Term 1 2016

Calendar

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Notes Coming Home This Week

- School Contribution Envelope
- School Uniform Order

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

Welcome to our 2016 school year.

Welcome to all our returning families and a very warm welcome to all our new families joining our school.

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and I trust that our students are all ready to engage in our important learning programs.

I'm pleased to introduce myself as the relieving Principal for 2016. I was very fortunate to be offered the position.

I come to Goolgowi as an experienced classroom teacher of 26 years as well as being the current Principal of Carrathool PS for the past 5 years.

My family and I live at Carrathool after moving there from Sydney.

Goolgowi has a great record of providing quality teaching and learning programs for its students. I am keen to get to know all the children and families and continue to help them grow and achieve their best.

Please feel free to introduce yourself as I want to continue the great partnerships already established between the school and the wider community.

Our class and staff structure for 2016 is:

Teaching Staff

K/1/2
3/4
5/6

Learning Support/Principal

Mrs Robertson
Miss Gordon
TBC

Library and Technology

Mrs Liddicoat

Support Staff

School Administrative Manager
Mrs Brown

School Administrative Officer
Mrs Furner

School Learning Support Officers
Mrs Muirhead
Ms Srdoc
Mrs Furner

We are all looking forward to a happy, productive and rewarding year. We look forward to working in partnership with you making sure all our students have a successful year at Goolgowi Public School.

School Volunteers/ Parent Helpers

Goolgowi Public School is very fortunate to have outstanding parent support in assisting us to implement our many and varies school programs. This support is very important to us and is a key part of our partnership with parents and community.

In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 NSW Department of Education and Communities' requires schools to have volunteers, (which includes parent helpers) complete a Working with Children Check.

This check is free of charge for volunteers but must be completed before entering into child related work. To complete a working with Children check please follow the links at
www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au or come and see us in the office.

**P & C News**

Happy Birthday Goolgowi Public School P & C Association

90 years old this year.

90 years of raising educational expectations, improving learning outcomes and resources by fund raising, and improving the environment of our school.

The next P & C meeting is this Tuesday, 16th February at 7.00 pm.

All parents and community members are encouraged to come along
And help this vital association continue for another 90 years.

Welcome back to 2016. We hope you all had a great holiday.

During the school holidays, the P&C were nominated for Community Event of the Year category of the Australia Day Awards for the Halloween Disco. Whilst we didn’t win, it was great for us to receive the nomination.

We will be running a BBQ and cake stall for the Swimming Carnival on Thursday.

If you are able to bring in any cakes, muffins or fruit plates, it would be most appreciated.

There will be a meal deal available for lunch at the BBQ.

$5.00 - Sausage Sandwich, Popper and an Ice Cream.

Christine Leidl

**School Sport**

School sport will take place on Tuesdays during the first 9 weeks of Term 1. We will be going to the pool to do a variety of water-based physical activities. Mrs Liddicoat who works on Tuesday will be our pool lifeguard. All students need to bring a swim shirt and sunscreen.

Students are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays during Term 1 (Green shirt, black shorts and school hat).

Fridays will be normal school uniform (Girls - white shirt, green skirt or skorts, white socks, black shoes and school hat. Boys - grey shirt, grey shorts, grey socks, black shoes and school hat).

**Canteen**

There will be no canteen this Wednesday. Students will need to bring their recess and lunch.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 11th February 2016.

We will need volunteers to help with timekeeping etc. so if you are able to help out on the day, please let us know.

**School Leaders Induction**

Our school leaders for 2016 will be inducted this Wednesday, 10th February commencing at 2:00pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

**2016 Kindergarten**

Welcome to our three new Kindergarten students: Sam Liddicoat, Lexie Young and George McKenzie.

**Uniform Order**

A uniform order form has been sent home today. If you have any questions about uniforms, please contact Mrs Brown in the office.

Order forms, together with payment in full, need to be returned to the office by Friday, 19th February.

**School Routines**

Please note the following school routines. It is very important for our students to be organised and on time. It is very important for their learning to be at school for our 9am start and to avoid missing school unless they are sick. Please
come and see me if there is any other reason why your child is not attending school.

**Bell Times**

The following times are a reminder to students and parents. Students who regularly arrive late at school miss out on important information and learning time. It makes it a very unsettled start to their day.

**The bell will be rung at:**

9.00am - line up for morning assembly

If students arrive after 9.00am they have to go to the office to sign in and it is recorded as a partial attendance.

9.15am - end of morning fitness - time to pack up, have a drink and line up ready for the morning’s lessons

11.00am - recess begins - students sit down to eat their recess for approximately 10 minutes and are then released to play.

11.25am - end of recess, students pack up play equipment, wash hands and line up for class.

1.00pm - lunch begins - students eat their lunch and then are dismissed by the teacher on duty at 1.15pm.

1.45pm - end of lunch. Stop playing, equipment returned, have a drink and, wash hands. Students to be lined up ready to begin afternoon activities.

3.00pm – Students dismissed, line up either in bus, walkers line or parent pick up lines.

**School Contribution Fees**

School Contribution fees are $60.00 per child for the year. It is important to note that the $60.00 per child only goes a small way towards providing stationery and supplies for students.

The eldest child in each family will be bringing home an envelope for you to use to pay your school contribution fees.

You can send these back in to the office or see Mrs Brown at school to pay them in person.

If anyone needs to they can speak to the Principal confidentially about financial hardship involved in paying the school contribution fees. Please don’t hesitate to see Mrs Bevan.

**Money & Notes Collection**

All money and notes should be handed to the class teacher each morning at the commencement of class. Please make sure that all permission notes and money are placed in an envelope that clearly has written on it your child’s name and what the money is for on the outside of the envelope. We appreciate your support with this.

**Visitors Sign in Folder at Office**

A reminder that all visitors to the School must sign the Visitors Sign In Sheet which is located in the office. This includes everyone, even parents, who enter onto the school grounds between the school hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm. Parents coming to school to pick up their child before 3.00pm, helping out in the classroom for Reading or Maths, coaching sporting teams at lunch time and on canteen duty are just a few of the examples where parents must sign in.

**P&C Volunteer’s Sign In Book** – This will be situated in the office and will need to be also signed by visitors who will be working in the school canteen and at School Working Bees.

This procedure is very important because, as the Principal, I need to know at all times just who is on the school grounds and for what reason.

Thank you for your support and understanding. It will ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors.

**Students’ Attendance**

- All students are expected to attend all timetabled classes.
- If a student is absent for a day or more, they must bring a note on the day they return. Please call the office if you are unable to send in a note to explain your child’s absence.
- If a student is sick and needs to go home, a note MUST be signed by the parent or person who is picking the student up.
- If you will be picking your child up during the day, please call first to the office to sign a partial day absence leave note.
- If you arrive late to school you MUST sign in at the office and bring a note to explain why you are late to school. It is an important responsibility that teachers and the school
know where all students are during school hours.

**Student Banking**

Each Tuesday students can bank through the School. School banking is with the Commonwealth Bank and is conducted electronically. If you would like your child to use this service or open an account, please let Mrs Brown know and she will send home the necessary forms and information.

**Tissues**

Could every student please bring in a big box of tissues for use in their classroom? Every year we seem to go through the School’s supply very quickly. The boxes brought in by the students are used only in their own classroom.

**No Hat, No Play Policy**

No hat, no play is a school policy that takes place during the whole school year. It is part of the Department of Education’s Sun Smart Policy for School Students.

The aim is for students to be protected from the sun in the early years of their life in the hope that they won’t develop skin cancer later on in life. Also the children are learning the basic skills needed in order to protect themselves from the hot sun.

Students will not be able to play in the sun without a hat and will only be able to play in shaded areas.

You will note that the School Uniform Policy clearly states that the hat is to be a school wide-brimmed hat. This hat protects the children’s face, ears and neck. This policy, and the rest of the school uniform, will be enforced.

**Parents Need to Supply Their Child With Sunscreen**

Parents will need to ensure that if they wish their child to use sunscreen at school during the week, and especially on sport days and swimming, they will need to supply their own sunscreen (labelled with their child’s name) and make sure that your child knows how to apply it to themselves. Due to the possibility of reactions and allergies associated with the large variety of different sunscreens from which to choose from, we as a school are not allowed to provide sunscreen for the students to use. Nor are other students allowed to lend their sunscreen for other students to use.

Also, due to Child Protection Issues, teachers are not allowed to apply sunscreen to students.

To participate in swimming, students will need to have sunscreen and a swimming shirt. This is needed to ensure that the School’s WH&S responsibilities are covered.

Students will not be able to participate in swimming without them.

Parents really do need to ensure that the well-being of their child is of the highest priority. Many students already have sunscreen permanently in their school bag so that they can use it at any time throughout the School day. Parents must make sure that the sunscreen has their child’s name clearly marked on it. If you wanted to send in to school a tube of sunscreen for your child to use at any time, it can be kept at school in their classroom.

**Change of Student’s Travelling Arrangements**

A reminder that if you wish your child in the afternoon to travel home a different way to their normal routine you must inform the school beforehand, preferably by note. This includes being picked up by another parent or person, going to someone else’s place, birthday parties, etc. We are not allowed to let a student go home a different way unless we have parental permission first. It is also not our responsibility to make phone calls to parents who haven’t organised things correctly. If we don’t have parental permission for your child’s travel arrangements to vary, they will be sent home in the normal way.

**Picking Up Your Child After School**

While students catching the bus or walking home are required to line up in one of three lines near the office, students who are waiting to be picked up by parents are to wait under the eating area in front of the Library until their parent comes into the school to pick them up. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wait out at the front gate or outside the school grounds. There is a chance students could be hit by a car or be taken by a stranger. There are also times when parents are accidentally
delayed in the afternoon, and hence it is much safer for the student to be inside the school grounds where they can be properly supervised. I would appreciate if parents who are picking up students from school in the afternoon could do their part to support this procedure. Thank you.

Community News

Junior Coaching Clinic

On Thursday 11th February 2016, there is a Baggy Blue T20 game in Griffith where well known players Doug Walters, Len Pascoe, Steve Rixon, Corey Richards, Kevin Geyer, Phil Marks, Steve Small, Warren Smith and former Griffith locals Kate and Alex Blackwell will be present and some playing in the game. The game is scheduled to commence at 6pm at the Exies Oval.

About 4:30pm prior to the game starting, there will be a junior coaching clinic at Exies where the above names will be involved. Any primary school student girls or boys are welcome to come along and be part of the coaching clinic. Coaching goes for about an hour. There is no charge, no need to register, just turn up. There is no cost to enter the gate to watch the game either if you would like to stay on and watch the game.

Griffith High School

Prospective Parent and Student Evening
Year 7 2017
Thursday 18th February 2016
6:30pm – 7:30pm
School Hall
All welcome
This evening will include a school tour, a brief presentation and Q&A session
Enquiries: Ph 69621711
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.

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