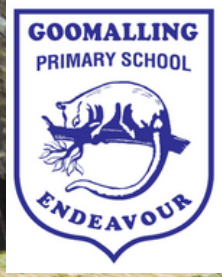


14TH DECEMBER 2023



THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

Goomalling Primary School
Every Child – Every Chance to Shine

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

As we approach the end of another year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone in our school community. Together we have achieved outstanding milestones, witnessed incredible growth and fostered a vibrant and nurturing learning environment for our students. From our excellent educators to our supportive parents, and our amazing students – each of you has contributed immensely to our school's collective success.

As we look back on the memories created throughout the year, the challenges overcome and the triumphs celebrated, I am filled with pride and gratitude. Your commitment to our school community is the cornerstone of our achievements.

I especially want to thank Karen Mannaerts and the members of the School Council for working so diligently with me this year to set the strategic direction of the school going forward. I am grateful to be working alongside such a passionate group of people who have the best interests of our students at heart.

To our School Captain, Zayden Chitty, and our Student Councillors, Macey French, Ashlee Bilston, Jaxon Smith and Mia Sewell. Your leadership skills have shone this year, and it has been wonderful to witness your personal growth as leaders.

I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to the unsung heroes of our school – Jodi and Steph, our cleaners, and Darrell, our gardener. These three staff members make our school sparkle, and we are so fortunate to have them maintain a clean and beautiful school for all of us to enjoy.

I wish our staff who are leaving us all the very best, and thank them for their contributions to Goomalling Primary School - Kristel Couper, Monique Conduit, Jasmine Longford, Jarna French and Jo Bywaters. Thank you also to Christine Barratt who will remain as our School Officer, but will be stepping out of the acting MCS role. We have appreciated her contributions as MCS this year, and we wish her every success as she takes up a new position.

I would also like to wish our Year Six Class of 2023 all the very best for their time at high school. They have all worked so hard, and will no doubt continue to do so. We look forward to having them pop in to see us sometimes.

One of our biggest successes this year has been the roll-out of our gold standard approach to teaching English. Our staff have undertaken countless hours of training, learning the theory behind evidence-based practices, trialled new approaches in their classrooms, and our students are already reaping the benefits. This is reflected in our triannual collection of literacy data, and I look forward to seeing more improvements next year. I thank our Teachers and Education Assistants for all that they do to make our students shine!

I'm excited about the opportunities and adventures that await us in the coming year. We welcome our new School Captains for 2024, Jamella Chapman and Charli Butt, and join them in their excitement for their new role. We also look forward to welcoming Ebonie Jones, Anita Davey, Meagan Howe, Brodee Sing and Sheryl O'Sullivan to our staff team for 2024. We are excited to have them on board, and we look forward to the new and fresh ideas they will no doubt bring to the staff team.

Thank you to all our students for their hard work throughout the year. I am so honoured to be your principal, and you make me proud to be part of the Goomalling Primary School community.

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and a well-deserved break. Let's recharge, rejuvenate and return, ready to embark on another fantastic academic year in 2024.

Paige Ludwig
Principal



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ROOM 9 NEWS

Year 3 & 4

We've been getting into the Christmas Spirit this week with making popstick decorations for our Christmas Tree. Last week we had our Reward Day for being the best bunch of students ever! We watched a movie, made Christmas Art out of ancient books, played games and had some delicious food!



On our Reward Day we also had a scavenger hunt, solved some cryptic clues to find the treasure box and played party games.



Room 1 Students came to visit us on Monday and we taught them some new math games!



Practising our Presentation Assembly performances has been so much fun!



Room 1

What a year it has been!

We have had so many fun and interesting excursions and incursions throughout the year, not to mention sports carnivals, Music Feste, NAIDOC celebrations and even a hot-air balloon at school!

Alongside all of this, our students have done an incredible amount of academic, social, emotional and physical learning, growing and developing throughout the year. We could not be prouder of their achievements, growing maturity and enduring perseverance in the face of challenges.

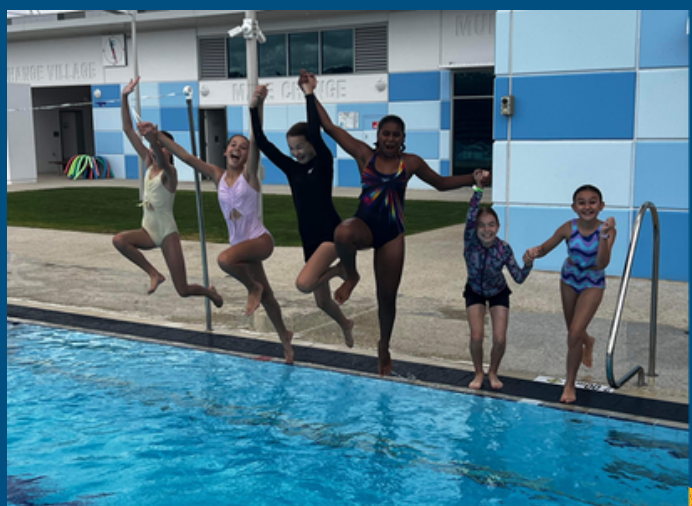
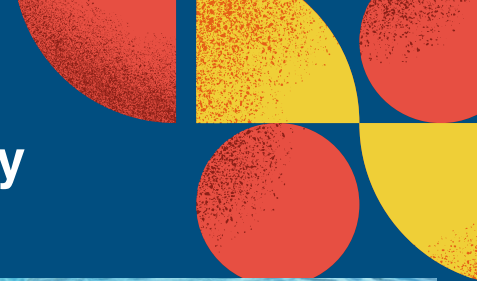
We wish all our students and their families a wonderful Christmas break and an exciting and prosperous 2024!

Miss Conduit, Miss Longford and Mrs Carr





Year 5/6 Northam Pool Reward Day



HAPPY GRADUATION



Our Year Six students and their families celebrated at Slater Homestead on Thursday 30th November, 2023. The setting had amazing decorations, a scrumptious meal, touching slideshow and speeches.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023.

We wish our Year Six students all the very best in their future schooling. Your smiling faces will be missed around the school next year.

Congratulations to our Book Award Recipients of 2023.

We hope you enjoy your holiday reading!



BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

A word from our incoming School Captains...

We are very excited and happy to take the role of school leaders. In 2024 we want to see kindness, teamwork, and leadership among all students. We hope you all have an amazing Christmas and a Happy New Year. We can't wait to see you all at school next year.

Your 2024 School Captains, Jamella Chapman & Charli Butt

Book Award Recipients 2023

Prize	Winner	Sponsor
The McGill Respect & Resilience Award	Alexis Sewell	McGill Family
Principal Award	Aubrey Wallam	Goomalling Twilight Club
Endeavour Award K- Yr2	Paige Smith	GPS P&C
Endeavour Award Yr 3 4	Hope Lantzke	GPS P&C
Endeavour Award Yr 5/6	Mahli Wilkes	GPS P&C
Academic Award PP	Rylee Wilkes	Go Service & Recycling Club
Academic Award 1	Tristan Smith	Go Service & Recycling Club
Academic Award 2	Taylor Read	Go Service & Recycling Club
Academic Award 3	Lara Shaw	Go Service & Recycling Club
Academic Award 4	Tayla Clarke	Go Service & Recycling Club
Academic Award 4	Lincoln Chester	Go Service & Recycling Club
Academic Award 5	Jamella Chapman	Go Service & Recycling Club
Dux	Jaxon Smith	Shire of Goomalling
Kindness Award K-2	Taylor Read	Hon. Darren West, MLC
Kindness Award 3-4	Maddisyn Bell	Hon. Darren West, MLC
Kindness Award 5-6	Tyrel Glatz	Hon. Steve Martin, MLC
Star Award	Kade Chattaway	Hon. Melissa Price MLC

GOOMALLING PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION CANTEEN

So much is changing with our canteen that I must give you all an update. Beginning in Term 1, 2024, canteen will operate on Fridays. At the latest P & C Association meeting held 6/11/23, it was decided that changing canteen to a Friday will increase our volunteer availability. If you would like to offer 1.5 hours of your time once or twice a term, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

If you are working in the canteen, or are thinking about joining our group of volunteers, I must kindly ask that you complete the following two FREE courses online. Commencing in 2024, all of our volunteers will be required to have completed these courses. Thank you to all those that have already done so.

1. www.foodallergytraining.org.au

Create an account and complete All About Allergens course. This takes no more than 1 hour.

2. <https://www.ehawa.org.au/events/category/foodsafety-online-43>

Discount Voucher is FSGOOMA369

Upon completion, please email your certificate to goomallingpandc@gmail.com

Finally, due to cost increases on all items for canteen, the P & C Association, are having to reassess our lunch order prices. Since 2015, we have only increased tomato sauce by \$0.20c and juice boxes by \$0.50c. Therefore, 2024 will see an increase on all products for sale. A reminder that our canteen profit goes to school camp for year 5/6 students and everyone benefits from this.

I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to our canteen throughout the year. We will be saying goodbye to some special Mum's who have given years of time to ensure our students are fed. Your time has been much appreciated by all and I know the kids just love seeing their loved ones on canteen day.

Kind Regards - Jessica Lantzke

Canteen Coordinator - 0439 917 212

TERM 4 ASSEMBLY - AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Bright Star Award - Kenneth Jones

Student Councillor Award - Kade Chattaway & Lara Shaw

Gold Note Winners - Lyly Copeland, Rylee Wilkes, Hope Lantzke, Lara Shaw Matilda Rowles, Macey French

Merit Certificates - Rooni Bird, Rory Bywaters, Hope Lantzke, Hunter Wilkes, Tayla Clarke, Charli Butt, Tate Smith, Mahli Wilkes, Aubrey William

Aussie of the Month - Alexis Sewell, Lara Shaw, Tate Smith





Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA
Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs;
Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Dear Parent

STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS VAPING

It is hard to believe another school year is coming to an end.

Can I say a big thank you to all parents and carers for supporting their school communities - without your commitment the education system simply would not work. I am writing to ask for your support on a crucial issue. You may have recently seen my announcement about the new measures we are implementing to address vaping in schools. The prevalence of vapes in our community is a serious issue.

The biggest misunderstanding is they are harmless compared to cigarettes - this is not true - vapes are not safe and they are contributing to a new generation of nicotine dependency. It is a growing concern for school communities, with incidents of students being found in possession of vapes or caught vaping at school becoming a serious disruption to the education of our kids. To strengthen our response and to continue to support principals and teachers to effectively address vaping in our schools, we have now implemented further measures.

In collaboration with the Department of Health and the Minister for Health, new teaching and learning resources now apply for students in Years 5 to 7, which will complement those launched in the original Vaping Toolkit. We are also taking strong action in expanding the Student Behaviour in Public Schools policy. Principals have now been given additional powers to address vaping, whereby a student can lose good standing under this policy for use or possession of vapes at school.

This means, students caught vaping risk not being able to attend school events like balls, graduations, and other extra-curricular activities. We consulted with the Department of Health and several organisations, including the WA Student Council, in the development of these initiatives to make sure our approach is appropriate and meets the needs of students, and we believe a whole school approach is the most impactful way to address this issue.

We are confident these new measures, alongside other initiatives across Government, will help to reduce the impact these dangerous products are having on our community particularly our children and young people.

I encourage all parents to speak with your children about vaping. The facts can be found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/drug-education>.

Thank you again for your support of these measures to ensure the future health and wellbeing of our young people. I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays and have a safe festive season.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Buti".

Dr Tony Buti MLA
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

2024 PLANNER - Term One

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H				25 School Administrator Return	26 Australia Day	27	28
1	29 Jan Teachers Return School Development Day	30 School Development Day	31 Students resume	1 Feb	2 Canteen	3	4
2	5 Feb	6	7	8	9 Canteen	10	11
3	12 Feb	13	14	15	16 Canteen	17	18
4	19 Feb	20	21	22	23 Canteen	24	25
5	26 Feb	27	28	29	1 March Canteen	2	3
6	4 March Labour Day	5 School Development Day	6	7	8 Mortlock Swimming Carnival	9	10
7	11 March	12	13	14	15 Canteen	16	17
8	18 March School Camp Yr5/6	19 School Camp Yr5/6	20 School Camp Yr5/6	21 School Camp Yr5/6	22 Canteen School Camp Yr5/6	23	24
9	25 March	26	27	28 Students' last day	29 Good Friday	30	31
H	1 April Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	8 April	9	10	11	12	13	14

Start and End of Term

Public Holidays

School Holidays (students)

School Development Days