

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

The Goomalling Gazette

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What's On

TERM 1

Week 10

Last Week of Term!

Hockey Clinic
 Tuesday April 4th

School Assembly
 YR 3/4 Hosting
 Wednesday April 5th 2pm

TERM 2

Week 1

School Development Day
 Monday April 24th

ANZAC Day
 Tuesday April 25th

First Day of Term 2
 Wednesday April 26th

ANZAC Day GPS Hosting
 Wednesday April 26th

Dates to Remember

Mothers Day Luncheon
 Wednesday May 10th

Reconciliation Week
 Monday April 29th

School Development Day
 Friday June 2nd

WA Day Public Holiday
 Monday June 5th

Cross Country - Cadoux
 Friday June 23rd

Music Feste - Wongan
 Hills
 Wednesday June 28th

We are almost at the end of Term 1, and it feels like this term has gone very quickly! They say time flies when you're having fun, which is what we have a lot of here at GPS while we continue along our learning journey.

Farewell to Mrs Julie Forward

Thursday 23rd of March marked the end of an era for GPS with the retirement of Mrs Julie Forward who has been part of our GPS family for the last 27 years. We hope that Julie looks back on her incredible career with great pride, and we sincerely thank her for all she has done for our school over the last 27 years. We wish Julie all the very best in her retirement.

Mortlock Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all who participated in the recent Mortlock Swimming Carnival. Once again we had a very successful day, with our school taking home the shield, and many records being broken. Thank you to our staff and parent helpers, and to Bolgart Primary School for organising the day. I am always so proud of our students, and even more so on this day. Several members of the community approached me after the event to congratulate me on the behaviour of our students, and they commended us on our sportsmanship, particularly for continuing to cheer for the other teams when our own swimmers had finished the race. This is the true meaning of sportsmanship, and I want to sincerely thank each of our students for displaying our school PBS values so beautifully on the day.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who have now completed NAPLAN for the year. Every student gave their best

effort in every test, which is exactly what we ask for. We are looking forward to the results being released some time next term so that we can use these to inform our school's targets going forward.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Survey

All students will be completing this survey which is a Wheatbelt Education initiative and priority. The results of this survey will help our education region determine the kinds of support and interventions required, and it is helpful for us as a school to find out what we need to do to support the social and emotional needs of our students.

PBS End of Term Reward Day

This year our Student Councillors will be organising our PBS reward days which happen once each term, however we are having two of these special days in Term 2, as we have five Student Councillors, and only four terms! Congratulations to Ashlee Bilston who has worked together with Mr Nigel Harford to organise a Music and Sports Games session for our students to enjoy. Students were allowed to wear free dress to school with a gold coin donation. Funds raised will be going to the Cancer Council. Thank you for your support.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday the 22nd of March, Sheila Smith and I took our five Student Councillors to the Perth Convention Centre for the GRIP Leadership Conference which was attended by thousands of other student leaders from across our great state. Our students learned how to be an "others first" leader, and took away some strategies for how to be impactful in their leadership. It was a fabulous day enjoyed by all, and I look forward to this becoming an annual event with the GPS Student Leadership Team.

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Sounds-Write Training

All of our classroom teachers and Education Assistants will be doing four days of Sounds-Write Linguistic Phonics training during Week 1 of Term 2 which will then be implemented across the whole school. Sounds-Write is gold standard literacy instruction and it is necessary for some, beneficial for all and harmful to none. We are so excited to see all of our students shine in their reading and spelling at GPS!

ANZAC Day

The ANZAC Day community services will be held at 5:45am and 10:45am on Tuesday 25th of April at the Railway War Memorial. Our Student Councillors will be involved in these services, and we would like to invite all our GPS community to attend one or both of these services.

Safe4Kids

On the 24th of February GPS welcomed Holly-ann Martin to our school, where we spent the whole day learning about protecting ourselves from harm. Holly-ann taught us how to recognise our early warning signs, helped us put together our safety team, and we learned about safe and unsafe touches, and consent. We even phoned the Kids Helpline together and had a yarn with a wonderful counsellor there. The Safe4Kids Protective Behaviours Education program focuses on developing the skills of empowerment, communication, self-esteem, resilience and other life skills to prevent abuse, reduce violence and promote life-enriching rather than life-depleting experiences. It encourages children to assert their right to feel safe, and gives them the language and tools they need to seek appropriate assistance to protect themselves. Our heartfelt appreciation to Holly-ann for spending the day with us and for investing her expertise in our precious children of Goomalling.

VPSSA Carnival

After surveying the GPS community and in conjunction with the SHCS voice the decision has been made to have one Athletics Carnival this year. All students will participate in Track & Field events, Jumps and Tabloid events. The carnival this year will be held in Goomalling, hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic School on Friday 15th September 2023.

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter, and look forward to seeing all of our students back at school on Wednesday 26th April.

Paige Ludwig
Principal

REMINDER—There will be no Breakfast Club on Wednesday 5th April 2023

2023 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 2023 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; Thursday 6th April 2023

MORTLOCK SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2023

What a fantastic Swimming Carnival we had this year! With 5 Swimming Records being broken and 3 of those records belonging to Goomalling Primary School Students!

Congratulations

Tristan Smith - Boys Yr1 Breaststroke
Matilda Rowles - Girls Yr5 Butterfly
Alexis Sewell - Girls Yr6 Full Lap Freestyle

A Special Congratulations to Bohdi Shemeld from Sacred Heart for Breaking two records!





MORTLOCK SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Girls Year 1

Champion: Savannah Domingo GPS
 Runner-Up:

Boys Year 1

Champion: Tristan Smith GPS
 Runner-Up: Sam Thomson SHS
 Runner-Up: Harley Judson BPS

Girls Year 2

Champions: Rocket O'Sullivan BPS
 Champions: Indiana Smith GPS
 Runner-Up: Kacey Monaghan SHS
 Runner-Up: Paige Smith GPS

Boys Year 2

Champion: Bohdi Shemeld SHS
 Runner-Up: Loic Zimmermann BPS

Girls Year 3

Champion: Isabelle Leeming SHS
 Runner-Up: Evie Thomson SHS

Boys Year 3

Champion: Daniel Robert SHS
 Runner-Up: Edward Dempster SHS

Girls Year 4

Champion: Hope Lantze GPS
 Runner-Up: Tayla Clarke GPS

Boys Year 4

Champion: Ben Salter GPS
 Runner-Up: Hunter Wilkes GPS
 Runner-Up: Lincoln Chester GPS

Girls Year 5

Champion: Matilda Rowles GPS
 Runner-Up: Jayla Chitty GPS

Boys Year 5

Champion: Lachlan Chester GPS
 Runner-Up: Bodhi Carr SHS

Girls Year 6

Champion: Alexis Sewell GPS
 Runner-Up: Mia Sewell GPS

Boys Year 6

Champion: Zayden Chitty GPS
 Runner-Up: Kade Chattaway GPS
 Runner-Up: Jaxon Smith GPS

New Records 2023:

Boys Year 1 Breastroke Half Lap	Tristan Smith	GPS 23.00
Boys Year 2 Freestyle Full Lap	Bohdi Shemeld	SHS 34.48
Boys Year 2 Backstroke Full Lap	Bohdi Shemeld	SHS 46.73
Girls Year 5 Butterfly Full Lap	Matilda Rowles	GPS 32.04
Girls Year 6 Freestyle Full Lap	Alexis Sewell	GPS 23.55

School Awards		
Goomalling PS	Sacred Heart	Bolgart PS
681 points	285 points	142 points



Room 9 News



In our scintillating syntax lessons we have been transforming our writing by UPGRADING our verbs. We are using our new Wonderful Word Wheels to help build our vocabulary.

We have been focusing on our reading and writing fluency this term. Next Wednesday we will show off our amazing reading and memory skills with our Room 9 assembly performance! We have been working super hard to perfect some Dr Seuss tongue twisters and can't wait to see you all there!



In our Measurement lessons this term we are learning how to read graduated scales. We discovered that graduated scales are just number lines that are wrapped around kitchen scales, curved around a clock and lined up on a measuring jug! We are learning to convert between units of measurement including millilitres into litres using decimal points. Can you think of anywhere else you can find a number line?





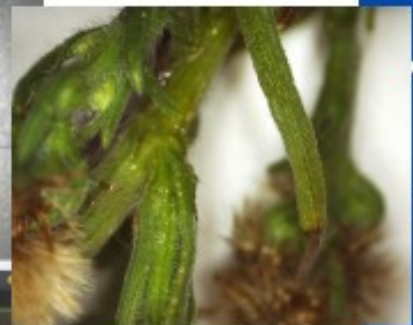
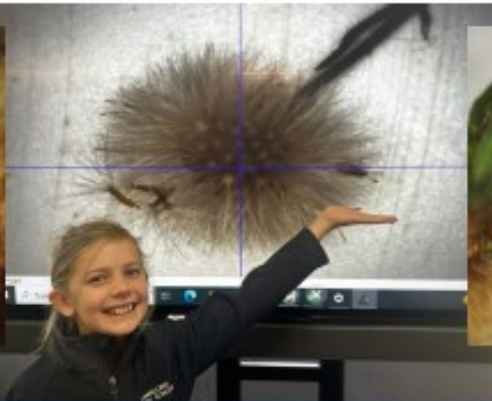
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FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

During the week the students of Goomalling Primary School had to complete the SEW (Social Emotional Wellbeing) Student Survey. This lead to a class conversation about what we love about our school.

Lincoln mentioned he loved getting out and about in the vast bushland around our school. **Reid** remembered that last year we started a rock pile on the bottom oval. It was a beautiful autumn day so following their lead we went on an adventure walk to collect some items to look at using our new classroom microscope. This lead to lots of rich conversation about the range of items we found. **Lara and Tayla** found leaves and plants to look at, **Maddisyn** found a feather that had a lot more in it than first met the eye, **Abbey** found some beautiful purple glass, **Ebony** found an interesting white rock, **Ben and Hunter** discovered some lovely quartz and **Hope's** dandelion gave us all a shock when we discovered a stowaway bug not visible to the naked eye!



Room 9 with Mrs Rowles



This term in Design and Technology the year 3 & 4 students have been investigating engineering principles and systems, with a focus on bridge structures.

The task had students research different bridge types [beam and truss bridges, arch bridges and suspension bridges], and then plan and design a bridge using a range of recycled materials.

The building activity was a huge success and allowed students to research and collaborate their ideas in the initial phase of lessons. The students began building, allowing for a few changes to the first design as they progressed. Finally this week, filled with anticipation, we moved to the testing stage.

The test for the bridges was to see if they could withstand the applied force of weight in grams and kilograms on the structure and reflect on the outcome.

The bridges that had been built blew me away with the creativity and the hard work. Well done students on outstanding engineering and building!



Year 5/6 Happenings

We have had our noses to the grind over the last few weeks, making the most of the term. During our literacy block we have been focussing on Syntax, Morphology and Oral Reading Fluency.

What is Syntax?

"Syntax is the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences. We need vocabulary to discuss syntax. In other words, we use terminology to facilitate our work in writing and reading."

The late William Van Cleave, 2020.

What is Morphology?

"As students' syllable recognition and spelling progress, teachers can emphasize morphemes — prefixes, bases and suffixes, mostly from Latin and Greek" (Henry 1997).

Beginning with inflections that may change the spelling of a base word, students analyse words into units that often link meaning and spelling."

Dr. Louisa Moates

What is Oral Reading Fluency?

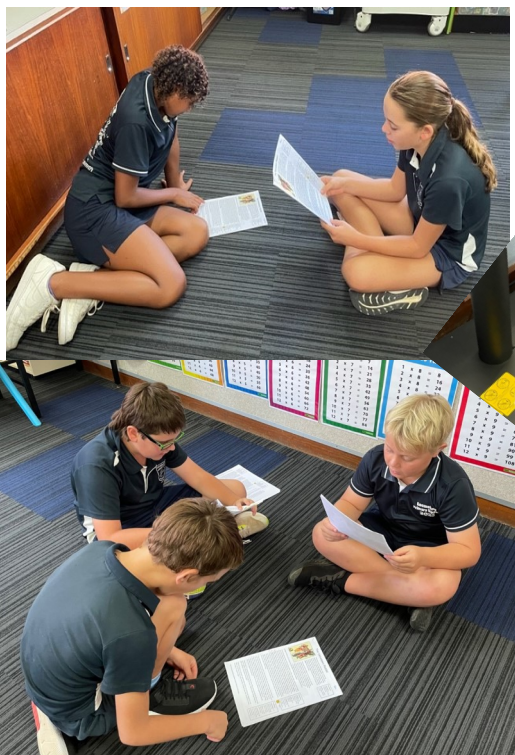
Reading fluency is how quickly, accurately, automatically and expressively someone reads. It means that a child can recognize and decode words accurately and automatically and understand the words as they are being read.

Fluent Readers

- Read quickly
- Read words automatically
- Pause at punctuation marks
- Sound like they are speaking
- Read with appropriate intonation

Non-Fluent Readers

- Read slowly and laboriously
- Read word by word
- Do not pause at punctuation marks and read through sentences
- Sound choppy
- Read in a monotone voice



BOOK FAIR 2023

This year's Book Fair has again been extremely successful and hugely beneficial to our library. We sold over \$1500.00 worth of books, posters and stationery. The Library will receive a percentage of that from Scholastic to spend on more books throughout the year.

Our competition winners this year were Jamella Chapman for guessing the number of posters sold and Hope Lantzke for guessing the number of books sold.

Congratulations.

The consultant at Scholastic is continually impressed with the support our school community gives to our Library.

A big thank you to you all.

Mrs Sheila



Message from the Canteen

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who offer their time each week to ensure canteen operates for our children.

Canteen funds provide much needed money that goes towards school camp for years 5/6.

If you are able to spare 1.5 hours of your time on any of the below days, could you please contact Jessica Lantzke 0439 917 212.

Term 2 Canteen Roster 2023

WEEK 1	WEDNESDAY - 26/4/23	Jessica Lantzke & Jen Shaw
WEEK 2	MONDAY – 1/5/23	
WEEK 3	MONDAY – 8/5/23	
WEEK 4	MONDAY – 15/5/23	
WEEK 5	MONDAY – 22/5/23	
WEEK 6	MONDAY – 29/5/23	
WEEK 7	TUESDAY – 6/6/23	
WEEK 8	MONDAY – 12/6/23	
WEEK 9	MONDAY – 19/6/23	
WEEK 10	MONDAY – 26/6/23	

Canteen operates from 11.45AM-1.10PM approximately.



The Teachers and Students would like to recognise all of the hard work, time and dedication that our Mothers, Grandparents and Carers put into keeping our school a special place and keeping resources in our school that would not exist without their passion and commitment.

We would love to celebrate our Mums, Grandmothers and carers for all that you do and invite you to our Luncheon on Wednesday May 10th at Goomalling Primary School.

Please RSVP to Chrissy with the number and names of people attending as well as any dietary requirements you may have on 9623 7700 or Christine.Barratt@education.wa.edu.au