



Northam Scout Group

Welcome to Northam Scout Group. We meet weekly during school term at the Northam Guide Hall - 46 Burnside Avenue, Northam.

Meeting Times and Age Groups

Joey Scouts - Age 5 (and in Pre-Primary) to 7 years - Monday 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Cub Scouts - Age 8 to 11 years - Friday 4 pm - 6 pm

Scouts - Age 11 to 15 years - Thursday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Venturers - Age 15 to 17 years - Meet with the Bilgoman District Venturer Units - Friday 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Rovers - Age 18 to 25 years - Meet with the Mundaring Rover Crew.

Anyone wishing to join Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts or Venturers is welcome to come along to our meetings and try for free.

We are also looking for adults in the community that would like to become an adult volunteer with Scouting. From Parent Helpers to Committee Members and Leaders - come and join in the fun of Scouting!

Please contact Amanda Abbott, Group Leader, on 0409 206 607 or gl.northam@scoutswa.com.au for more information.

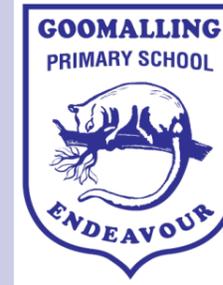
Northam District Motor Cycle Club beginning 2022 season soon. We now have Quad Riders WA joining us part of our club to cater for 2 wheel and 4 wheel riders.

Beginner to Senior riders are welcome, for registrations and calendar please follow our Facebook pages;

Northam District Motor Cycle Club
Quad Riders Western Australia

First event is Sunday 6th March 2022 which will be a Come Try/Registration Day/Sign off Kick Start - more info on Facebook.

Any questions please contact us through our Facebook pages or via northamdmcc@gmail.com
Rebecca Gordon: 0407576127 (NDMCC Secretary)
Michael Harcourt 0431530381 (Quad Riders WA President)"



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What's On

Term 1 2022

Week 3

⇒ Thursday 17th Feb
~~Parent Evening~~
(Cancelled)

Week 4

⇒ Tuesday 22nd Feb
P&C AGM 6.30pm
@Tennis Complex

⇒ Friday 25th Feb
~~General Assembly~~
(Postponed)

Week 5

⇒ Friday 4th March
Mortlock Swimming
Carnival

Week 6

⇒ Tuesday 8th March
Pupil Free Day (Staff
Development Day)

PBS FOCUS

1. Following the classroom agreements
2. Whole body listening



Dear Parents, Staff and Guardians,

Welcome everyone to the 2022 school year. Despite some minor Covid-19 related setbacks and changes to procedures, we have hit the ground running and had an otherwise calm and productive first two weeks. It has been great meeting our GPS students and getting to know the 49 amazing young people who make up our school.

Welcome

We extend a huge Goomalling welcome to the new members of our GPS community. To Tucker, our newest member of the senior class and Liam in our 2/3/4 class, we are so happy to have you with us. We would like to welcome Taylor to our junior room and her younger sister Emma who, along with our other new kindy students, Rory, Sophie and Rylee have settled incredibly well into what has been a very busy first two weeks of school. We are looking forward to getting to know each of you more as the year progresses.

PBS

GPS held our first PBS (Positive Behaviour Schools) meeting last week. The team are looking to bring the school expectations into greater focus this year, ensuring all students at GPS know what it means to be **resilient, respectful, to endeavour** and to **achieve**. This week's focus behaviours are respectful listening and following in-class agreements. The PBS team is a dynamic one and open to new members, should this area be of interest to you. If you would like to be considered for a role on the team please contact the school or Miss O'Keeffe. Similarly, if you were a member in 2021 and would like to step down this year, please let us know so that we may organise a replacement. Thank you to Miss O'Keeffe

and the PBS team for their work in this space.

Covid-19

The ever-changing nature of Covid-19 and the Government's response to it means we are receiving updates to policy, new requirements and expectations at an almost daily rate. I would like to thank the GPS community for following the safety guidelines currently in place and for practising the changes we have had to make so far, such as masks in school and parent-free classrooms. While we hope this will all be over soon, it is imperative that for now, we continue to roll with the directives we receive, and I sincerely appreciate your patience and support with this. Thank you!

Covid-19—Cancellations

At present, we have had to postpone the upper-school camp (tentatively booked for term four), cancel our parent open night and delay the general assembly presently scheduled for the 25th of February. We are aiming to host a longer assembly in week nine (31st of March) where we will double up on merit awards and anything missed by delaying next week's general assembly. In the likely event that we are not able to invite parents into the week nine assembly, we will look into filming the awards and items and making the footage available to you via See-Saw. Not having our parents with us is an unfortunate scenario, but our priority is to keep school as normal and consistent for our students as possible, so where possible, I would rather explore alternative methods of delivery than all together cancelling events.

Swimming

Swimming is a busy but great way to begin the year, offering students authentic learning in an environment vastly different to their usual classrooms. Our students worked hard at the pool this year to improve their swimming ability and achieve personal goals. While not all of our students passed a level this year, they have all made progress and have taken steps to improve their ability, which should be celebrated. I would like to thank our amazing swimming teachers for their hard work and dedication to teaching our students and Christine Barratt for safely transporting our students to and from the pool.



Mortlock Swimming Carnival

We are in the fortunate position of being able to proceed with planning for the Mortlock Swimming Carnival (4-3-22). Like everything else at this point, it is possible new directives or changes may result in this changing, but for now, we are clear to proceed and hopeful that we will see the event go ahead. Notes for the carnival will be coming home this week. Please ensure you read them carefully so that your child/children are enrolled in the correct events. There are alternative events available for students who are not competent swimmers but would like the opportunity to participate in what should be a very exciting day. I would like to thank our fantastic admin team, Christine Barratt and Julie Forward, for all of their work in preparing for the big day.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:30 am when teachers open their doors. Please be mindful that before doors open, our teachers are busy preparing learning sessions and resources for the day and cannot supervise students who arrive before our designated start time of 8:30 am.

See Saw

See Saw remains the primary method of communication for our classroom teachers. If you are not signed up or need assistance doing so, please contact the school for support.

Student Online Policy & Digital Permission Slips

Thank you to everyone who has returned the *Student Online Permission* forms that were sent out earlier this term. We now require explicit consent for your children to access technology and third-party applications. Please contact us if you do not have a copy of this form or you require a replacement.

Joshua Conti
Principal



2022 Voluntary Contributions and Charges

School contributions and charges are a vital source of income for our school and are used to purchase important curriculum materials for your child to use at school.

The Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2022 have been ratified by the School Council.

Kindergarten \$50
PP-Yr 6 \$60

The preferred method is direct deposit into the school bank account:-
BSB- 633000 ACC - 112628334
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(Reference—please use family name and initial)

Alternatively, please consider paying off on a weekly/fortnightly or monthly basis.
The Voluntary Contributions must be paid by the end of Term 1; Friday 8th April 2022.

Mortlock Schools Swimming Carnival

(Bolgart PS, Sacred Heart CS, Goomalling PS)
The Mortlock Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 4th March 2022 at the Goomalling Swimming Pool at 9.30am. Children from PP to Year 6 will be participating.
GPS is the Host School for 2022.

We are in need of parent helpers for the day to assist with timekeeping. If you are able to assist please let the office know.



Changes to after school arrangements

Please notify the school via email, phone call to Office or written note in student diary or reading log book if the usual after school arrangements for your child changes. Students are often confused if they have been told about a change and if staff are not aware it is very hard for us to help them. Having this information in writing limits confusion and ensures we are able to keep children safe.

Hats

Students are required to wear a hat during all outdoor activities including recess and lunch times. If students do not have a hat, they will have to remain on the verandah during these times. If your child requires a new hat, these can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00 each.



Volunteers Wanted

New and Old are always needed.

If you are able to assist this year with a helping on canteen roster

please contact

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