



THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

Goomalling Primary School
Every Child – Every Chance to Shine

6TH MARCH, 2025
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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

Assembly

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

PP – Yr 6 Excursion
Perth Zoo & Parliament
House

12TH, 13TH & 14TH MARCH

Naplan Testing

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

School Council Meeting
3.15pm

10TH-18TH MARCH

Book Fair

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

Parent-Teacher Interviews

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

School Photos (Afternoon)

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

End of Term

From The Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, and Guardians,
Welcome back to the 2025 school year! It has been wonderful to see students eagerly engaging in the exciting learning experiences that our dedicated teachers have prepared. In preparation for the upcoming Year 5/6 excursion to Parliament House, students have been exploring the key features of the Australian electoral process and how our government functions. Meanwhile, in preparation for their zoo excursion students from Pre-Primary to Year 4 have been diving into biological sciences learning area. These excursions will provide hands-on learning experiences that enhance their learning.

Last week, we held our annual Mortlock Swimming Carnival. A huge thank you to our amazing P&C for providing a delicious sausage sizzle and to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success. A special thanks to Christine Barratt and Jess Lantzke for their incredible effort behind the scenes in organising the event and coordinating student participation. Congratulations to all students who took part!

We are also excited to be part of the BioSPHERE event happening in town this year. Students have had the wonderful opportunity to work with artist Fleur Schell on clay projects, with more creative experiences to come. In Term 2, they will also work with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre. A big thank you to Mrs. Rachel Ashton, our Arts Specialist, for facilitating these enriching opportunities.

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, 17th March 2025, and we are looking for new members to join. You'll find all the details, including the nomination form, in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing support – I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,
Rebecca Lynn

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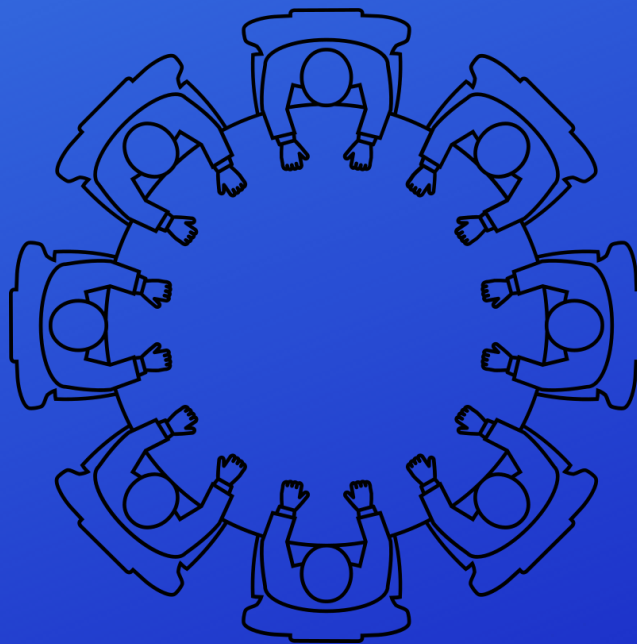
Our first School Council Meeting for 2025 will be held on Monday, 17th March 2025, at 3:15pm in the Meeting Room.

A nomination form is attached to the back of the newsletter. We encourage you to consider nominating for School Council, as it's a great opportunity to contribute your skills and ideas to our school community. On the reverse side of the form, you'll find a detailed description of the roles and responsibilities of School Council members. Current members often share how rewarding it is to gain a deeper understanding of the school's operations and decision-making processes.

Nominations close on Thursday, 13th March at 3:00pm. Please note that late nominations cannot be accepted.

For further information, feel free to contact Karen Mannaerts (School Council Chair) or Rebecca Lynn.

We look forward to your involvement!

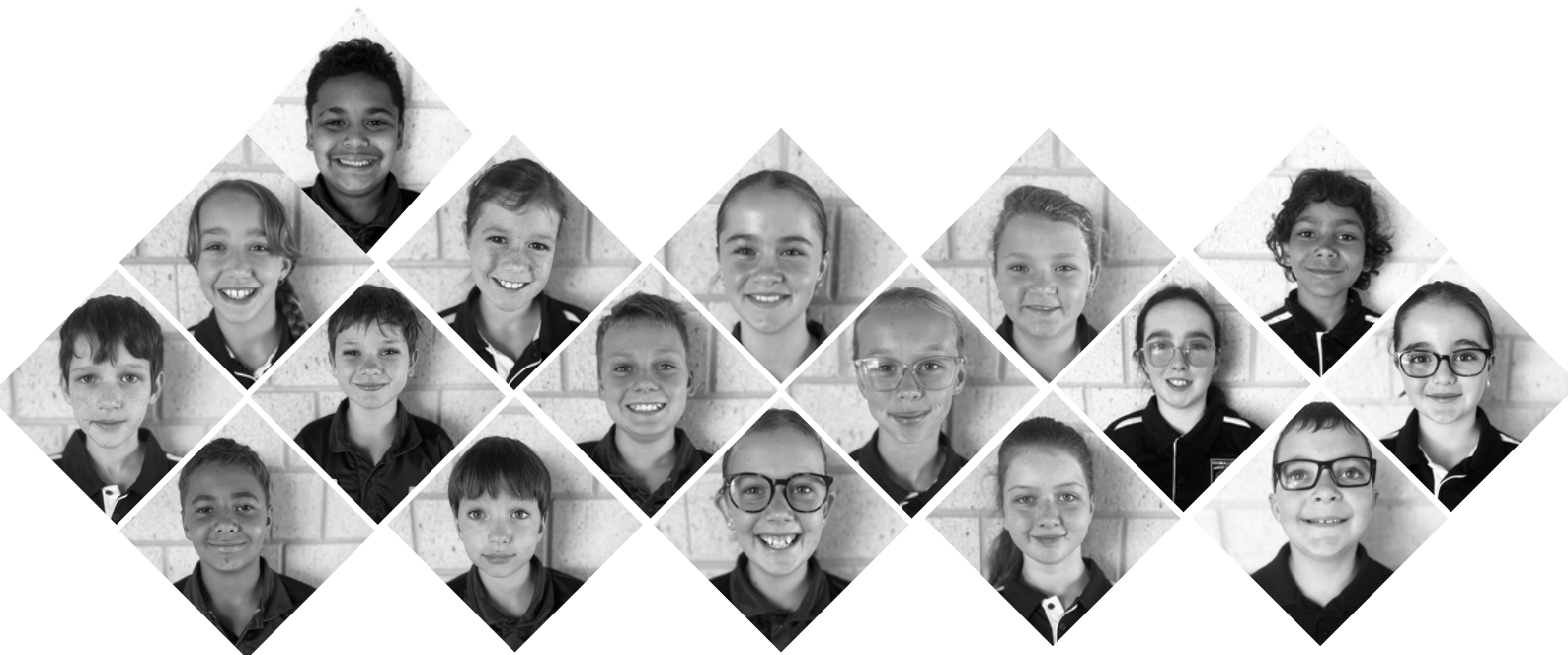


ROOM 9 NEWS

We've had a great start to Year 5 & 6 in Room 9. In English we are studying the beautiful story of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, learning a lot of new vocabulary and how to write embedded clauses in our writing. In Maths the Year 6's have been learning about the properties of numbers- prime, composite, square and triangular. The Year 5's have been looking at place value in to the hundreds of billions, making sure we have a solid understanding of our place value.

We are looking forward to this Friday's excursion to Parliament House and to further our understanding of Australia's Democratic process, it is a perfect time to be learning with the state and federal elections.

Year 6 students have taken to their new leadership roles with gusto, making sure all jobs are completed to a high standard, a particular favourite is organising morning fitness Tuesday-Friday with Mr Carr helping the students set up new fun ways of getting the blood pumping first thing! We are so excited to welcome new students to our classroom this year! Amy, Kayden, Lilly-Rose and Xavier fit right in in Room 9 and we are thrilled to welcome Logan back to GPS for Year 6!



BIO SPHERE BOODJA

re-wilding our imagination



Town Hall Meeting

Date: 13th March 2025

Location: Goomalling Town Hall

Time: 18:30

We are excited to announce that BioSPHERE BOODJA Ritual will take place on September 28th, 2025 and will feature a full day and evening of creative experiences, storytelling, connecting and showcasing our amazing Goomalling Koomal community.

You will find out how to get involved and how your club or business can contribute to this amazing ritual! Fleur Schell will introduce the team from Spare Part Puppet Theatre and many of the leading Clay Artists, Musicians and Projection Artists involved who will be collaborating with the community to create a new interconnected portrait.

Let's come together and make BioSPHERE BOODJA a truly special experience for all.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AND HEAR FROM YOU!!



A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Georgia Falconer 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.

A major part of our work is focused on the School Entry Health Assessment and implementing the School Based Immunisation Program.

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, height/weight, dental and general health check. Referral to the appropriate health service can be arranged if there are any concerns. If you receive a health assessment form, please sign giving your consent and return to school ASAP.

Targeted Screening

Any concerns about your child's vision, hearing, speech, movement, behaviour, development, growth or weight can be investigated, with referral to the appropriate health service if required. Please discuss these concerns with your child's teacher or myself.

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.**

Health Promotion

I can provide the school community with information relating to Health, including growth and development, healthy eating, physical activity, weight management, hand washing, asthma, anaphylaxis, parenting resources or on any subject requested by the school.

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**



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for education costs

Apply here



Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- 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

Terms and conditions apply.


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Goomalling Primary School Council Nominations

The first School Council Meeting of 2025 will be held on Monday 17 March 2025, commencing at 3.15pm in the Goomalling Primary School (GPS) Meeting Room.

Parents of students currently enrolled at GPS are invited to nominate for vacancies on our School Council.

There will be two (2) vacant positions for Parent Members. If more nominations than vacancies are received a parent election will take place.

All parents are encouraged to consider nomination for the School Council if they feel they have ideas and skills to bring to the Council and are prepared to apply the roles and responsibilities as outlined in the attached document.

Please note:

- You may nominate yourself
- Nominations may be made;
 - o Using the following form and returning it to the Principal, Rebecca Lynn, at the school office; or
 - o By email to Rebecca.Lynn@education.wa.edu.au

Nominations will close on Thursday, March 13th at 3.00pm to allow for the voting process (if required) to take place before the meeting on 17 March. Late applications are unable to be accepted.

NOMINATION FORM – SCHOOL COUNCIL – PARENT MEMBERS

Name of Nominee: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Name of person nominating: _____
Signature of Nominee: _____

When nominating, you might like to nominate yourself or nominate another parent. When submitting the nomination, the person being nominated must sign to give their approval for nomination.

Nomination Forms must be received by 3.00pm Thursday, March 13th 2025



Roles and Responsibilities of School Council Members

The role of the school council is outlined in the Education Act 1999.

The responsibilities of a School Council are:

- Work within the Department of Education's relevant legislation and regulations
- Contribute to the school Statement of Expectation and the Business Plan
- Endorse and review the annual budget which summarises the income received from the Department of Education and other sources and lists planned expenditure and salaries
- Assist with the formulation of Codes of Conduct i.e. guiding principles designed to influence decisions and actions that the school takes
- Review the performance of the school
- Create interest in the school within and across the community
- Assist with Principal selection when a vacancy arises
- Approve fees, charges, contributions and items of personal use (booklists)
- Approve extra costs and optional components of programs
- Approve arrangements for sponsorship or advertising
- Liaise with other committees within the school e.g. P & C
- Hold one open meeting each year to report to the school community (Annual Public Meeting).

The School Council does not:

- Manage the day to day running of the school i.e. does not employ staff, decide which classes students will be assigned to, resolve issues related to individual teachers, students or parents
- Discuss individual issues relating to teachers, staff or parents – these are very clearly management roles and therefore the responsibility of the Principal
- Represent specific interest groups or permit special interests to dominate the agenda
- Intervene in the education instruction of students
- Purchase land, buildings, cars and cannot hire purchase agreements or obtain credit or loans unless permission is given by the Minister
- Performance manage the Principal or any other staff member.

The Role of the School Council Members:

- Parent members bring expertise as parents to the school and the views and context of the wider community to the School Council meetings
- Community members bring a particular skill to the School Council. This may include business, accounting, building or some other skill that the school is looking for at that time
- Staff members bring their educational expertise to School Council meetings