**Term 3 2015**

**Calendar**

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

**Week 10**

- Wed., 16th September: Kids Club - 3:00-4.30pm
- Pre School Visit -10:00-11.20am
- Thurs., 17th September: Little Gecko Club in the School Library
- Fri., 18th September: Whole School Assembly - 12:00pm
- Last Day Term 3

**Term 4 2015**

**Week 1**

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

**Week 2**

- Wed-Thru., 14th-15th October: PSSA Athletics Homebush
- Wed., 15th October: Yr 5 Visit to REEC

**Week 3**

- Tues, 20th October: P&C Meeting - 7:00pm

**Notes Coming Home This Week**

- 4/5/6 Borambola Medical & Consent Note

**Canteen Roster**

- Wednesday, 16th September - Linda Taylor

**Student of the Month**

Cody Headrick

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

**Principal’s Message**

It has been a very busy term for our students.

There have been many highlights and our students have been working hard in class and in many events outside the classroom. There are far too many parents to thank for all the extra support they give our school. We all appreciate the way in which you support us in many ways that are far too numerous to mention.

Congratulations to our students, Harrison Ryan, Lochlan Wilson and Cody Headrick who competed in the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Griffith East Public School last week. This was a very admirable and challenging task to do.

Congratulations also to our students, Simon Star, Tess Power and Cameron Langridge, who attended the Robotics workshop at Bribbaree Public School. Their reports will be in the newsletter in the near future.

**School Website**

We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website [www.goolgowi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.goolgowi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). The department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you.
We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey.

The survey is located at:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

The survey until midnight Thursday, 24th of September.

Assembly

On Friday this week we will be celebrating our end of term awards. Parents and community members are very welcome to attend and enjoy the P&C BBQ that follows our whole school assembly at 12:00pm.

We are all looking forward to a two week break from school routines. Time to rest, relax and recharge for our final term of the year.

I wish you a very happy and safe two week break from school routines.

Students and staff return to school on Tuesday, 6th October. Monday is the Labour Day Holiday and there is no Staff Development Day in Term 4.

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.

Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.

Mrs Robertson
- Dayton Harrison - for using classroom displays to help with his writing.

Mr Calwell
- Eliza Wray - for using maths strategies more to solve problems.

Ms Sheehan
- Rebecca Jackson - for using connections between experiences or ideas.

Reading Awards

75 Nights - Millie Power

DrumMuster

DrumMuster is held the third Thursday of every month. Bookings are essential. Please call Max Campbell on 6965 1354.

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, 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

**K/1 News**

**Maths**

In Maths we have been looking at recording data, making and interpreting graphs and using tally marks. Students enjoyed an activity using a small packet of smarties each. The question was which coloured smarty was there the most of? Least of?

Students made some interesting observations.

Not every packet had the same number of smarties in it.

Pink had the most smarties and brown had the least.

There are 8 colours of smarties.

**Pre-school visit**

Last Wednesday we welcomed 10 preschool students and their three teachers to the K/1 classroom. It was great to meet them for an informal visit.

The pre-schoolers enjoyed listening to one of K/1’s favourite books – *Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell*. We sang some songs and did an activity on the Smart board.

The class are looking forward to their visit this Tuesday.
Anti-Racism Contact Officer (SRCO)

Last Monday I attended an ARCO training day.

The Anti-Racism Contact Officer is the person to whom individuals and groups initially bring complaints about racist incidents which they have experienced or observed in the school. The ARCO advises the appropriate procedure that will be used to resolve the complaint.

The ARCO’s role can be described under four headings:

- Mediator role
- Procedural role
- Monitoring role
- Educational role

The ARCO informs the complainant of the process and their rights.

Please contact me if you need more information.

Mrs Robertson

Working with Children Check Clearance

To comply with WHS guidelines, the school is asking that all parents complete a Working with Children Check Clearance.

This clearance is a WHS requirement for those parents who work closely with children in the classroom, on canteen, transporting students and helping children with sporting activities.

There is no charge for volunteers.

How to apply

- Complete the online application form which can be accessed at: http://kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check.

If you cannot access the online system, call the Children’s Guardian customer service on (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.

- Once you have made an application, you will receive an application (APP) number. Details provided on your application must be exactly the same as your identity documents.

- In order for your application to be processed, present your application number to a NSW motor registry, RMS Agency or Service NSW, along with your 100 points proof of identity (which consist of the same proof required when applying for a NSW drivers licence). It is a requirement for you to be in NSW in order to obtain a WWCC Clearance.

For information about an Agency near you, please go to www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre. Once your application has been processed, the Children’s Guardian will notify you of the outcome by email or post.

Volunteer clearance

A person with a volunteer clearance can be engaged in unpaid child-related work. An application fee does not apply.

Validity

If you receive a WWCC Clearance, the Check is valid for 5 years (from the date it is granted), unless it is cancelled sooner by the Children’s Guardian or if you surrender it sooner.

Once you have received your clearance, please advise the school of your number and expiry date.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed their Working with Children Check Clearance.

If you have any questions regarding the Working with Children Check Clearance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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 17\(^{th}\) September 2015  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation for tea and coffee.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

### Sports News

#### Trent Barrett Finals

The Goolgowi PS junior boys 7 a side team travelled to Wagga Wagga early on the morning of Wednesday September 9\(^{th}\) to play in the Trent Barrett Shield finals at Paramore Park. With the help of parents and myself, and special thanks to Clint Robertson who transported the bulk of the team, we arrived in time to register and play our first game and then did not stop until returning home that afternoon.

The boys played four tough games and represented our school with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thanks also to Hugh and Harry for helping us out on the field and wearing the Goolgowi colours with pride.

Here are some reports from the boys.

**By Jye**

The Trent Barrett team went to Wagga for the finals on the 9\(^{th}\) of September. We lost all of our games but we all had fun.

All of the players were: Connor Jye, Jarrod, Cody, Tom, Jas, Hugh, Harry, Dustin, Samvir, Kadon, Tevita and Brezn.

**By Jarrod**

The Trent Barrett team went to Wagga for the finals but we lost all of the games but the 4\(^{th}\) game we played was a close game. We all had lots of fun.

Players: Jarrod, Connor, Jye, Hugh, Jas, Tom, Harry, Kadon, Cody, Charlie, Brezn, Tevita, Dustin

Well done and thanks everyone.

Jason Calwell  
Sports Coordinator

### P&C News

The P&C will be holding a BBQ on Friday after the assembly.

**Save the Date!**

The P&C are hosting a Halloween Disco 31\(^{st}\) October.
The disco will be open to all children from Goolgowi who attend school from Kinder to Year 6.

Tickets available for purchase after the holidays.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holidays.

Christine Leidl

Parent Tips

A Quick Bite...

How to make a mini vegie garden!

Don’t have the room or want to start out small? Why not make a mini herb or vegetable garden in styrofoam boxes?

1. Cut eight 1cm-square holes in the bottom to allow for drainage and use bricks to raise them off the ground.
2. Use a good quality potting mix, add some compost/manure and combine well.
3. Plant cherry tomatoes, lettuces, herbs, radish, baby beetroot, carrots and celery or anything else you like!

Note: Remember do not over crowd you boxes with too many seedlings.

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

Community News

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.

Spring 2015 Western Riverina
Juniour Chess Tournament in Griffith

WHERE: St. Patrick’s Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrambool St)

WHEN: Monday 5th October 2015 (fast day 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: 3rd October 2015 by contacting:
Noel Madder Ph 0428 987 626
or by email: noel.madder@det.nsw.edu.au

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments [soft-drink and water for sale]

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

For further information, please contact Mr Calwell at the school.
Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen's Club News

THE SUPERDRAW WENT TO Cowra but was not claimed so this week you have a chance to win win win!!!!!

$5,800
YOU MUST BE AT THE CLUB THURSDAY NIGHT BETWEEN 7 & 9 PM
You must be on the premises at the time of the draw and a current financial member.

BINGO THIS WEEK
KITCHEN HOURS: THURSDAY, & FRIDAY NIGHTS 6-8.30 PM
– TAKE-A-WAYS AVAILABLE
PHONE 6965 1308
COMING EVENTS:
• LADIES ONLY BINGO
• CALCUTTA

GOOLGOWI GOLF CLUB NEWS
MEN’S Open Day
Sunday, 27th September 2015
Registration from 9am-$25.00 COST
SHOTGUN START 10AM SHARP
A, B, C, & JUNIOR GRADES
CLOSING DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 2015
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Please contact: Jerry Taitoko - 0427 387 085.

Netball
We are having a “Come and Try Netball” Day on Monday 28th September, 2015 at the Jubilee Oval Netball Courts.
This is an initiative of Netball NSW as part of the 2015 Netball World Cup. We would love for girls and boys to come along and give netball a try.
Details are:
5-8 years: 10:30am – 12pm
9-12 years: 12:30pm – 2pm

A BBQ and drinks will be available for purchase on the day. To register or for further information, please call Sally on 0427 644 228 or email us at griffithnetball@gmail.com

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