

Goomalling Primary School  
 "Every Child, Every Chance to Shine"

# The Goomalling Gazette

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## What's On

### TERM 3

#### Week 5

Thursday 18th August  
 Assembly—Yr 5/6 Host

#### Week 6

Tuesday 23rd August  
 Bookweek Parade

Wednesday 24th August  
 School Development Day,  
 No Students attend  
 school.

#### Week 8

Tuesday 6th September  
 Mortlock Athletics Carnival  
 Host: GPS

#### Week 9

Monday 12th September  
 School Photos

Wednesday 14th Sept  
 AUSLAN Excursion  
 Dowerin Year 2-6

Friday 16th September  
 Interschool Athletics  
 Carnival  
 Host: Yerecoin PS  
 @ Calingiri Town Oval

#### Week 10

Wednesday 21st  
 September  
 General Assembly 2.15pm

Dear Parents, Staff and Guardians,

### My Parenting Hat

Don't get me wrong, I'm no expert, and as a parent I don't get everything right. However, I reflect and listen on the continuous life learning of parenting. I don't believe that this will stop when the children reach the adult age.

Michael Grose is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. You may have seen him on television. He has some great advice on how to bring up happy and resilient children.

I would like to share with you some of his ideas. It is interesting that he highlights "Overparenting" as a bigger issue that we have to deal with in schools at the moment than "Underparenting". I would agree with him. He goes on to outline that in a study conducted by the World Health Organisation, Australian parents lead the way in being anxious and overprotective of their children. By being overprotective parents they rob their children of resilience and the ability to solve their own problems.

He outlines 7 resiliency robbers.  
 (Some might sound familiar)

1. Parents fight children's battles for them and don't give them a chance to solve their own problems.
2. Parents take responsibility for their children's problems.
3. Parents give their children too much choice.
4. Parents put unrealistic pressure on their kids to perform.
5. Parents let their kids give in too easily.

6. Parents neglect to develop independence early.  
 Parents rescue their kids from challenging situations.

I found some great articles on the internet that are well worth reading. I would love to share them with you if you are interested.

### Staff Development Day

Please be aware that Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August will be a pupil free day. Students don't attend school on this day.

### Mortlock Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Permission forms lunch orders and requests for helpers will be sent home in the next few days. Please note there will be no Kindy held on this day. Kindy students are welcome to attend the athletics carnival with parents and participate in the lunchtime siblings race.

### Kindergarten enrolments for 2023

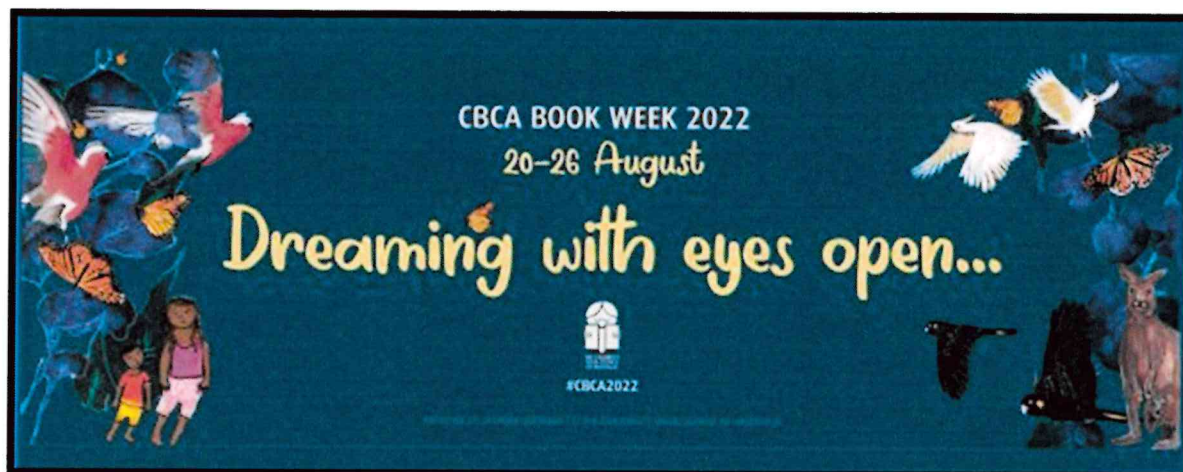
Children must be 4 years old by June 30<sup>th</sup> in the year they attend the kindergarten program. Please contact the front office for an enrolment package.

### Father's Day Lunch & Footy Colours Free Dress

Friday 2nd September we will be celebrating our fantastic Dads and Granddads. Come along dressed in your footy colours for a hamburger lunch and some sporting activities. Lunch will be served from 1.00pm, Dads work on your fitness it will be needed.

## Book Week Parade (Dreaming with Eyes Open...)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 9am. Students are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character. **Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.** Reminder to return your cupcake order form to school asap if you haven't already done so.



### Attendance – Let's do the Maths!

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4

### Head Lice

There have been a number of students within our school who have recently been treated for Head Lice. This is an ongoing problem throughout schools, so it is important that you check your child's hair thoroughly on a regular basis. An easy way to prevent the spreading of lice is to ensure that long hair remains tied up and that when treating your child's hair, you remove all eggs and lice to prevent further infestation.

Department of Education Policy dictates that if your child is infected that they must not return to school until treatment has commenced and where all bar a few eggs are removed. Of course, the treatment should continue until all signs are eliminated.

**Colin Fergusson,**  
**Principal**

# ROOM 1 ART

We are learning about how to use colours to create depth in their art work. Each student enjoys exploring different art mediums and creating individual art pieces that are inspired by the natural environment around our school.



# AUSLAN

## Fingerspelling

This Term the students from Years 2-6 have started AUSLAN as part of their Languages curriculum. So far the students have learnt how to count up to ten and are now getting confident with their fingerspelling alphabet. Students have also just begun to fingerspell basic words. Below is the alphabet for you all to have at home so the students and yourself can practise at home.



A

B

C

D

E



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# AUSLAN: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

Almost 20,000 people use Auslan to communicate every day, yet this uniquely Australian language remains much of a mystery. Here's an introduction to the language of Australia's deaf and hearing impaired community.

## What is Auslan?

Auslan is short for **Australian sign language**, a language developed by, and for, Australians who are deaf or hearing impaired. It's a visual form of communication that uses hand, arm and body movements to convey meaning.

## Is Auslan used in other countries?

No, Auslan is uniquely Australian. Just like different languages are spoken around the world, people who are deaf use different sign languages depending on where they come from (it's estimated there are **130 sign languages** around the world). Due to historical similarities, Auslan is more like British Sign Language (BSL) than American Sign Language (ASL), which means Australians can often understand BSL and vice versa.

## How did Auslan come about?

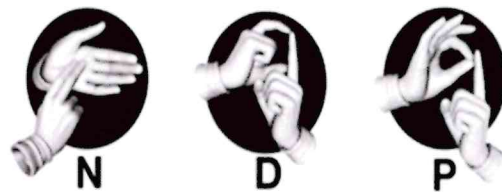
Auslan dates back around 200 years, when British, Irish and Scottish immigrants brought sign language to Australia. Over time, Auslan developed its own unique traits. And just like other languages, Auslan continues to evolve as the Australian deaf and hearing impaired community grows.

## Does Auslan use English grammar?

No, Auslan has its own grammatical system that's totally separate from English. Like all sign languages, Auslan is a visual-gestural language which means it uses movement to convey grammar and meaning at the same time. In contrast, English relies on word order and sentence structure. Interestingly, Auslan's grammatical structure is closer to Chinese or French than English. Here's an example:

"I saw a beautiful red car this morning" (English)

"Red car beautiful this morning I saw" (Auslan)



## What is fingerspelling?

Finger spelling is used by signers in the Auslan community when there isn't a commonly understood sign for a particular word, such as the names of places or people. Studies show that fingerspelling is used in about 10% of communication by Auslan users.

## How does Auslan work?

Auslan relies on a combination of hand shapes, movements and facial expressions to deliver messages. These can include a combination of:

- Hand shapes – Auslan has 38 hand shapes with 28 variants
- Orientation – This is the direction of your palm and hand in relation to your body. For example, making a sign near the head suggests 'thinking'.
- Location – Signs are made near different parts of the body to convey meaning
- Movement – Small or large movements of the head, arms and hands can suggest different words
- Expression – Head and facial movements or expressions are used to convey emotion and emphasis.

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# DOWERIN BASKETBALL

## 2022



### AGM & GENERAL MEETING

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**All welcome!**  
**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> September 4.30pm**

We love to see new faces and need volunteers, so we look forward to your attendance to keep this great Junior Comp going.

#### **Season starts Week 1 Term 4**

**Dowerin Pavillon Shed**

**Aussie Hoops – under 8's, Sub Juniors – Years 3 - 5's, Juniors – Years 6+  
(Dependent on numbers)**

Approximate numbers required prior to meeting. If your child is interested in playing, please email their name and school year **before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** to [dowerinbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:dowerinbasketball@gmail.com)



## 2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

### 2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

#### January

**Can't make it to a webinar?**

You can watch this short video on [Cyberbullying and online drama](#). (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).

#### April

**Can't make it to a webinar?**

You can watch this short video on [Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse](#). (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

#### July

**Can't make it to a webinar?**

You can watch this short video on [Parental controls](#). (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).

#### October

**Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).

#### February

**Webinar: Helping kids thrive online**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old).

**8th February – Safer Internet Day 2022 #SID22**

#### May

**Webinar: Parental controls**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).

#### August

**Webinar: Popular apps**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).

#### November

**Webinar: Guide to the holidays**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).

#### March

**Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).

#### June

**Webinar: Online gaming**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

#### September

**Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse**

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

**National Child Protection Week #NCPW22**

#### December

It's December! You can check out our annual [Gift Guide](#) here.

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars).

We are very happy to share  
the exciting news!

Goomalling Playgroup's  
grant application through  
Playgroup WA has been  
successfully approved!

Watch this space for pictures  
of the revamped playgroup  
that the children will be  
able to enjoy!



**THIS WEEK AT  
PLAYGROUP**

- Threading fruit loops
- Painting/stamping with paper towel rolls
- Parachute games / songs