Term 2 2015

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

Week 10
Wed., 24th June
Bundyi Cultural Performance and NAODOC activities.
Students can wear red, yellow or black clothes to school

Friday, 26th June
Whole School Assembly 2:00pm
Last Day Term 2

Term 3 2015

Week 1
Monday, 13th July
School Development Day

Tuesday, 14th July
Students Return

Wednesday, 15th July
Soccer Gala Day

Thursday, 16th July
KROP Rehearsal
Mobile Library

Friday, 17th July
School Athletics Carnival

Principal’s Message
This week we wrap up a wonderful first semester of learning at Goolgowi Public School. Please see attached our class term review reports about the Science, English and Maths units we have been doing this term. We have also had a successful semester of technology, library and HSIE, singing lessons, interest group activities, KROP and many sporting highlights. Our personal development units have been about making and keeping friendships and learning about Higher Order ways of thinking and learning. Our students have been learning about using focus on reading comprehension strategies and many other smart strategies for improving their learning.

This week we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. The theme for 2105 is *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.*

Our students are moving along in their learning and facing challenging tasks. We are looking forward to coming back next term to teach many more interesting units of learning. It will be a busy first week back with KROP, PSSA Soccer and our school’s Athletics Carnival scheduled for Friday, 17th July, the first Friday back in Term 3.

End Of Term Assembly This Friday 2pm
This week we will be celebrating our students’ achievements and awards will be presented at our end of term assembly. Please come along and support our students. Please note that there will be no P&C BBQ for this week.

I wish you all a relaxing and safe winter break from school routines. Students return to school on **TUESDAY 14th JULY**. Teachers will be attending a Staff Development and Training Day in Griffith on the Habits of Highly Effective Teachers on Monday 13th July.

Thanks to all our parents who have made contact with their child’s class teacher to discuss their child’s mid-term report and progress with learning.

Have a great holiday and see you all next term.

Lucia Vernon

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Notes Coming Home This Week
- KROP Rehearsal Permission Note
- Small Schools Soccer Permission Note

Canteen Roster
- Wednesday, 24th June

Student of the Month

Becky Jackson
For being a respectful, responsible and cooperative student.
**What's Happening**

**In The Classrooms?**

**Higher Order Ways To Learn Awards**

Our awards have taken on a Higher Order Way to Learn focus. Our students are aiming to apply powerful higher order ways to think strategies to their learning.

Weekly award winners:

**Mrs Robertson**

- **Jarod Harris** - for thinking about what he knows and applying it to new learning.

**Mr Calwell**

- **Jack Furner** - for finding new ways to solve problems and improve his learning.

**Ms Sheehan**

- **Simon Star** - for delving beneath the surface of things to explore ideas.

**Reading Awards**

**50 Nights** - Harry Furner

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

The Earn & Learn Program is back starting on Wednesday, 15th July. Anyone from our school community who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. You will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Once the sticker card is complete you can place them in the collection box at School.

The program closes on Tuesday, 8th September.

**NAIDOC WEEK**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is regarded as the oldest surviving culture in the world. NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity for all Australian people, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to celebrate and honour this culture. This year, NAIDOC Week will run from the 5th – 12th July.

Every year, the National NAIDOC Committee selects a theme for NAIDOC Week. The theme for 2015 is **We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.**

Students this week will be engaged in learning activities to support NAIDOC week. On Wednesday the students will be participating in the school based program Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge run by Mark Saddler who will be teaching and sharing his knowledge about Wiradjuri and Aboriginal culture. Students can wear red, yellow and black clothes to school on Wednesday.

**Sports News**

It has been a busy, sporting term at Goolgowi PS. Students have represented in individual and team events and tried new activities. We have also been preparing for next term’s athletics carnival. Our school athletics carnival will be held on Friday 17th July, first week of next term.

**School Athletics Carnival**

Our students have been practicing a variety of skills over the past few weeks in preparation for next term’s athletics carnival. We have practiced sprinting, relay baton changes, high jump, long jump and this week will be focusing on throwing events with practice of the discus and shot put events.

Students enjoy the challenge of learning and mastering new physical skills and the friendly competition of matching themselves against their peers. The children are looking forward to doing their best at the athletics carnival.
**Soccer Trials**

This week students will be trialling for positions on either the boys or girls Small Schools soccer teams to compete in next term's PSSA soccer gala day to be held in Griffith on Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July, please note this is the first week of term 3. Trials will be held in Griffith after school this Thursday at 25\textsuperscript{th} June at Yoogali at 4.15pm. Parents are asked to organise transport on the day. Notes will be coming home today.

I am coordinating the trials and will be acting as coach for the small schools team. I wish all our students the best of luck in their efforts and look forward to coaching them and the successful students from the other small schools for the gala day competition. If you would like to be a parent helper on the day, please contact the school or see me.

**Tennis**

Last week the PSSA tennis grand final had to be postponed to this Tuesday due to the wet weather. We are very excited to have a small school's team make it this far to the final and wish our boys and the rest of the small school's team the very best of luck in Barellan on Tuesday. We are so proud of you.

Good luck everyone.

Jason Calwell
Sports Coordinator

**P&C News**

The P&C will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} July at 4:30pm.

Child minding facilities will be available.

The position of P&C President has become available. Nominations will be taken at our next meeting.

It would be great to see some new faces. Come along and get involved.

Christine Leidl
P&C Secretary
0474 477 803

**Community News**

**Sport & Recreation's Swim & Survive Program 2016**

Are there any parents interested in enrolling their child aged 18 months – 12 years in a 9 day swim lesson program in January 2016 at the Goolgowi Pool? Classes offered are ‘Wonder’ 18 months-3 years & ‘Courage’ 3-5 years (last year these cost $48 per child) and various School Age Classes 4.5-12 year olds (last year these cost $67 for the first child then $48 per sibling enrolled). If you are interested please call Leigh Jackson on 0488 021 813 to note down numbers. We need about 10 children willing to enrol in October to get the program to return to the Goolgowi Pool.

**Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen’s Club News**

THURSDAY NIGHT RIVERINA SMALL CLUBS JACKPOT DRAW LAST WEEK WENT TO THE HOST CLUB YANCO BUT WAS NOT CLAIMED SO THIS WEEK YOU COULD WIN AN AMAZING:

$34,800.00

Just be a current financial member and on the Club premises between 7 & 9 pm on Thursday night.

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

THURSDAY, & FRIDAY NIGHTS 6-8.30 PM

BINGO ON THIS WEEK
- SAME TIME- SAME PLACE.

BLUES GUERNSEY

Win a Blues Origin Guernsey drawn at the 3\textsuperscript{rd} State of Origin game on July 8\textsuperscript{th},

Tickets on Sale at the Club
$2 each or 3 for $5

NO NATIONAL POKER LEAGUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

HAPPY HOUR:
BETWEEN 4-6 PM EVERY SATURDAY
On Saturday the annual Golf Charity Day was held, there were 51 starters. Visitors came from Cobar, Leeton and Griffith. The day was sponsored by Lowes Petroleum and Emerald Grain. Winners were the “Bad Rabbits” Team of Norm Brown, Russell Brown, Dave Humphries and Howard Flanagan. Runner Up Cobar Team - Ben Huxley, Phil Gilligan, Anthony Favero and Ben Higgins. 3rd Place Ty Pascoe, Tim Rice, Brad Saunders and Josh Davies

NTP Ladies Juliann Wilson
NTP Men Howard Flanagan
Long Drive Ladies Sandy Newman
Long Drive Men Brad Saunders

Club President Geoff Elliot thanked all for coming and enjoying a great day. Howard Flanagan from Lowes Petroleum assisted with the presentation.

On Sunday, Geoff Elliot and Neil Perkins went to Coleambally Open Day.

Goolgowi Fire Brigade

If anyone is interested in joining the local brigade, an induction course will be held at Goolgowi Exies Wednesday, July 15, 6-9pm. All welcome. Thank you to all members that sold tickets yesterday at a great day put on by the Hall Committee. Our annual firewood raffle, that has this year been donated by Terry Clark, will be drawn on Saturday at Royal Mail Hotel at 4pm. If anyone else would like tickets at $1 each they are available at Goolgowi General Store and Goolgowi Garage.

Goolgowi Recreation Ground

A massive thank you to Daniel and Max Bryant that have kindly donated $5,000 to our Rec. Ground on behalf of ProTen. What an amazing and wonderful contribution that I am sure the town will be extremely grateful for. ProTen are not only focused on employing locally but contribute to many sporting clubs and other organizations. Prior to the 6-a-side competition the oval trust had no funds remaining. Now the committee will strive towards improving the amenities there. With the inaugural Goolgowi 6-
a-side being successful it will at this stage be held each and every March. Among other events we are also aiming to host a Group 20 rugby league fixture each season and hope to get the go ahead this week for Griffith Black & Whites and Hay Magpies to play here on July 25.

Many thanks to Lou Friend, Barrie Robertson, and Ian Ross for their help recently.

**Newsletter Sponsors**
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.
K/1 term 2 review

English
Every morning until recess our class participates in English activities. I am using the L3 approach to learning. Students learn how to read and write. Students listen to quality texts, discuss these and respond to these. The following writing examples are after discussing the book “Puffling”. Students have written responses about the book looking at the beginning and middle of the story. Students enjoy discussing the meaning of words and events in the stories.

Little Puffling was born on a beautiful Summer day. He was born in a burrow and lived with his mum and dad. The gulls lived under the burrow. Little Puffling asked his mum and his dad are I brave enough? Am I strong enough? Little Puffling asked them every day. By Charlotte Star.
Puffling was born on a Summer day in a burrow. By Millie Power.
Puffling and Long Black Feather and Big Stripy Beak were a family. Big Stripy Beak and Long Black Feather take turns for getting sand eels and fish for Puffling. Puffling put his head out of the burrow and his foot out of the burrow. Shayla Williams

In Science we have been looking at properties of materials. Last week students investigated what happened to some materials when they were wet. They observed the changes.
Dear Parents

Term 2 has been another busy term of learning in 2/3. In English we have focused heavily on improving reading and writing skills and we have learned to create procedures and flow charts to inform our readers about different things.

The students’ ‘Run, Run, Runny’ science assignments have been handed in and look spectacular. It is obvious that a lot of work has gone into them all and a lot of learning has been done about how different substances change from one state to another. Students have conducted a number of experiments and made observations at home.

In creative arts we have been creating ‘melting’ images including ice-creams, clocks and faces inspired by the crazy surrealistic images of Salvador Dali. We have also learned a game played by the surrealistic artists to exercise their imaginations.

We are also looking forward to our end of term assembly on Friday and are busily rehearsing the songs we will be performing for friends and family. 2/3 have been enjoying music this year and have enjoyed showing off our improving singing skills. In PE/PEH students have learned the value of a healthy lifestyle and have engaged in daily fitness which we are tracking in our Premier’s Sporting Challenge cards.

Our thanks to the parents who have volunteered in and around our classroom to support our school this term and we look forward to a new term of engaging learning opportunities.

Jason Culhane
Class Teacher 2/3
Scratch helps students to learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively; essential skills for life in the 21st century. Students use problem solving and mathematical skills, creating animation incorporating movement and images. Using the scratch program year 4/5/6 students have an understanding of what computer science is and an opportunity to assume the role of a computer scientist.

**MATHS**

In maths students have been learning to select appropriate methods to collect data, and then use this data to construct, data display including picture graphs, column graphs and pie graphs using excel.

**ROBOTICS**

Students have had a fantastic learning experience with the EV3 robots. Robotics has developed and encouraged students to work in teams; developing their skills to communicate and brainstorm. Students have gained hands on experience with construction and programming.

Students have enjoyed singing on Tuesdays and will be performing an item they have been practicing at the end of term assembly this week.

**SPELLING CITY.**

Students have been very engaged using spelling City this term. Spellcity helps students learn their weekly vocabulary and spelling words while having fun at the same time.

**LITERACY**

Students have been studying the text MIRROR by Jeannie Baker. This text identifies and considers different viewpoints of the world, including aspects of culture. Students have connected with the text through deep and engaging reflection using the focus on reading strategies.

**Reading Strategies**

- **Monitor & Clarify**
  - Monitor your reading as you go.
  - Ask questions to help you think about what you're reading and clarify what you don't understand.

- **Make Connections**
  - Make connections to what you already know to better understand an article.

- **Visualize**
  - You visualize when you make pictures in your mind of what you are reading.

- **Ask Questions**
  - Ask questions to help you think about what you're reading and clarify what you don't understand.

- **Infer & Predict**
  - Use clues to figure out something that the author doesn't directly tell you. Make "best guesses" about what will happen next based on what you read in the text.

- **Summarize**
  - You summarize an article so that you can better understand and remember the most important information.