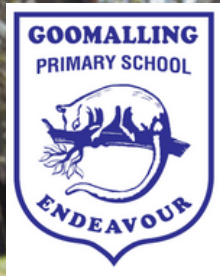


8TH NOVEMBER 2023



THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

Goomalling Primary School
Every Child – Every Chance to Shine

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff and parents for their support and commitment to the success of our students. Together we have created a nurturing and vibrant learning environment that allows our students to thrive. It has been a privilege to witness the growth and achievements of our students throughout the year.

School Captain Selection Process

This week we held the Student Leadership Election for 2024, and it was a day filled with enthusiasm, passion and a commitment to make a positive impact. The votes are in, and the decision has been made. I am very much looking forward to working alongside the two amazing young people who have been selected to represent our school as Student Leaders for 2024. I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to all our Year Five candidates - your dedication and willingness to serve your fellow students are truly inspiring! This year it was a very difficult decision, as all of our Year Five candidates have strong leadership qualities and presented themselves exceptionally well throughout their leadership campaigns. The Student Leaders for 2024 will be announced at our upcoming Presentation Assembly on the 8th of December.

Picnic with the Principal

To celebrate the remarkable kindness shown by our students throughout the term to date, I held another Picnic with the Principal today. This event offers me an opportunity to express my gratitude to our students and celebrate the incredible acts of kindness that make our school community so special.

Kindergarten Orientation Mornings

Our recent Kindy orientation mornings have been a resounding success. It is heart-warming to see our youngest learners so eager and excited to start their educational journey at Goomalling Primary School, and we are looking forward to welcoming them to our school next year.

Incursions and Excursions

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity for Scitech to visit Goomalling, where the curiosity of our students was sparked with their fun and interactive presentations. We are grateful to our colleagues and friends at Sacred Heart Catholic School for making the arrangements with Scitech and for joining us here at GPS on the day.

Dowerin District High School's stage play, 'Willy Wonka', was not to be missed, and we were excited to be invited to watch the final dress rehearsal in Dowerin earlier in the term. Thank you to Dowerin District High School's principal, Barb Garner, for inviting us.

School Times

Please be reminded that staff are available for duty of care between 8:30am – 3:00pm. Students should not be left unattended at the school outside of these times, and should not arrive at school before 8:30am. If you have an emergency and are running late, please advise the office.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Your ongoing support, commitment and enthusiasm for our school makes it such a great community to be part of. I wish you all a wonderful few weeks as we count down to the end of the school year.

Paige Ludwig - Principal

Thank Your Cleaner Day

**We are very fortunate at GPS to have amazing cleaners.
A Big Thank you to Steph & Jodi for always making our school sparkle.**



GOOMALLING PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2023

Presentation
Assembly

Friday 8th December, 1pm
Undercover Area
Goomalling Primary School

**Join us for an afternoon of awards,
announcements and class performances**

GOOMALLING
PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENDEAVOUR



SCITECH INCURSION - FROM THE YEAR 5/6'S

Today was awesome because Scitech came to visit. In our first lesson we learnt about water, refraction, chemical reactions and heaps more! My favourite part was when Ben, the Scitech man, put a test tube into water and you could see about 3/4 of it. But then he pulled out a giant tube full of glycerine and put a test tube in that, and it disappeared! It was amazing! But that wasn't all. When he was taking out the test tube he pulled out two! Then the best part was that he pulled out a jar! I was so blown away - **Matilda**

Ben made a small ramp out of cardboard and then he got a small cardboard wheel and rolled it down the ramp to show us gravity. Next he pulled out a bigger wheel with quarters. There were dividers in the wheel to make the quarters and at the top of each divider was a colour. I think the colours were blue, yellow, green and pink. Ben rolled the larger wheel down the ramp to show us what happens, but then he rolled it again and it went the opposite way from the steep ramp. Everyone was super confused. Then he chose a volunteer to take a closer look at the wheel to see why it didn't go down the steep bit. Matilda examined the wheel and then she weighed it. She immediately knew that one quarter of the wheel was heavier than the other three quarters. - **Jamella**

For one activity we had to get into partners so I went with Mahli. We had this big bag of batteries, alligator clips, a coil and paper clips. We had to attach the alligator clips to the battery that had metal coming out of it. Then we attached the other end of the alligator clip to the coil and then we attach a bolt in the coil. We turned the battery on and we had to pick up the paperclips with the bolt. We picked up four and then they dropped. - **Mia**





ROOM 1 UPDATE

What a whirlwind the first few weeks of term have been! We have been exceptionally busy with both incursions and excursions already this term with visits from Northam Police and Scitech, and a trip to Dowerin to enjoy a very special dress rehearsal of 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory'.

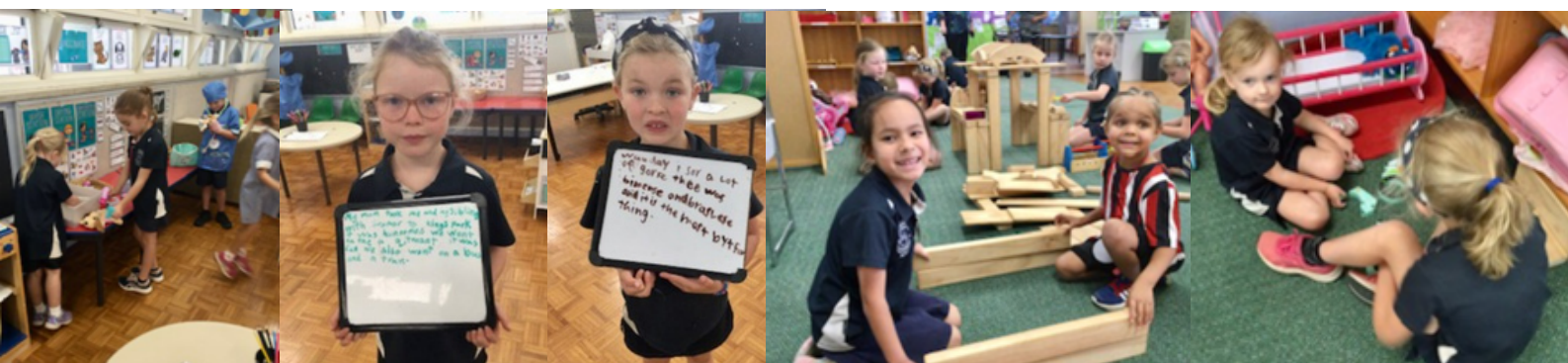
Room 1 students have been learning about Community Helpers with visits from our local Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service last term, so it was only fitting to meet some local Police Officers this term. Students were very interested in learning about being cyber-safe and asking lots of great questions about the role of a Police Officer in helping keep our Goomalling community safe.

Scitech visited our school in Week 2 to engage our students in thinking and learning about the world through Science. It was a wonderful day participating in hands-on learning with our GPS students being commended for their superb Science knowledge from the Scitech gurus!

We have had some very special visitors in the classroom this term with Kindergarten Orientation mornings proving a very fun time, whereby our prospective new Kindy's have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new classroom for 2024 and meet their new classmates and staff. We are looking forward to 2024 when they join our class.

Within the classroom, our students continue to grow in confidence and develop a love for reading and writing with our Year 1's and 2's loving their independent writing sessions. We are very proud of their progress in these areas this year.

And finally, should you have a pet that requires a check-up or a wash and new hair style, please don't hesitate to send them in to our very capable Vets and Pet Groomers – incredibly rich role-play going on here!



ROOM 9 NEWS

Year 3 & 4

SO FAR IN TERM 4

POLICE VISIT

We've hit the ground running (and skipping) in Room 9 this term. In Week 1 we had Police Officers from Northam Police Station come and speak to us about cyber safety. This was very informative for our Year 3-6 students who got to ask the officers some questions about their career paths into the Police Force. *"I really liked that we got to make up our own safe internet names"*- **Hunter**



WILLY WONKA

Wednesday of Week 2 saw us heading to Dowerin to watch the whole school production of 'Willy Wonka' We were enthralled by the costumes, set designs and extremely adorable Oompa Loompas! The students' performances were fantastic! *"The show was really funny in some parts and there was a lot of songs and dances!"*- **Lincoln**



SCITECH VISIT

In Week 2 we had a Scitech incursion where the Year Threes went with the K-2 class to learn all about what dogs and cats can see. *"It was really cool because we got to see through the eyes of an animal"*- **Maddisyn** The Year Fours teamed up with the Year Fives and Sixes to learn about magnetic fields and they built circuits from batteries, copper wiring and paperclips. *"We also got to see a very powerful magnet that shorts out phones if it gets too close"*- **Reid**



ROOM 9 NEWS

Year 3 & 4

WHERE IN THE WORLD

In Weeks 3 and 4 we were very lucky to have Ms Andrea Nielsen visit us twice to tell us all about her adventures around the world. We saw palaces in Russia, reindeer in Finland and temples in Thailand. We used our mapping expertise to plot where in the world she has been and learn more about her next great adventure! *"I really liked when we saw the video of the 'mpemba' effect when the boiling water hits the air and turns to steam, it was awesome!" - Hope*



IN THE CLASSROOM

Alongside all these exciting events, we have been working hard, learning about how to measure angles and displaying data using our new PRIME Maths program. In English we are writing informational reports about bicycles, with a mountain bike and BMX bike arriving in our class last week!

In Health we are learning about the right types of people to surround yourself with and how these choices can build our confidence. We are understanding that failure isn't a bad thing and that it helps you strive for the things you want in life. *"Surround yourself with friendly, kind and bright people who make you feel comfortable and happy"- Tayla*

Only five weeks to go and so much more to experience. We can't wait for the rest of Term 4!

