

Goomalling Primary School
“ Every Child, Every Chance to Shine”

The Goomalling Gazette

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What's On

TERM 1

Week 4

Safe 4 Kids Workshop
 Friday 24th February

Week 5

Tuesday 28th School
 Nurse Visit

Week 6

Thursday 9th March
 General Assembly 2.00pm

Book Fair Commences

Friday 10th March
 Mortlock Swimming
 Carnival

Week 7

Wednesday 15th March
 Naplan Testing
 Commences
 Wednesday 14th Sept

Week 8

Tuesday 21st March
 Book Fair Ends

Wednesday 22nd March
 Year 6 Leaders Day

Thursday 23rd March
 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 24th March Naplan
 Testing Completed

Welcome back to a new school year, one that we hope will be full of fun and learning for everyone!

A special note of appreciation to our amazing cleaners, Jodi Iles and Steph Hall, and our wonderful gardener, Darrel Kennedy, for their efforts over the holidays to make our school sparkle before our students came back for the beginning of the year. The teachers were also spotted several times throughout the holidays preparing their classrooms and their planning ready for 2023. I am so grateful to be working alongside such a dedicated and hard-working team!

I would like to extend a special welcome to the Bird and Brennan families who bring three new students to our school – one each in Kindy, Pre-Primary and Grade 3. We are delighted to have them join the GPS family, and we hope they have a wonderful first year with us. This brings our current number of students to 47 with 16 students in our K-2 class with Adonia Marelli and Lynn Carr, 12 students in our Grade 3/4 class with Sophy O’Keeffe, and 19 students in Grade 5/6 with Genine Smith.

We are thrilled to welcome Kristel Couper to the Goomalling Dream Team! Kristel teaches Auslan and Phys Ed to our students in Grades 3 – 6. We are very lucky to have her on board, and she is already well loved by our students.

I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Adonia Marelli and her husband, Nat, who will be welcoming their very first child early next term. We wish them every joy and happiness as they prepare for their parenting journey. I am pleased to announce that Monique Conduit will be joining us in the K-2 class from the beginning of Term 2 to replace Adonia while she is on maternity leave. Monique comes to us with outstanding references, and we are very excited to have her join our Dream Team at GPS!

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Parent Information Evening. This is a great way to find out about the routines and expectations in your child’s class. If you have any questions, please always feel welcome to contact your child’s teacher.

We have a busy term ahead with NAPLAN and On-Entry testing, and thanks to our wonderful Education Assistants, Jarna French and Sheila Smith, we have already completed our DIBELS and Maths Tracker testing so that we can make sure all students are on track with their learning. One of our major focuses this year is Maths, and we have set aside an hour every Thursday afternoon for our students to play maths games to consolidate their formal learning. These maths games afternoons have been a big hit so far, and the students are already learning a lot!

PTO...

Thanks to Mr Wazza, our fabulous School Chaplain, and the Student Councillors, Breakfast Club has made a comeback and will now be held every Wednesday from 8:30am – 8:50am. Everyone is welcome at Brekky Club, and it is wonderful to see the students having a chat and catching up in the morning before school over some toast and a milo!

On Monday of this week our staff joined with Dowerin DHS staff for a professional learning session with Holly-ann Martin from Safe4Kids. It was a huge eye-opener to hear statistics about the prevalence of sexual abuse in Australia, and this makes it all the more critical that we arm our students with the tools they need to protect themselves from harm. Tomorrow we have Holly-ann at our school for the whole day to deliver lessons to all of our students to start building their toolkit in this area. Thank you to the parents who went along to the parent workshops held at Dowerin earlier this week. Keeping children safe is the responsibility of all of us, and a community approach to protective behaviours will always be more impactful.

As always, please feel welcome to get in touch with the school if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to what is already shaping up to be a fabulous 2023, and wish you all a wonderful year ahead.

Paige Ludwig

Principal

School start & Finish times

Students are permitted onsite from 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 arrival time of 8:30 am. Classes commence at 8.50am and all students are required to be in class by this time.

Our school finishes at 3.00pm. Please be prompt in collecting your children.

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.

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
Goomalling PS Funds ac
(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

ART in Room 1

Kindy and Pre-primary students are proud of their Maths about Me posters.
Students enjoyed using watercolours to create their artwork.

Year 1 and 2 Students used bright and bold colours to create their Roberto Britto inspired Art/Health posters.

"Roberto Britto is called the happy Artist" a year one student commented as she reflected on his use of colour in his art work.

"I love painting" said Jerriko

"It makes me feel very happy" Taylor when describing the emotions she feels when looking at her colourful artwork.



GOOMALLING PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

PICTURE PLATE FUNDRAISER



What a great keepsake
to have for your child or
give a loved one as a
present.

- All ages welcome to complete one
- Multiple copies can be purchased of same design
- Textas, paints & photos can be used

COST - \$30 per plate



- Artwork can be completed while at School or playgroup sessions OR you can collect a template from the Goomalling Primary School front office
- All artwork and payments need to be completed by 3.00pm on Tuesday 7th March 2023

For more information see the attached letter or
contact Jess Wilkes 0427 850 824.



Goomalling Primary School Year 5/6 2023

We have had an amazing start to the year. Nineteen bright, vivacious and enthusiastic young learners ready to dive head first into another exciting year of learning. We have focused on setting up classroom routines and establishing the responsibilities of the Senior room.

The students have enjoyed spending time exploring who they are with "What Makes Me UNIQUELY ME?", and researching their fellow classmates.

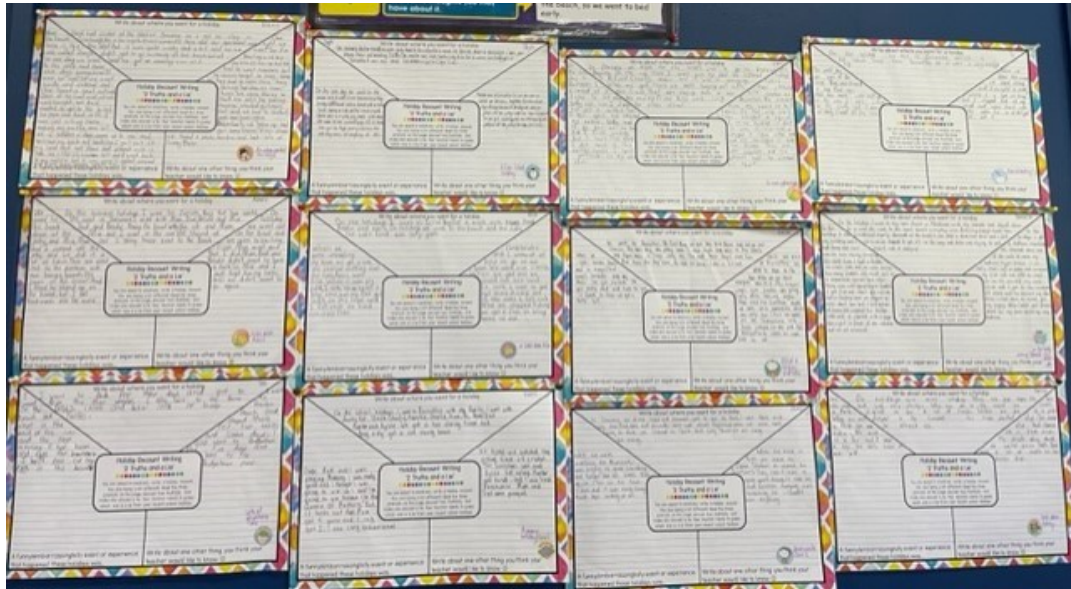


A bit of fun with WILD HAIR....



Two Truths & A Lie!

What would you write? The students had to write two truths and a lie about their holiday, including where they went, a funny or embarrassing event and something that they would like their teacher to know..... all the while trying to outwit everyone in the room as to which are the truths, and which is the LIE?



Maths Games

A focus in our school this year is to become mini-maths genius'. Did you know that so many strategies for solving mathematical problems can be learned through Maths games? Best of all, we are having too much fun to even realise that we are doing Maths. Watch out—you may be asked to challenge....



Welcome to Room 9

WITH MISS O'KEEFE, MRS ROWLES AND THE
BRILLIANT YEAR 3 & 4'S



We had a fantastic start to the year, creating our beautiful Read All About Me self portraits and interviews.



We are learning all about how to earn, spend and save money with our new Bank Books as part of our financial literacy unit.



We're learning lots of new maths games to help us with our math fluency.





Room 9



Introducing our new Whisper Phones! We use our phones to listen to our intonation when reading a passage of text, it helps us develop better fluency and tone.



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Jenni Shaw from Goomalling Farm Shed for donating all the materials for our phones and to Mr Andrew Laird for making them for us!

