

# THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

Goomalling Primary School  
Every Child – Every Chance to Shine

6TH MARCH 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

What a fabulous start we have had to 2024! It is wonderful to see the bright, smiling faces of our students and staff back at school after their well-earned holidays. We have had lots of exciting things happening at school already this year, and we are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning here at GPS.

## **New Staff**

We welcome Ebonie Jones, our K-2 Classroom Teacher, Brodee Sing, our Education Assistant working across Grades 3 – 6 on Fridays, Anita Davey, who is teaching on Thursdays in our K-2 classroom, Meagan Howe, our Specialist Art Teacher, Amy Carragher who has stepped into the MCS role for Term 1 while I run a selection process, and Sheryl O’Sullivan, our School Chaplain, who is working fortnightly on Tuesdays.

We have a very dedicated staff team, and I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

## **2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan**

We are in the final stages of building our 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan, and are holding our final community meeting this evening at the school. The students, staff and School Council have contributed to this planning since last year, and we are looking forward to finalising our plan by the end of this term.

## **Data Collection**

We have been busy at school collecting our baseline data from the beginning of the year. We have completed DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) testing across the school, the Pre-primary to Grade 2 students have completed On-Entry Testing, NAPLAN is coming up in Week 8 for our Grades 3 and 5 students, Sounds-Write diagnostic testing has been completed, and our classroom teachers have been busy collecting other relevant data that aligns with their classroom programs and our whole school programs. The intention behind this is to collect relevant data, analyse it, and then respond to the data by adjusting our planning in the classroom. This ensures that every student’s needs are being met as optimally as possible.

## **School Pick Up**

Please ensure that students are picked up from school on time. Kindy and Pre-Primary students need a parent/guardian to collect them from the classroom. From Grade 1, students are dismissed when the siren rings at 3:00pm. Please let the office know if there are any changes to your pick-up arrangements.

## **Assemblies**

At the request of our parent community, assemblies will now be held at 9:00am. This allows families to bring their children to school and stay for the duration of the assembly.

### **Term Planners for 2024**

Term Planners for the year are available on our school website. Please be advised that that School Development Days are set and will not change, however other scheduled events are subject to change. We will alert you to any changes throughout the year.

### **Uniforms**

A reminder to families that adhering to our dress code is part of our good standing policy. Please contact the office if you need additional uniforms.

Paige Ludwig - Principal

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# welcome Miss Jones

**ROOM 1  
K/PP/1/2**

*We would like to welcome Miss Jones to Goomalling PS. Miss Jones comes from Bridgetown and has been living in Perth for the past 6 years while studying. She graduated last year and Goomalling was her school of choice.*

*You will find Miss Jones in Room 1 teaching our wonderful Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year and Year 2 students!*



**FUN FACT!**  
**Miss Jones**  
**has a puppy, named**  
**Moose!**

# Room 1



What a busy first few weeks of the new school year we have had! Room One students have been getting to know all our new students and settling into the routine nicely.

We have had five new students join us this year – Makenzie, Rubi, Ellie, Dustin and Achilies, all of who have brightened up the room and started forming great friendships with each other and the rest of the class. The previous Goomalling Primary School Students have shown great kindness in including our new friends and making sure they feel welcomed.

We thank the P&C for helping us cool down on those incredibly hot days with a yummy icy treat – we have been so thankful for the cooler days and being able to get out to enjoy playing outside!

Within our learning so far, we have been diving into our new Prime Maths workbooks in Math blocks, looking at the changing technology of communication from past to present, creating self and family portraits to develop our fine motor skills and create a sense of belonging in our classroom, and we have recently started looking at different fairy tales during our writing block and the story elements of these to help us write our own story soon.

Finally, during our play investigations the students of Room One have showed great potential for future Veterinarians as the role-play both the Vet and the pets in our dramatic play area!



# *Goomalling Primary School*

## *Room 8 Year 3/4*

### **Clean Up Australia Day 2024**

Today on Wednesday the 28th of February at Goomalling Primary School the Year 3 to year 6 students celebrated Clean Up Australia Day.

We discussed the importance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair and how our school can reduce our waste, reuse the resources that we already have, which items we can recycle and how we might repair items to use again. We had donated to us gloves by Mark from Goomalling Country Chemist. (Thank you Mark)

This week our School had a possum on the school grounds and so we thought it might be a good time to look after our school environment by cleaning up our school grounds.

We went in teams and walked around looking carefully to see any rubbish. We picked up lots of broken glass, some lost cricket balls, a golf ball and a pair of old shoes. We recycled the rubbish we collected into our schools' bins to be recycled.

The students enjoyed walking in nature and we hope that the healthy Goomalling environment will be home to more possums in the future.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 9

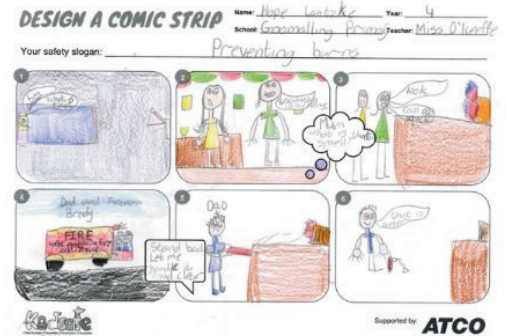
We have hit the ground running in the Giants Room this year. With only 9 weeks this term there is a lot to fit in! We have started our novel study of C.S Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*, started our new PRIME Maths program with fantastic success and taken on our new Senior Jobs with pride!



## AN ARTIST IN OUR MIDST!

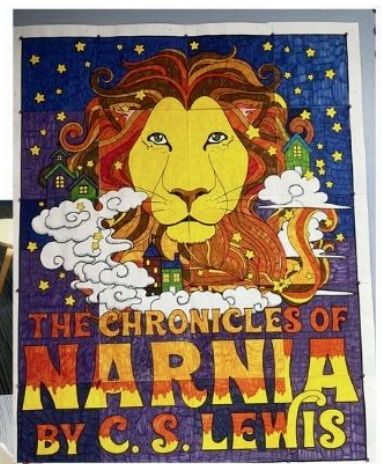
In Term 4, Kidsafe WA and ATCO Gas Australia ran a 'Get Creative about Safety' Colouring in and Comic Strip Competition for primary school students.

Our very own Hope Lantzke won second prize, which included \$150 worth of books for her classroom, a \$30 Coles/Myer voucher for herself! Congratulations Hope!



## ESCAPE WITH US TO NARNIA

We have started studying C.S Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe* using Jocelyn Seamer's text based unit program. The students have dived head first into learning all about The Blitz, mythological creatures, Turkish Delight & forest animals in their background knowledge texts. We are exploring a lot of new vocabulary and developing our morphological knowledge with the rich language of the text. Though I think trying the Turkish Delight has been the highlight so far!



OUR COLLABORATIVE COLOURING IN COMPLETED BY THE YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS



# Book Fair 2024



Commencing on Monday 11th March, our School Library will be hosting Book Fair. All students will have the opportunity to look at the books during school time and fill out a 'Wish List'. It is explained that this is a 'Wish List' and not a 'I must have list'.

*Parents, Caregivers, Aunts, Uncles, older or younger siblings, your neighbours, your best friend, in fact, all are welcome to come have a look.*

Sales can be made from 8.30am to 8.50am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (students must be ready to work in their classrooms at their normal time) or after school 3.00pm to 3.30pm on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Students can purchase items Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday during recess.

Payments can be cash or Scholastic supply facilities to make an electronic transfer. At the conclusion of Book Fair, which is Tuesday 19th March, our school will receive a percentage of all book sales, which is a bonus to purchase new books for our library.

Come along and have a look!



# COME CEILI WITH US!

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024



## Live fiddle band and caller

7PM - 11.30PM

GOOMALLING TOWN HALL

DRINK ON ARRIVAL AND SUPPER INCLUDED

TICKETS \$75 PER PERSON

18 YEARS + ONLY

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

FROM 15TH FEBRUARY 2024



DOOR PRIZE

BEST DRESSED (THE THEME IS GREEN!)

RAFFLE PRIZES

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WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE GOOMALLING PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C  
AND LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BUSINESSES.



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 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](http://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 and parenting resources.

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



**PROTECT YOURSELF IN FIVE WAYS FROM SKIN CANCER**



# NORTHAM HOCKEY CLUB

The Northam Hockey Club is part of the Avon Hockey Association. We have a synthetic playing turf located at the Bert Hawke Reserve, Suburban Road Northam. Games are played on Friday Nights or Saturdays in Northam, York, Beverley and Wongan Hills.

- Season:** Hockey is an outdoor sport played during winter, usually starting the first weekend in May and finishing with finals in September. (actual dates TBA)
- Divisions:** **Minkey:** is our learn-to-play coaching for school years 3 and under.  
**Juniors:** 3 mixed divisions:  
5/6s (school year 6 and under)  
7/9s (school year 7 to 9)  
10/12s (school year 10 to 12)  
**Seniors:** Men and Women.
- Registration:** Early registrations open 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/northamhc/registration/>
- Fees:** **Hockey Australia Levy:** Payable online at registration: Minkey (\$45.31)  
Juniors (\$45.31)  
Senior (\$57.30)
- Club fees:** Minkey -\$25 per player.  
Juniors - \$120 + \$10 no-refundable shirt bond per player.  
Seniors - \$3300 per team

**KIDSPORT** We are a Kidsport eligible club. Eligible children can use their \$150 kidsport voucher towards all registration fees.

**Events:** The club joins the Avon Association to participate in Club championships in Perth and/or any eligible competition.

**Equipment required:** All players require their own hockey stick, shin pads, and mouth guards. Socks and bottoms usually are in common football colours. Team shirts are supplied by the club.

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## WHAT IS THE SCHOOL SLAM SERIES?

The School Slam Series is a Basketball WA initiative that focuses primarily on the participation and introduction to basketball for year 5 and 6 Primary School students. The aim of the series is to provide an inclusive and fun environment for students to develop a keen interest in the sport of basketball.

For more information and to register your teams please visit the School Sport WA website: [www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interschool/primary/basketball/](http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interschool/primary/basketball/)