



# THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

Goomalling Primary School

Every Child – Every Chance to Shine

Term 1 Issue 1 2026 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES

BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - TUESDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

NAPLAN YRS 3 & 5

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH -  
FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

YEAR 5/6 SCHHOL CAMP

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH -  
THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9AM

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

END OF TERM

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

What a great start we've had to the term! Everything is progressing smoothly – if not very quickly – and I'm looking forward to my first Goomalling Primary School Swimming Carnival. With the high temperatures predicted, it's shaping up to be the perfect day for it.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for the wonderful support you continue to show both your children and our school.

A special shout-out to Room 8. I am so impressed with the way you have embraced your before-school tasks. Your enthusiasm is fantastic – although I must admit, we're really missing the extra height of some of last year's Year 6 students when it comes to putting up those roller doors!

Room 1, you have settled beautifully into your routines, and I love hearing about your morning mat sessions. Mrs Lynass tells me how confidently you discuss which Aboriginal season we are in... Bunuru, the Noongar season of late summer – and I think we all agree it is certainly living up to its reputation as the hottest time of the year.

Despite the heat, resilience and achievement remain high on our agenda, especially with our Year 3 and 5 students beginning NAPLAN next Wednesday. Our children are match-fit and ready. They know it is one test on one day, it does not define them, and although some questions may challenge them, they will have a go and do their very best.

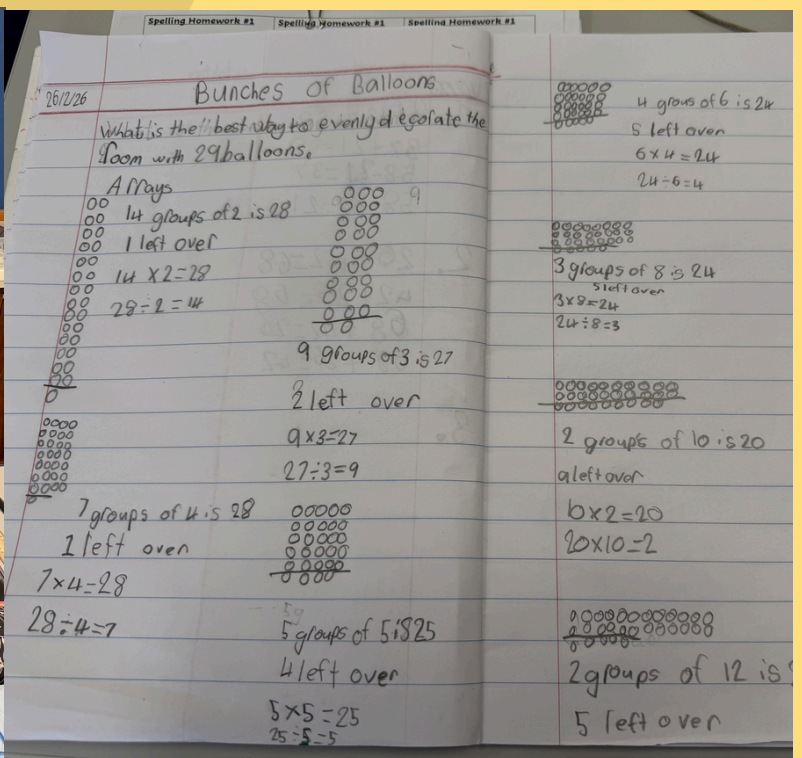
It is incredible to note that we are over halfway through this term!

Wishing everyone a great week.  
Julie Brewer  
Principal



## BUNCHES OF BALLOONS

In Room 8, we have been investigating the best way to evenly decorate our classroom with even bunches of balloons. We have 29 balloons. The students have been conducting a physical investigation to discover all the different possibilities and are transferring their findings into arrays. Finally, they analysed the arrays to decide on the best number of balloons to decorate our classroom. They represented their arrangement using a diagram, array, number sentence and written justification on the best way to decorate the classroom.



## Room 1

This term, Room One has been learning about history. We have a number of artefacts. We made some collections out of them and now we have a class museum. (We are going to be museum guides!)

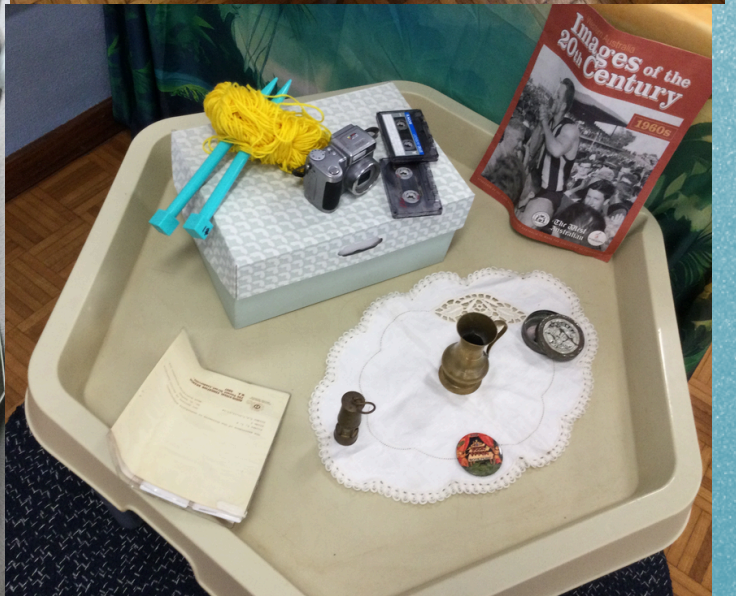
We have kitchen and bathroom items, We have a collection of hobby items from the 1960s or earlier. We also have a collection of old toys.

This includes spinning tops – which we have conducted timing experiments on for Science.

We have collected some technology items too. An old phone, a camera, a lantern and even a cassette tape (an early way to record music)!

Did you know that in earlier times tea was drunk from cups and saucers on tablecloths and there were fancy ways to serve jelly and cake? There were also special teapots, sugar and milk containers and even a weighted doily to keep the flies out!

Watch out for an invitation to our museum from week seven.  
The students of Room One and Ms Lynass



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

STUDENT COUNCILLOR AWARD

MARGOT BIRD  
INDIANA SMITH

ASSEMBLY

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

ANNABELLE COLEMAN  
PAIGE SMITH  
KAYDEN VIDICH  
EMMA CRAWFORD  
TOMMY HARRIS  
MAKENZIE COLEMAN

# CHAMPIONSHIPS MORTLOCK SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2026

## YEAR 4 RUNNER UP GIRL

LYLLYARNAH COPELAND GPS - 14 POINTS

## YEAR 4 CHAMPION GIRL

LEAH LANTZKE GPS - 40 POINTS

## YEAR 5 RUNNER UP GIRL

PAIGE SMITH GPS 18 POINTS

## YEAR 5 CHAMPION GIRL

HEIDI GLASS SHCS - 28 POINTS

KACEY MONAGHAN SHCS - 28 POINTS

## YEAR 6 RUNNER UP GIRL

EVIE THOMSON SHCS - 32 POINTS

## YEAR 6 CHAMPION GIRL

LARA SHAW GPS - 38 POINTS

## YEAR 4 RUNNER UP BOY

TRISTAN SMITH GPS - 24 POINTS

## YEAR 4 CHAMPION BOY

SAM THOMSON SHCS - 40 POINTS

## YEAR 5 RUNNER UP BOY

MASON EDWARDS SHCS - 24 POINTS

## YEAR 5 CHAMPION BOY

NATE CARR SHCS - 38 POINTS

## YEAR 6 RUNNER UP BOY

KANE GLASS SHCS - 28 POINTS

## YEAR 6 CHAMPION BOY

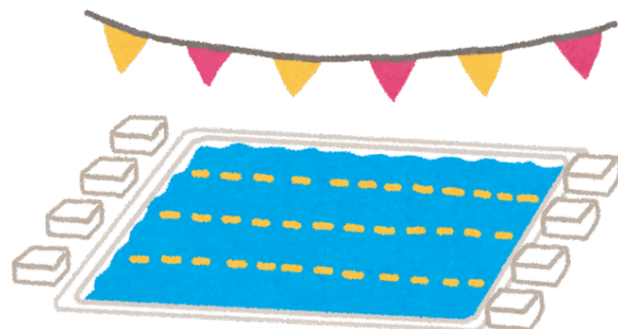
EDWARD DEMPSTER SHCS - 36 POINTS

## SCHOOL POINTS

BOLGART - 102 POINTS

GOOMALLING - 384 POINTS

SACRED HEART - 520 POINTS





## A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year! My name is Georgia and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing, so students can reach their full potential.

We cover a large area across the Avon and Central Wheatbelt so you will not see us in the schools every day, however we can also be contacted by phone.

### Medical conditions

The school should be aware of any medical conditions, allergies, medication needs or changes in your child's health status. Your current address and telephone details are essential, so the school can care for your child appropriately and contact you should the need arise. If your child requires medication or treatment, including an Epipen, you must notify the school/classroom teacher, so that a health care or action plan can be put in place. This should be updated annually and signed by your Doctor.

The beginning of each term is a good opportunity to ensure that your child's school emergency medication (asthma reliever or Epipen) has not expired.

### Kindy Screening

All children in Western Australia are offered a School Entry Health Assessment (SEHA) during their first year of primary school. We can also offer the SEHA to pre-primary and year 1 students who have not been assessed previously.

The SEHA includes a vision, hearing, growth, dental and general health check. If you receive a health assessment form, please sign giving your consent and return it to school.

### Targeted Screening for children of any age

Any concerns about your child's health such as vision, hearing, speech, movement, behaviour, development or growth can be referred to the Community Health Nurse. Please discuss these concerns with your child's teacher or contact me directly.

### Immunisation

Current immunisation status is a requirement for school entry. If your child has not had their immunisations, please make an appointment with your GP or Child Health Service. Any child that is not fully immunised can

be excluded from school for a period of up to 2 weeks during a disease outbreak. To get an updated AIR IMMUNISATION History statement either log into Medicare via (my.gov.au) or ring 1800653809.

Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding your child's health needs.

**Georgia Falconer**

**Community Health Nurse**

**Avon Population Health, Northam. Ph. 9690 1320 / 0474 014 450**



# Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**



Choose a variety of foods from each food group

**Fruit**



**Vegetables**



**Dairy**



**Wholegrains**



**Lean meat  
& alternatives**



**A Healthy Lunch Box**



**MAKE WATER  
YOUR DRINK**



**PACK ICE BRICKS  
TO KEEP FOOD  
COOL**



**USE A THERMOS  
TO KEEP FOOD  
WARM**



**Health**

From the School Health Nurse 

## Healthy Eating tips for kids

Healthy eating is important for your child's growth. Adults play an important role in modeling healthy eating for kids!

- Give your child a variety of different foods.
- Offer nutritious snacks such as fruit, yoghurt, crackers, and cheese.
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast.
- Ensure that the family eats together at least once a day.
- Pack your child's lunch at home. Let your child help.
- If your child refuses a new food, don't make a fuss. Try again several times.
- Listen when your child tells you they are full.
- When your child is thirsty, encourage them to drink water.
- Allow your children to help with planning and preparing healthy meals.
- Plan physical activities for your family. Keep a balance between the food eaten and energy needs.

## Packed with Goodness.

### What does a healthy snack look like?

The MINI: choose from the core food groups and teach children how to make healthy snacks from scratch.



Learn more at [crunchandsip.com.au](http://crunchandsip.com.au)

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# Dowerin Playgroup

Dowerin Playgroup is excited to announce that our space will be available fortnightly on Saturdays for Speech Pathology appointments with Sacha from WA Speech

If you're interested in accessing this service or would like more information, please contact Sacha directly on

9274 1482



*Sacha Pitcher*

*Principal Speech Pathologist*

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[www.waspeech.com.au](http://www.waspeech.com.au)



**We are excited to invite you to join us at the Aquinas College Open Day on Sunday 15 March 2026!**

**At Aquinas College, we are dedicated to cultivating a thriving boarding community that empowers students to succeed academically, socially, and spiritually. Join us to find out more about how our dynamic environment guides each boy on his unique educational journey and supports our values of faith, character and excellence.**

**Our Open Day will commence with an optional Mass in our beautiful Chapel of St Thomas Aquinas at 9am, and if you have yet to hear our incredible choir, Schola Cantorum, raise their voices in this sacred space then it is a perfect opportunity. The Open Day events follow Mass from 10am to 1pm – our first Open Day in 2024 was a huge success and we anticipate this one will be even better!**

**You will also be able to tour our boarding facilities that are nestled in our stunning bushland campus and offer a wonderful experience for residential students. Boarding for 2027 and 2028 is almost at capacity and the 2029 interviews have now commenced, so please contact [enrolments@aquinas.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@aquinas.wa.edu.au) soon if you are interested in a placement and you can also have a chat with our Admissions team at Open Day.**

**If you're interested in attending, please register for a staff and student-led or self-guided tour <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-aquinas-college-open-day-j2f5hgqr>**

**We can't wait to celebrate with you and share what makes Aquinas College such a remarkable place!**

**Lizz Schollum**

**Ph: 9450 0698**

**E: [enrolments@aquinas.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@aquinas.wa.edu.au)**

**Head of Admissions**

**AQUINAS COLLEGE**

**CRICOS Code: 00428E**



# Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



saverplus.org.au  
1300 610 355



**JOIN OUR  
GOOMALLING DOJO  
MEMBER DRIVE!**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
FROM 4:30 PM**

**COME SEE US AT THE  
GOOMALLING TOWN HALL  
= TUESDAYS =**

**CLASSES FOR AGES 3 & UP! • NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**TRIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE!**

**GREAT FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES!**

**TRADITIONAL KARATE**

**SELF DEFENSE & MORE!**

# BIKE RESCUE

## BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

GOOMALLING TOWN HALL

Learn from experienced bike mechanics how to repair and refurbish a bike.

Free entry for Goomalling youth aged 10-17.

All tools, a bicycle, parts and advice are provided. Lunch included.

**Bookings Essential: Limit 10 people**  
to Tahnee Bird, Community Development  
Officer: [cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au)

### Program times

9.30am-12.30pm

30 minute lunch break

1.00pm-4.00pm



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