Term 3 2015

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

Week 7
Monday, 24th August  NRL Clinic
Tuesday, 25th August  P&C Meeting – 7pm
Wed., 26th August  Book Week Parade 9.30am
                   Kids Club - 3:00-4.30pm

Week 8
Monday, 31st August  Riverina Athletics
Tue., 1st September  Police Visit
Wed., 2nd September  Mobile Library
Friday, 4th September  SRC Footy Colour Day

Week 9
Friday, 11th September  Assembly
                        Grandparents Day - 12:00pm
Sunday, 13th September  NAPLAN:
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                        will bring home their NAPLAN results.
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Principal’s Message
Welcome to week 7 of Term.

Book Week
This week we celebrate Book Week and we are all looking forward to Wednesday’s fun and exciting events. Please come along and help us celebrate our love of books and reading.

We have an excellent selection of good quality, high level literacy books in our library. This would not be possible without all the hard work Mrs Bev Furner does to make sure these books are ordered, covered and shelved. It is a big job and our students are very lucky to have such a well-stocked library. We are also very appreciative of the donations our P&C makes to our library resources.

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Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s NAPLAN results.

Riverina Athletics
We all wish Cody the very best in Albury next Monday as he is competing in the High Jump event. What a great achievement to make it to this level. Well done, Cody.

Have a great week,
Lucia Vernon

Term 4 2015

Week 1
Monday, 5th October  Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday, 6th October  Students & Staff Return
Thursday, 8th October  Mobile Library

Notes Coming Home This Week
* Nil

Canteen Roster
* Wednesday, 26th August - Cheryl Wray
* Wednesday, 2nd September - Wendy Clark

Student of the Month

Cody Headrick

For a student whose words and actions consistently reflect our school values.
**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.

**Thank You**

Thank you to Lawrence Harris for organising the collection of used batteries and donating the proceeds to the school. We recently received a donation of $234.30.

**Science Week at Goolgowi PS**

The staff and students of Goolgowi PS are actively involved in the study of science every week, engaging in hands-on, group investigations and individual research.

This term in science 4/5/6 have been studying the unit of work **CIRCUITS AND SWITCHES**. Students have been discussing sources of electrical energy and investigating the ways electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in an electric circuit to operate devices that are useful to humans. 2/3 have been studying the unit of work **WATER WORKS**. The students have been investigating the properties and uses of water and its importance in the environment. K/1 have been studying **WEATHER IN MY WORLD** in which students have been observing, discussing and investigating the causes and effects of weather in their environment.

However, last week was a special one for science in schools across Australia. Science Week (15-21/8/2015) draws attention to, and celebrates, the study of science and the many achievements of Australian scientists around the world.

As a part of our science week activities Goolgowi PS was able to send questions about their current units of study to a ‘real scientist’ for him to answer. Professor Paul Tooney PhD is part of the federal government’s ‘scientist in schools’ program and lectures at Newcastle University.

Last week and in the weeks ahead he will be delivering video and power point presentations to the staff and students of Goolgowi PS answering questions including ‘why does water expand when it freezes?’, ‘how does a solar cell work?’, ‘why does it rain/hail/snow?’ and many others.

Professor Paul has also sent a presentation explaining his work as a scientist and how our students can become one. Our students have been deeply engaged in their study of science and with this wonderful resource available to them they can only be more inspired. Australia’s next Nobel Prize winner may come from Goolgowi.

Here are some photos of our budding scientists engaging in some ‘hands-on’ science.

**In The Classrooms?**

Our Building Learning Power Disposition we are focusing on this week is: **Making Links**

When you use this learning muscle, you …..

- Look for connections between experiences or ideas
- Find pleasure in seeing how things fit together, make patterns
- Connect new ideas to how you think and feel already
- Look for analogies in your memory that will give you a handle on something complicated

Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.

**Mrs Robertson**

- **Jordon Williams** - for thinking about learning and asking interesting questions.

**Mr Calwell**

- **Rachel Jackson** - for being helpful and cooperative with her team mates.

**Ms Sheehan**

- **Simon Star** - for making links with what he already knows to transfer into new learning.

**Reading Awards**

25 Nights - Joshua Jackson
50 Nights - Joshua Jackson
75 Nights - Alexis Ball
All science classes provide students with hands-on experiences; students are seen here investigating the effects of changing different components in a simple circuit, the effect of adding water to a model landscape and observing the changing weather and its effects on the school environment.

Happy Science Week everyone.

Jason Calwell

**Book Week**

Next week our school is celebrating Book Week. The Theme for this year is ‘Books Light up our World’. This **Wednesday, 26th August** 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.

On behalf of Collins Booksellers we will be holding a mini book fair in our school library. This is also an excellent opportunity for families to purchase a book to donate to our school Library. All donated books are greatly appreciated and receive a name plate inside the front cover stating who donated the book.

**Book Club**

Could all Book Club orders be returned by next Wednesday **26th August** please.

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<td>We have decided to make all costumes available for purchase.</td>
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<td>All dresses will be available to buy for $15. This will include any hair accessories that were made to match the costume.</td>
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<td>Boy t-shirts will be available to purchase for $5.</td>
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<td>Ballet canvas slippers will be $3.00 a pair.</td>
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**After School Kids Club**

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

- Wednesday, 26th 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

**SCC**

The SRC will be running the annual footy colours day again this year on Friday 4th September. Students are asked to come dressed in their favourite footy team colours and donate a gold coin in support for the fight against cancer.

On the day we will be also having a special meal deal of a pie and a drink. Meal deal details and orders will be sent out later this week.

**THANKYOU EVERYBODY FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Preschool visits**

All preschool children will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 9th September and Tuesday, 15th September.
These are informal visits to allow children to have a look around the school.

Children will be brought to school by their preschool teachers. The teachers will stay with the children. They will come at 10:00 am and spend an hour in the K/1 classroom. They will have recess at school and a walk around the school. They will then return to preschool around 11:20am.

The preschool will be putting out a note to parents.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten Orientation for 2016 will take place next term on Mondays. It will begin with children attending for the morning session from 9:00 – 11:30am. Then children will attend for a morning and middle session (9:00 – 1:45) and building up to a full day.

There will also be a Parent information session.

Dates, times and more information will be communicated to parents in the near future.

**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.

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

**Sports News**

**NRL Coaching Clinic Visit**

On Monday 24/8 NRL Game Development Officer Tim Del Guzzo and his assistant James visited Goolgowi PS.

Over previous weeks students have been learning skills and discussing the importance of rules in a game. Unfortunately due to the wet weather they were unable to apply all they have learned in a fun session of play. Students were presented with a football and certificate.
We have all enjoyed lots of fun fitness activities and have improved our footy skills.

Enjoy your sport.

Jason Calwell
Sports Coordinator

Parent Tips

A Quick Bite ...

Fruit and Veg Month

Every year Fruit & Veg Month runs for the last 3 weeks of Term 3. In 2015 it will be from 24 August to 18 September.

The Healthy Kids Association produces fantastic classroom resources that can be used during the month or all year long. Ask your child’s teacher if they will be doing anything for Fruit & Veg Month this year.

Here are some tips for improving fruit and veggie intake all year long:

- Eat a rainbow of fruit and veg everyday
- Regularly try something new
- Try fruit and veggies raw, steamed, mashed or stir fried.
- Grow your own.
- Be a good role model.
- Try different combinations of fruit and veg in a smoothie

For more information visit
mhsd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

Community News

Goolgowi Exies Club News

IT CAME HERE AGAIN!!!!!
BUT THE MEMBER WAS NOT PRESENT!
WHAT’S GOING ON?

$26,100

IS NOW UP FOR GRABS THIS WEEK
YOU MUST BE AT THE CLUB THURSDAY NIGHT BETWEEN 7 & 9 PM

You must be a current financial member and on the premises at the time of the draw.

KITCHEN HOURS
THURSDAY, FRIDAY NIGHTS 6-8.30 PM
Take-a-ways available

The best part of being in a small community is that we help each other in times of need, this i know first hand with the mammoth fund raising effort for the cuddle cots which were handed over to the Griffith Base maternity ward this week.

We have someone else who needs your help. Unfortunately we have learned that a young man in our community has just been diagnosed with a blood disorder that sees him starting his first round of chemotherapy this week. After discussions with family members the best way to help at the moment, is by donating blood, blood products and to please consider registering as a bone marrow donor

ARB CLUB DAY
SATURDAY, 29th AUGUST
“STACKPOOOLE”

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CATERING PURPOSES

MORNING SMOKO, BBQ LUNCH, ROAST TEA
9.30 AM ONWARDS, IF YOU CAN SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DONATE YOUR TIME PERHAPS SOME CAKES OR SLICES OR EVEN SOME SANDWICH FILLINGS, FOR SANDWICH MAKING ON FRIDAY NIGHT (28th August ) 6.30PM

HAPPY HOURS

COME AND JOIN US ON SATURDAY BETWEEN 4-6 PM.

REMEMBER IT IS YOUR CLUB, PLEASE COME AND USE IT, OR YOU WILL LOSE IT

Brumbies Development Officer Visit - Goolgowi

Seth, the Brumbies Development Officer will be coming to visit the kids in Goolgowi on Wednesday, 2nd September.

A training run will be held at the footy oval in Goolgowi from 4.30pm till 6.30pm with a BBQ
RCAV Mobile Preschool Enrolments

We have now opened the waiting lists for enrolment with the RCAV Mobile Preschool for the year 2016.

- Rankins Springs – Tuesday
- Goolgowi – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Barellan Wednesday and Thursday
- Darlington Point - Thursday and Friday

For further information, please contact Cate Schoots - 0428644661.
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.