Term 1 2016

Calendar

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

**Week 7**

- **Mon., 7th March**  Riverina Swimming - Albury
- **Tues., 8th March**  Sport - Swimming
- **Wed., 9th March**  Zone Soccer Trials
- **Thurs., 10th March**  Selective High Schools Exam
  - Yr 3/4 Excursion - 52-Storey Treehouse
  - Mobile Library
- **Fri., 11th March**  Whole School Assembly 12:00pm

**Week 8**

- **Mon., 14th March**  School Photos
- **Tues., 15th March**  Sport - Swimming
- **P&C Meeting - AGM - 7:00pm**

**Week 9**

- **Mon., 21st March**  Harmony Day
- **Tues., 22nd March**  Sport - Swimming (Final)
  - School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
- **Thurs., 24th March**  Easter Hat Parade
  - Primary Boys Football Trials
- **Fri., 25th March**  Public Holiday - Good Friday

**Week 10**

- **Mon., 28th March**  Public Holiday - Easter Monday

**Notes Coming Home This Week**

Nil

**Canteen Roster**

- **Wednesday, 9th March** - Michelle Farlow
- **Wednesday, 16th March** - Dee Furner

**Principal's Message**

What a busy week! It certainly got crazy on Friday with our Crazy Hair Reward Day. Children were able to have a special day as part of our ongoing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program. This reward was earned at the end of 2015 and the beginning of this year.

Our school values form the basis for our PBL program:

- **Cooperation**  Learning together.
- **Respect**  Take care of yourself and others.
- **Responsibility**  Make good choices.

These values drive the lessons that are taught in each class through explicit instruction as part of our welfare policy. Children are recognised and rewarded in class and the playground for displaying behaviours that follow our values.

The week started for our school leaders, Qyarah and Harrison and myself on Sunday, when we travelled with a number of other school leaders and teachers to attend the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney on Monday. It is an inspiring conference attended by 7000 students and teachers who come together to hear from some very interesting and diverse community leaders. Please enjoy their reports on the leader that they most enjoyed from this year’s conference.
The week just kept getting busier with Kid’s Club on Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to the Lifesource Church in Griffith for giving our students this fun, worthwhile experience. We look forward to our next Kid’s Club in Week 11.

Thursday was another busy day with our first Scripture lessons for the year. Thanks to Mrs Cheryl Robertson (Protestant) and Mrs Gillian Star (Catholic) for providing these lessons at our school.

Just a reminder of our whole school assembly on Friday 11th March at 12 noon. This week we will be holding the assembly in the Library as we are expecting extreme weather conditions. Please join us for this special occasion and stay for the P&C’s BBQ lunch. I am very much looking forward to the day to celebrate our students’ successes.

Lesa Bevan
Relieving Principal

Young Leaders

My favourite speaker was Ben Austin. He is one of the most successful Paralympian swimmers. He only had one arm. He overcome having only one arm and mastered the little things by swimming every day and training himself to swim with only one arm. Soon he was beating everyone with two arms because he mastered the little things.

He said he was trying out for a place in the 2000 Olympics. He competed against a guy with no arms and that he mastered the little things and he beat Ben Austin which made him want to become better. Ben went to the AIS and trained and trained and trained. He knew he had mastered all the little things and he won all types of medals. He got the gold in the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

That’s why Ben Austin was my favourite speakers.

Harrison Ryan

Andrew Scipione is the NSW Police Commissioner.

Commissioner Scipione joined NSW Police in 1980 following a period of employment with the Australian Customs Service.

Commissioner Scipione is a recipient of the Australian Police Medal and the National Medal.

The most interesting part of his speech was when he told us to choose our friends and make good choices. He also said ‘bad things happen it’s how we deal with it that counts”.

Qyarah Harrison

In The Classrooms?

K/1/2 News

We have been reading and discussing the book Piglet and Papa by Margaret Wild. It is a story about belonging. Student painted a picture of Piglet, wrote a description of Piglet and then wrote their own story using the characters from the book.

This is some of the students’ writing.

Piglet
My pig has blue eyes, brown spots on his belly, brown ears and a squiggly tail. He is jumping high. Charlotte Star

Piglet
My pig has a fat little tummy, cute little ears, cute little trotters and a curly whirly tail. Shayla Williams

Piglet and Papa
Piglet and Papa are prancing in the flowers. Jarod Harris

Piglet and Papa
Piglet went outside in the sun. As Piglet was playing, it started to rain. Piglet was happy.
Piglet was jumping in the mud. Piglet was so messy and wet and grassy that Papa didn’t let Piglet in the sty. Papa said you are too messy. So Piglet got a bucket of water and soap. So Piglet was almost ready to have a bath but Piglet forgot the ... the muddy soap. Now Piglet was clean and now Papa let Piglet in the sty. Annabell Liddicoat

Mrs Robertson

3/4 News

Year 3 and 4 are in the first phase of the writing cycle. They will start their own imaginative writing piece this week after looking at the chain of events in the ‘The Windy Farm’.

This week students’ will be focusing on addition as well as subtraction during Mathematics.

We will continue to investigate different types of energy. This week we are looking at electrical, chemical and friction as forms of energy and heat conductors.

We have been increasing our letter formation each week during Literacy below is Connor and Rachel enjoying this learning activity.

Miss Gordon

- Jarrod Langridge - for developing sentences using past, future and present tense verbs.
- Tevita Namo - for recalling number facts during addition activities.

Mrs Burton

- Jasvir Singh-Clark - for a fantastic piece of writing based on an inference activity.
- Qyarah Harrison - for applying herself during mathematics tasks.

Moving Into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2017

Expression of Interest forms are to be sent home to all students in Year 6 this week.

It is important that all EOI forms are returned even if your child is not attending a NSW Government School in 2017.

There are four steps to enrolling your child in Year 7:

1. deciding which school you would like your child to attend
2. completing an Expression of Interest for placement at the school of your choice
3. completing the Application to Enrol sent to you by the school offering your child a place
4. following consideration of your application by the school principal, you will be advised if your child’s application to enrol has been accepted.

Congratulations to our Weekly Award recipients.

Mrs Robertson

- Jordon Williams - for being a keen learner and making connections.
- Dayton Harrison - for being a respectful and polite student.
Step 2 Complete the Expression of Interest to request placement at the school(s) of your choice

Please complete your child’s personal details and sign the declaration in Section A.

Section B shows the name of your designated local school, based on your home address.

If you are seeking placement at your local school please sign Section B, and return the form by the due date. If you are seeking other placements please list up to three schools in order of preference in Section C.

You can request placement in a:

- specialist school
- specific program within a school
- support class (in consultation with your primary school principal, who will submit an application for placement)
- non-local school.

Please note that specialist schools, schools with specific programs and placement panels will have additional application requirements.

If you are unsure if you need to complete any additional forms, please make direct contact with the school in which you are interested.

There is an additional step if you are requesting placement in a non-local school.

Most schools have specific placement criteria for non-local enrolments.

If you are seeking a place at a non-local school, please provide reasons for seeking non-local placement, for example:

- proximity or access to the school
- brothers or sisters already enrolled at the school
- access to a single-sex or co-educational school
- disability or medical-related reasons Public Schools NSW | Expression of Interest Form www.dec.nsw.edu.au 7
- safety and supervision of your child before and after school
- availability of subjects or combinations of subjects at the school
- your child’s special interests and abilities
- compassionate circumstances
- the structure and organisation of the school.

The school enrolment panel will only consider the information on this form and other relevant documentation you provide.

If your child is not offered a place at your Choice 1 school, your child will be considered for placement at your Choice 2 school, then at your Choice 3 school, if applicable.

If you are not successful in gaining a place at one of your choices, the school will notify you. The school may indicate that you have been placed on a waiting list and you will be offered a place if one becomes available.

If your child is offered a place at one of your listed school preferences, you will not receive an offer from any other school that is lower in preference.

If no place is available at any of the schools you have requested, your child will be placed in the local school listed in Section B, subject to acceptance of your application to enrol by that school.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome and feel you have not been treated fairly or that the result is unreasonable, you may lodge an appeal. The appeal should be made in writing to the secondary school principal.

If you have applied for an academically selective school please tick the box in Section D of this form and complete Section B, C or Section E in case your child is not successful in gaining a place at a selective school.

If you do not require a place in a government school please complete Section E.

The completion of Section E closes all action by NSW government schools relating to the placement of your child in Year 7.

Step 3 Complete the application to enrol

Once you have been offered a place in a school, you will be asked to complete an Application to enrol in a NSW government school. This will be sent to you during Term 2 or Term 3. Please complete all details on this form and return it as soon as possible. The final decision on enrolment will be made following consideration and acceptance of your application to enrol by the school principal. The principal may contact you for more information. You will receive a letter confirming whether or not your child has been accepted for enrolment.

Step 4 Get to know your new school

Clean Up Australia Day

Students participated in Schools clean-up day last Friday. It was a very hot day but this did not hinder the student’s enthusiasm.

Senior students paired up with younger students, pulled on gloves and armed with a garbage bag set up to clean up the school area.
We walked the perimeter of the grounds and down the back area as well as front garden.

It was pleasing to see that there was not a great deal of rubbish in our playground. We aim to teach students to take for litter in the environment and place their litter in bins.

P&C News

The P&C will be holding a BBQ this Friday, 11th March after the assembly. We will need helpers on the day to cook the BBQ and serve the food.

This is a valuable fund raiser for the P&C and without helpers we cannot run the BBQ.

Thank you.

P&C AGM & General Meeting

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Goolgowi Public School Parents and Citizens’ Association will be held on Tuesday 15 March commencing at 7.00 pm. There will be a movie showing in the K/1/2 class room for parents wanting to come.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2015 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the half-year ending 31 December 2015, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the executive. The AGM is open to all parents, carers and community members who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.
For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of executives and sub-committees, please go to the NSW P&C Federation website: www.pandc.org.au

At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.

**Why is the P&C Important to Goolgowi Public School?**

Without a P&C committee there would be NO weekly canteen, NO catering at carnivals, assemblies or other events. The P&C purchased laptops, robotics, lighting and gardens to name a few during 2015 – no P&C means the school will have to find the money elsewhere or go without – that means your children will go without.....

Being a part of the P&C does not mean you will always have to volunteer your time all we ask for is 1-2 hrs once a month to attend a meeting and if you are able to volunteer in the canteen, help with a BBQ or just show some support, it doesn’t matter how small every bit helps!

**School Photos**

School photos will take place on Monday, 14th March. Sent home last week was a photo order form. Please return to school with the correct payment by Friday, 11th March.

**Kids Club**

After School Kids Club is again being held this term at the school from 3:00pm to 4:15pm on the following dates.

- Wednesday, 6th April

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.

Only children who have returned a permission note will be allowed to stay for Kids Club.

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**Community News**

**Goolgowi Golf News**

**Opening Day - 16th April 2016**

All Welcome

Fun Day

From 16th April - 8 weeks free coaching

9:00am - 11:00am Saturdays

Extra 8 weeks starting in July

Coaching for beginners and advanced golfers

**AGM**

**Tuesday, 8th March**

7:00pm at the Golf Club House

ALL WELCOME

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**Goolgowi Exies Club**

EASTER RAFFLES THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

60 PRIZES – 30 DRAWS

15 SEAFOOD VOUCHERS, 15 SEAFOOD TRAYS

30 EASTER EGG BASKETS
AGAIN THIS FRIDAY 11 MARCH, CALLS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM

GOOLGOWI 6-A-SIDE

SATURDAY MARCH 12 @ GOOLGOWI RECREATION GROUND. PROCEEDS FOR THE COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUND AMMENITIES

ARB GRIFFITH 400

Due to the fantastic job you all done last year, the Club again has been given the opportunity to cater for the above event, on March 18, 19 and 20. We will of course require your invaluable help, if you could help out for approx. 2-4 hours on any of these days, please contact one of the committee members or leave your details & when you are available at the Club.

This is very important for our community, as last year it paid the $5,000 for our license.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

We will need someone to help make some sandwiches on Friday the 18th please for our catering expedition, we would supply everything (but donations accepted) Also if anyone wanted to donate some cakes or slices, they would also be gratefully received.

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

KITCHEN HOURS: THURSDAY & FRIDAY 6-8.30 PM SIT DOWN OR TAKE-A-WAY, SORRY BUT SATURDAY NIGHTS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY PHONE: 6965 1308

RIVERINA CLUB’S SUPER-DRAW THIS WEEK WILL BE $2,600, SOME LUCKY MEMBER AT OAKLANDS SCOOPED THE POOL $$$$$$$$

Draw is between 7 & 9pm, on Thursday, you must be a current financial member and on the premises at the time of the draw!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6TH APRIL, 2016

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS WILL BE COMING UP SOON, PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS, IT IS VERY REWARDING, AND YOU

ARE HELPING TO KEEP A COMMUNITY ASSET Viable FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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