

22ND AUGUST 2023



THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

Goomalling Primary School
Every Child – Every Chance to Shine

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

We have made a wonderful start to Term 3! I am always impressed with how well your children settle back into school after the holidays and come back so eager and ready to learn. Their behaviour and manners at school are impeccable which is something you should all be so proud of, as are we.

Connect and Respect

The Department of Education has recently released the “Standing Together Against Violence” policy and the supporting “Connect and Respect” resources which confirm that every student, staff member, parent and carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our school.

At school we can all expect mutual respect, good behaviour, open communication and respect for each other’s time.

We will not tolerate offensive, insulting or aggressive language, malicious or judgemental gossip, using social media disrespectfully or any form of violence.

The posters are now displayed at the door of every classroom and the office to ensure that everyone who comes to GPS has shared understanding in this area.

Picnic with the Principal

During our Monday Morning Meetings this term we have been talking as a whole school about embracing opportunities to be kind. I have asked the students to ‘dob in the kind kids’ and tell me when they see someone being kind to someone else.

I want to celebrate students who show kindness at school, as well as those who embrace our school values of Respect, Achievement, Resilience and Endeavour. With this in mind I will be holding a ‘Picnic with the Principal’ twice each term where I get the honour of having lunch with these amazing children. This will give me an opportunity to serve these students and thank them for their efforts at school. If your child is invited to the Picnic with the Principal a note will go home and your child won’t need to bring lunch on that day.

Celebrity Chefs for Breakfast Club

We are again accepting nominations of local legends to come and join us for Breakfast Club next term. Please let us know if you would like to nominate someone so that we can arrange to put them on the roster.

Huge thanks to the St Vincent de Paul Society for continuing to sponsor our Breakfast Club. Their support has fed loads of hungry tummies this term, and allowed us to run Breakfast Club most days of the week.

Book Week

This year's theme for Book Week is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. It was fabulous to see all the wonderful costumes at our Book Week Parade that were inspired by the childrens' favourite books. Thank you so much to our families who go the extra mile to help prepare their children for these occasions. The children always have a ball!

School Pick Up

Please ensure that students are picked up from school on time. Kindy and Pre-Primary students need a parent/guardian to collect them from the classroom. From Grade 1, students are dismissed when the siren rings at 3:00pm. Please let the office know if there are any changes to your pick-up arrangements.

Uniforms

A reminder to families that adhering to our dress code is part of our good standing policy. Please contact the office if you need additional uniforms.

School Development Day

Please be reminded Wednesday 30th August 2023 is a School Development Day, Students do not attend school on this day.

Paige Ludwig - Principal



In health this term, Room 1 are learning about safety at home and in the community. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Goomalling Volunteer Fire Brigade on Thursday 15th August who visited all classrooms.

A very special mention goes to Brady, Telly and Filip who showed the students around the fire truck and taught us how they can help us in the event of an emergency.

Year 3-6 students got a little wet during the incursion, while the K-Year 2 class were lucky enough to turn the hose on and water the oval for us!

A brochure got sent home with all students about what to do in the event of a fire at home. If you haven't already, we encourage you to talk with your children about a safety plan for your home and safe evacuation points.

Thank you again to our local Volunteer firefighters for visiting our school!



NAIDOC DAY

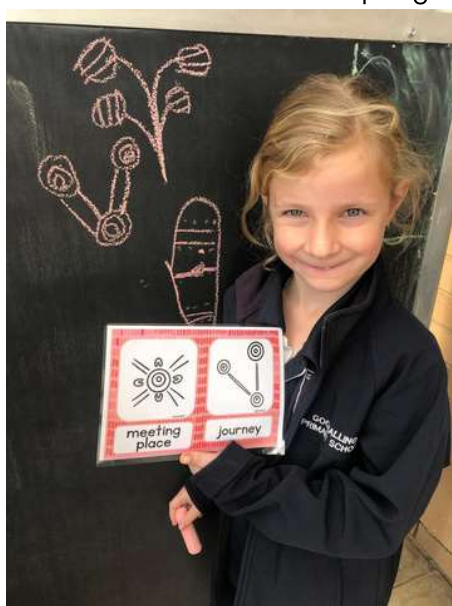
We had a brilliant day celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their amazing culture, history and traditions at our combined schools NAIDOC day celebrations.

We loved having our friends from Sacred Heart Catholic School Goomalling join us for some activities and yarning around the campfire. We cooked and tasted kangaroo tail and damper and listened to stories from Aunty Tracey, a Ballardong woman from Goomalling.

We love coming together with SHCS for activities like this, and they are always welcome at our school. It's wonderful to see the children from both schools play and learn together.

Huge thanks and appreciation to:

- Aunty Tracey for coming all the way from Ballidu to yarn with us
- Richard Domingo who spent all day at the fire cooking the damper and kangaroo tail
- Graham Chester, Karen Mannaerts and Richelle Glatz for chopping wood for the fire
- Graham and Debra-Lee Chester for loaning us their fire fighting truck for the day
- Sergeant Hush and his team who came and joined in our celebrations and helped us make damper
- Our GPS Student Councillors for setting up and packing away the chairs
- Christine Barratt, Steph Hall and Jodi Iles for helping with the clean up





Planet Ark School Tree Day - Avon Valley Toyota

On Friday 28th July we had the pleasure of welcoming Jess and Ebony from Avon Valley Toyota who brought along a truck load of veggie seedlings to plant in our new veggie garden.

Everyone got the chance to plant their seedlings with the help of our new gloves and hat to keep us safe from the sun.

Thank you!

We had many volunteers help to make the day a success.

A massive thank you to:

- Ebony and Jess, Avon Valley Toyota
- Jenni, Goomalling Farm Shed for making sure there were plenty of seedlings and soil.
- Toby from Bywaters Fertiliser Service for using their loader to fill the tubs
- Blair Barratt and Hunter Wilkes for shifting the planter containers and making a start on moving the soil into them
- Bryce Carr, Ron Dadd and the Shire of Goomalling for supplying and delivering the soil





YEAR K - 2

A warm welcome back to our new school term, and what a busy term it has been already!

NAIDOC week celebrations were a big hit with our students enjoying many activities and experiences alongside students from Sacred Heart. Student reflections from this day were fabulous!

This term's program is one of integrated learning whereby our Literacy, HASS, Art and Design and Technologies units are closely linked through the storybook "Mr Chicken All Over Australia", by Leigh Hobbs.

A big focus for our learning this term is around geography and our connection to 'place'. To further support our students with this concept we have a classroom mascot being sent home with two different students per week to be shown a place in Goomalling that is special to the student. They then write about this place indicating why it is special to them with a photograph of our mascot enjoying himself in this place. We have already had a number of wonderful entries and we look forward to finding out why our town is such a special place!

Another exciting event was our Room 1 Assembly. We are carried over our learning around the Nyoongar Six Seasons from last Term with a performance of the Six Seasons Song which the students love, and some accompanying artwork which focuses on building layers of information we are collecting about each season into 6 different pieces of artwork reflecting these.

Students are working collaboratively to communicate ideas and create artworks that incorporate a shared understanding. They are doing a lovely job of this so far, and it is incredibly warming to observe them working so closely together and listening to one another's ideas.

Miss Conduit, Miss Longford and Mrs Carr

WHAT IN THE WORLD...?



Mercator Map



Galls-Peters Projection

Did you know that the maps of the world we mostly use and see on display are not actually realistic? Since when is Greenland the same size as Africa?





Year 3,4,5 & 6's at GPS are being taught the Galls-Peter Projection Map which demonstrates how our world really looks. The students were put into groups and given a blow up globe. After doing research, watching videos and a lot of discussion the students, had to work as a team to try to slice and stretch the globe into a flat map.



This is part of our English and HASS unit studying world and local geography through the award winning story book "My Place", by Nadia Wheatly & Donna Rawlins.

Genine Smith & Sophy O'Keeffe



Playtime Volcanos

Our students have been enjoying building sand volcanoes during recess and lunch. Many thanks to the Wilkes family for providing the ingredients to make these volcanoes come alive!

Kidsafe
Kidsafe Incursion -
Lara demonstrating how to
safely ride a bike.



VacSwim
Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.



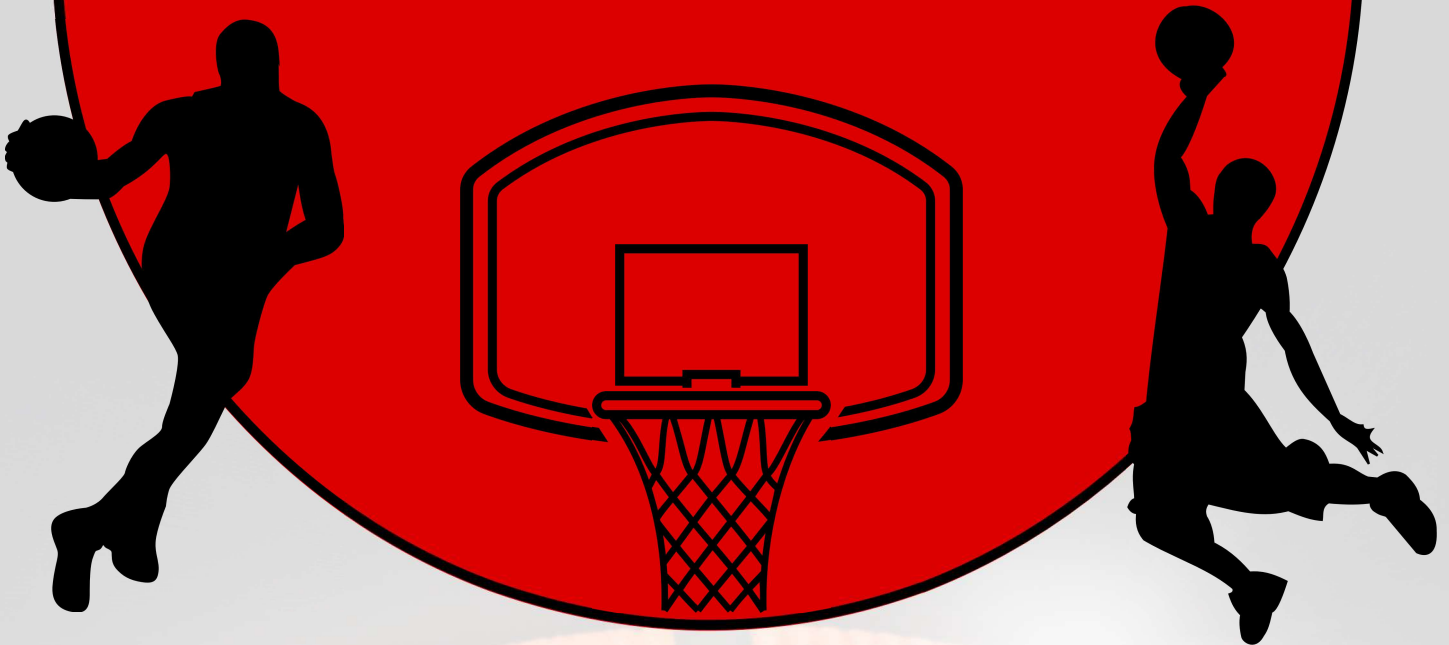
Dive right in !
Enrolments are open for the
October and summer swimming
lessons.

The VacSwim program is fun,
affordable and covers everything
from basic water safety right up
to the Bronze Medallion.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim>

DOWERIN BASKETBALL 2023

AGM & General Meeting
Friday 8th September 4.30pm



**ALL POSITIONS VACANT
SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COACHES,
COORDINATORS AND UMPIRES**

WE NEED YOU FOR THE SEASON TO GO AHEAD

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED A POSITION AND/OR YOUR CHILD IS
KEEN TO PLAY, PLEASE EMAIL NAMES & SCHOOL YEARS TO
DOWERINBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM BY
FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

SEASON TO RUN FOR TERM 4
AUSSIE HOOPS – UNDER 8'S
SUB JUNIORS – YEARS 3-5
JUNIORS – YEARS 6 – 10



Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



mutual
respect



good
behaviour



open
communication



respect for each
other's time

We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting
or aggressive
language



malicious or
judgemental
gossip



using
social media
disrespectfully



any form
of violence

Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.