.
- Danvir Singh-Clark - for a fantastic effort in all learning areas.

Reading Awards

25 Nights - Jewel Shaw

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.

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

Mrs Liddicoat

Sports and PDHPE

This week we are sending home healthy active kids lunch Box Stickers. After a busy morning of learning, sport and play, it is important for kids to refuel with a nutritious and tasty recess and lunch. There are 4 things to remember for a healthy, delicious lunchbox:

1. CHOOSE HEALTHY FOODS THAT GIVE YOU ENERGY
2. EAT THE RIGHT PORTIONS
3. MIX IT UP KEEP IT INTERESTING
4. CHOOSE LUNCHBOX STICKERS THAT HELP YOU REMEMBER

For more lunchbox tips, recipes, videos and online games go to www.healthyactivekids.com.au

Swimming

Swimming lessons will continue each Tuesday until the end of the term. Congratulations to all our students for having a go and doing their best to improve with their swimming skills and thank you to all our parent helpers.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back at school on Wednesday, 18th March. Please make any cheques payable to Goolgowi Public School.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Dumossa clearing sale last Monday. It was a very successful sale. Thank you to Phil and
Roger Beasley for donating their time and money raised loading items for patrons of the sale.

The P&C AGM is on tomorrow night Tuesday 17th March. Starting at 7pm.

Thank you.

Ian Langridge - 0427 508 775

**Easter Activities**

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

On Wednesday we will start the competitions. The ‘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 doing this. The money raised will go towards the eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

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.

**Community News**

**Goolgowi boot camp**

I have a Personal Trainer, Fiona Fattore from Griffith who is able to come out to Goolgowi twice a week to run a Fitness Boot Camp.

Boot camp will run for 1 hour on Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost will be $15. Men and women, all fitness levels welcome.

Start: Wednesday 18th March 4:45pm

To register your interest, please contact Christine Leidl on 0474 477 803.

**Swim Club News**

Swimming season is quickly coming to a close.

Friday, 20th March is Championship Night and Friday, 27th March is Presentation Night.

**End of Season Sale**

Swim Club T-Shirts $10 (till stocks last).

Male Swimmers $20 reduced from $30.
Female Swimmers $30 reduced from $40.
Swimmers are Red & Green with Goolgowi across the bottom.

**Swimmers can be worn if your child is representing Goolgowi Public at any swimming event.**

Contact: Cheryl on 0401 031 147 or email: Cheryl.k.wray@gmail.com

**ARB GRIFFITH 400**

The Club has been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to Cater for the above event, on the 20th, 21st and 22nd March, but we require many helpers, if you could help out for approx. 4 hours on any of these days, please contact one of the committee members or leave your details at the Club.

**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

**Goolgowi 6-A-Side**

What a fantastic day it was on Saturday holding the inaugural cricket, touch, and volleyball 6-a-side at the Recreation Ground.

A great big thank you to all that helped prior to, or on game day. There were a lot of you and in case we forget someone we won’t give individual mention but your efforts are greatly appreciated by many.

Thanks also to our valued sponsors, businesses that donated canteen or auction items, and of course to the players slaving it out on a fairly warm day. All in all it was a successful event raising just over $2000 to go towards repairing the oval amenities.

It will now most certainly become an annual event.

Geoff Hale
Goolgowi Golf Club News

A well attended annual meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th March.

The new executive is:

President: Geoff Elliot
Vice President: Floyd Sutcliffe
Secretary: Bev Furner
Assistant Secretary: Corinne Waide
Captain: Terry Brown
Vice Captain: Neil Perkins
Treasurer: Russell Campbell
Publicity Officer: Ray Christoff

Working bee to be held on **Saturday, 28th March** at 9:00am.
Membership $35.00, Junior $15.00, Green Fees $5.00.

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

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**Griffith Off-Road Club Colouring Competition**

Students are invited to participate in the Griffith Off-Road Club Colouring competition. There are generous prizes for all categories. If you would like your child to participate in the competition, please collect a copy from the school office. Entries will be completed at home not at school.

Entries will be collected on Wednesday, 18th March.
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.