Term 3 2015

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

Week 5
Monday, 10th August  Overland Ministries Visit
Tuesday, 11th August  P&C Meeting - POSTPONED
Friday, 14th August  Touch Gala Day Griffith Mid Term Assembly 11.30 am

Week 6
Tuesday, 18th August  AMHS Visit
Wed., 19th August  Kids Club - 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Week 7
Wed., 26th August  Book Week Parade

Notes Coming Home This Week
• Nil

Canteen Roster
• Wednesday, 5th August - Sandy Taylor
• Wednesday, 12th August - Sharon Power

Student of the Month

Jordon Williams
For a cheerful and responsible student who is always eager to learn.

Principal’s Message

Zone Athletics
Congratulations to our Zone Athletics Team for your outstanding performance in Griffith last Friday. You did your best and did us proud. Up against bigger schools and tough competition and we had a few wins. I admire our student's determination, perseverance and loyalty to their school. Thank you for all your hard effort and cheerfully giving it your best shot. Most of all thank you for your good sportsmanship.

Once again I cannot stress how grateful we are to all the parents who help with managing the team and helping our students and Mr Calwell out on the day. I hope you enjoyed the experience of competing at a zone level.

Mid-Term Assembly
This week our school will be holding a mid-term assembly on Friday, 14th August. This is a special assembly because we will be giving out our special Education Week awards and celebrating Education at our school. We are inviting our parents and carers into the classroom to come and see our kids in action learning in their classrooms from 11:30 am. Our students are very keen to show and tell you about the learning they have been doing in class and show you some of their work samples and join in with their class maths activities.

Following the classroom visits there will be a short assembly at 12:30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday.

Have a great week,
Lucia Vernon

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.
Our Building Learning Power Habit we are focusing on this week is; PERSEVERANCE

When you use this learning muscle, you….

- are not put off by being stuck
- tolerate feelings of apprehension, frustration or confusion without being upset
- recognise that learning can be a struggle
- keep on going despite difficulties and find ways to overcome them.

K/1 Excursion

K/1 students enjoyed their excursion to Griffith last Friday. We left on the bus just after 9am.

Our first place of interest was the Fire Station where Sean and Captain Kev showed the students the fire trucks and equipment. Students climbed up into the truck while the siren was put on.

The next attraction was the Art Gallery. The Archibald Prize 2014 works were on display. The students chose their favourite painting.

Sean spoke to the students about:
- Good fires and bad fires
- Get down low and go, go, go
- Stop, drop and roll
We then went to Griffith Regional Theatre to watch the play based on the book *The 26 Storey Treehouse*. We had been reading this book in class so the students knew the story. It was well presented and very funny. Students were very captivated and amused while the play was on.

The final stop was to have lunch and play at Griffith City Park.

All students were well mannered and display responsible behaviour.

Students were accompanied by Ros Srdoc and myself. A big thank to Corinne Wade who transported us to Griffith and drove us to the various venues. Thanks Corinne.

Mrs Robertson

**2/3 News - Science**

As part of our regular science sessions students have investigating the properties and uses of water. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively in order to achieve deeper understanding of the topic and develop valuable learning and social skills.

So far in class we have explored the properties of water using our five senses, the use of water in the school environment through observation and group discussion and the effect of rainfall on various surfaces through experimentation and observation.

Here are some examples of our investigations:

This week our home research assignment was sent home. Students will be investigating the many uses of water in and around their homes. This assignment is due back at school by Monday 17/8. If there are any questions or concerns please contact me as soon as possible.

Great learning everyone

Mr Calwell

**KROP Costumes**

We have decided to make all costumes available for purchase.

All dresses will be available to buy for $15. This will include any hair accessories that were made to match the costume.

Boy t-shirts will be available to purchase for $5.

Ballet canvas slippers will be $3.00 a pair.

If you would like to purchase a costume, please send an envelope and money to school with your
child’s name on the front and list the costume and accessories you wish to purchase.

**After School Kids Club**

After School Kids Club will continue this term at the school from 3:00pm to 4:30pm on the following date.

- Wednesday, 19th August
- Wednesday, 16th September

After School Kids Club is hosted by the LifeSource Church. Activities will include craft, games, story time and songs. Fruit and drinks will be provided. There is no cost involved but any donation would be gratefully accepted. Please make sure you have signed a permission note.

Rodney Bortolin
Senior Minister, LifeSource Church

**Goolgowi Public School - ‘Little Gecko’s Playgroup’**

Here at Goolgowi Public school we are always looking for ways to strengthen our ties to our broader community. Starting in September we are going to hold a monthly ‘Little Gecko’s Playgroup’ at our school library for all families in the Goolgowi area to attend. This will be a great opportunity for families who plan to enrol their children at our school in future years to meet our teachers and support staff and experience the Goolgowi Public School ethos. Playgroup is also a great way for parents to catch-up, network and share parenting experiences. Our ‘Little Gecko’s Playgroup’ will incorporate singing and movement activities, story time, craft and play.

Age: babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers (everyone is welcome)

**Where:** Goolgowi Public School Library

**When:** 9.30am Thursday 17th September 2015

**Cost:** Gold coin donation for tea and coffee.

**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 or at Woolworths. The program closes on Tuesday, 8th September.

**Sports News**

**Zone Athletics**

On Friday 7th August the Goolgowi PS athletics team, competed in the Griffith Zone Athletics Carnival at West End Oval. All our competitors performed to the best of their ability with both Cody and Brooklyn Headrick finishing third in their respective High Jump events.

All team members demonstrated excellent team spirit and sportsmanship. It is always a privilege to be associated to with a group of students who demonstrate our school values so well in a different setting.
Thanks go to all the parents for transporting, assisting and supporting our school team members and to Sharon Power and Gillian Star for acting as team managers on the day.

Congratulations to all team members for representing your school so well.

**NRL Clinics**

Andrew Herbert will be visiting our school every Monday over the next three weeks to get us moving and teach us some great game skills.

He will be here from 10:00 am until 12:00pm taking each class for 30 minutes each beginning with 4/5/6 and finishing with K/1 after recess.

All the children enjoyed today's activities and are looking forward to the next two visits.

We are all looking forward to some fun fitness activities and improving our footy skills.

Enjoy your sport.

Jason Calwell
Sports Coordinator

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**Riverina Rugby Union**

I have been selected to play for the Riverina Rugby Union team on the 18th-20th August at Narrabeen in Sydney.

On Friday, 7th August I’m going to training in Wagga. The Riverina side will also be playing a match against the Wagga Wagga U13s Rugby Union team.

Harrison Ryan

**P&C News**

The P&C Meeting set down for tomorrow has been postponed as a number of people are unavailable this week. The new date will be advised at soon as possible.

The P&C will be running a barbecue for lunch after the assembly this Friday, 14th August.

Sharon Power

**Community News**

**After School AFL Auskick**

*Beelbangera Oval*

Day: THURSDAY

When: Girls and Boys

Age: Kinder – Year 6

Dates: August 27th, September 3rd, 10th, 17th

Venue: Beelbangera Oval, Beelbangera

Times: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Cost: $35.00 for 4 week Program

Includes: Program run by AFL NSW/ACT Development staff, AFL Pack with a Sherrin football

REGISTER: che.jenkins@ aflnswact.com.au

Che Jenkins – AFL Development Coordinator
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.

Griffith Representative Netball

Griffith Representative Netball selection day will be held for the following teams on SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015

- 9 am - 12 years (born 2004)
- 10 am - 13 years (born 2003)
- 11 am - 14 years (born 2002)
- 12 pm - 15 years (born 2001)
- 1 pm - 17’s (born 1999 or 2000)
- 1 pm - OPENS

All girls must bring a ball and a drink bottle.

No representative clothing to be worn for tryouts.

Nomination forms to be completed on the morning.

Any questions, please call Karen Lewis on 6964 8712 or 0417 648714.

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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.
During Education Week we had 26 students from our school participate in KROP (Kids Rapt on Performing). This was Goolgowi’s first year participating in KROP after a short hiatus. Our performance was titled ‘Rain, Hail or Shine’ which was a dance medley with the theme ‘weather’. Our medley was a narration through dance following the different types of weather we can experience in Goolgowi—rain, thunderstorms, rainbows, and lots of sunshine of course. This theme was chosen as many of our students are from rural and farming backgrounds or their parents work in the agricultural industry where the weather is such an important factor.

Our students were extremely dedicated and rehearsed every day for over 12 weeks to prepare for the two huge days and nights performing at the Griffith Regional Theatre.
All the students who participated in KROP performed extremely well. KROP is an amazing experience and fantastic opportunity for students to perform on stage in front of a large audience. The students also loved the social element of KROP and enjoyed mixing with and meeting students from other schools. The organisation of so many students, costumes, travel arrangements and catering is a huge job and because of the students’ fabulous behaviour and parental support everything ran like clockwork. Unfortunately, sickness did sweep through our dance team just days before KROP was due to begin and many of our students had to bravely perform despite feeling under the weather. Sadly for Tess Power she was so unwell over the two days of KROP she was unable to participate at all.

For those of you who were fortunate enough to see the KROP performance, I’m sure you will agree that not only were the students of Goolgowi School a credit to themselves, their school, their community and their parents but also the talent and high level of skill that students from Public Education Schools have is simply amazing.

Congratulations to all the students on their wonderful efforts and especially their hard work and time they put in. You can be very proud of your achievements. I know all the students had a great time and it really is a valuable learning experience.

A big thank-you must go to my co-coordinator Mrs Robertson for all her effort in assisting me in bringing our KROP performance altogether.

A special thank you must also go to the following parents: Allana Shaw our head make-up artist and hair stylist, all the students looked amazing on stage thanks to your great expertise; and Sharon Power our head chef for supplying the yummy dinner on Friday night and for ordering and delivering our pizzas on Thursday night. Thank you to Gillian Star for being our reliable courier service making sure we had enough glitter hair spray and also picking up our huge delivery of hot chips to feed the hungry troops. Thank you to Rose Williams and Jeni Robertson for assisting with the sewing bee. Finally, thank you to the many parents who popped into our dressing room over the two days of KROP and helped prepare the students for their performances. We very much appreciate and value the support of all our parents.
LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY

Library lessons will take place on Wednesdays. On this day each student needs to bring along a library bag. Our school’s Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) lessons are also incorporated into library lessons.

We have a number of students with OVERDUE BOOKS, in the coming weeks we will be sending home overdue notices. We kindly ask all overdue books be returned to the Library ASAP so that other students may borrow these books.

K/1 is studying the unit
*Workers in the community*

The unit provides opportunities for students to explore the different roles and responsibilities of people with whom they interact in their family, school and community. The unit focuses on how these roles and responsibilities connect to meet needs and wants.

BOOK WEEK 2015

Each year, our school spends a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. The Theme for this year is ‘Books Light up our World’. On **Wednesday, 26th August (Week 7)** we will be holding our annual book week parade. We kindly ask all students to come dressed as a character from their favourite book. On the day students will be asked to announce who they are and why they have chosen their character.

2/3 is studying the unit
*My Place - A changing society*

Students will learn about the heritage of their local area, explore the identity, historical features and the diversity of their community in both a local and a broader context. The students will examine how our communities are ever changing and evolving.