



THE GOOMALLING GAZETTE

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Primary School

EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE
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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome to our second newsletter of Term 4. I have been delighted to be sitting in Mr Palmer's seat since last Wednesday. It is always such a pleasure to be back at Goomalling PS and working with all your beautiful children and dedicated staff. Mr and Mrs Palmer will be back on Thursday 2nd November.

The weather has certainly warmed up this week! Please remind your children to be vigilant about reptiles as they will be out and about over the coming weeks.

Over the last two weeks, the year 3-6 have been lucky enough to participate in a T20 Cricket workshop each Wednesday for an hour. This has been most enjoyable and I am sure the children have learned a lot from it. Mr Peet has utilised these new found cricketing skills by doing cricket for sport on a Friday afternoon.

This morning, the year 5-6 class participated in a games morning with the Senior Citizens at the Farmers Club. A lot of fun was had by all and while the children were able to put a smile on the faces of the Senior Citizens, it was lovely to see the children having fun also. This opportunity certainly enabled them to bridge the gap between the generations.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my week back at Goomalling and I wish you all the very best for the remainder of 2017.

Nat Millstead
Principal.

Assembly

Our next school assembly will be hosted by the Room One K/P class and will be held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 in the PAC Room, starting at 9:00am.

Year 6 Sleep Over

On Friday 3rd November, the Year 6 students will be sleeping over at Goomalling PS. It is bound to be fun for all attending!

No Canteen

The Canteen will not be open next week due to the pupil free day on Monday 6th November. The Canteen will not be rescheduled to Tuesday 7th November due to a shortage of volunteers on this day.

Pupil Free Day

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that **Monday 6th November** is a pupil free day and students are not required to attend school on this day.

Year 6 Northam SHS Orientation

Year 6 transition to Northam SHS will be held on Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd November, 9am-11:30am.

Students are asked to catch the bus to Northam SHS in the morning. The bus leaves at 7:30am from Quinlan St at the front of the old Bowling Club, Students must be at the bus by 7:25am.

The students will be transported back to Goomalling PS at approximately 12pm by a Northam SHS vehicle.

Students will need to wear their full school uniform and take their morning tea and water bottle in their back packs.

Year 6 Graduation

Will be held at the Slater Homestead on Wednesday 6th December 2017 @ 6.30pm.

Formal invitations will be distributed shortly.

Presentation Evening

This is to be held at the Goomalling Primary School Assembly Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2017 @ 6.30pm

Goomalling Primary School P & C will co-ordinate supper at the conclusion of the presentation evening

P & C Meeting

Please be advised the next P & C Meeting has been changed to Monday 27th November 2017 @ 1.15pm in the Staff room. Everyone welcome..

No Hat No Play Reminder

As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child/ren have a brimmed hat (**NO CAPS**) to wear at school during Recess/Lunch and sport sessions. School hats can be ordered any time through the School Office.



Keeping your child safe online

The internet can be an exciting and wonderful place for children and the whole family. It is a great tool for learning, socialising, and entertainment. However, just like in the real world the internet involves risks and challenges.

In an online environment, children may be exposed to content that is sexually explicit, violent, prohibited or even illegal. They may also experience cyber bullying, be at risk from contact by strangers and unknowingly or deliberately share personal information.

You can keep your child safe online by **monitoring, protecting and teaching** them.

Monitor your child online

- Talk with your children about the internet and answer any questions or concerns.
- Keep computers in family areas and avoid online activity in the study or bedroom.
- With your children, set up rules about internet use, such as limiting screen time.
- Check the websites your child has been visiting by using the history tab.

Protect your child online

- Use a family-friendly internet service provider (ISP) that offers families information and tools that help make the internet safer.
- Tell your child not to share personal information online
- Ask your child to let you know if someone they don't know contacts them online. Block this person from your child's account.
- Always select the strictest privacy settings and turn off location sharing on apps, websites and accounts.

Teach safe and responsible online behaviour

- When talking to your children about the internet focus on the positive aspects and show them sites that are fun, interesting or educational.
- Explain that some areas of the internet are for adults and not for children to see.
- Talk to your child about the way you should behave online. Your child shouldn't say, do or share something online if they wouldn't do it when face-to-face with someone.

As a parent or carer, you can play an important role in helping your child to have safe and positive experiences online.

For more information, the Raising Children Network website has current articles about cyberbullying, technology and entertainment, especially for teens and pre-teens, go to www.raisingchildren.net.au

Quick Tip

Screen time activities, such as watching TV, playing computer games, or browsing the internet, usually involve sitting or lying down for long periods which can harm our health. Try to move more and sit less by limiting screen time for entertainment to less than two hours a day.



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Kindy Orientation Day!



Goomalling Primary School welcomes families with prospective kindergarten children for 2018 to visit our classroom for an orientation day. Children will participate in activities and guest speakers will attend.

Morning tea will be provided.

Where: Room 1 - Goomalling Primary School

When: Wednesday 15th November (9:00-10:30)





St Joseph's School in Northam now offers Year 7 - Year 12 with boarding facilities at the Northam Residential College. If you want your child to still have a country school experience then contact the St Joseph's School Reception on 08 9621 3500 for more information or check out the website at www.sjsnortham.wa.edu.au

St Joseph's School is a Catholic co-educational school situated in the picturesque Avon Valley town of Northam, 80 minutes from Perth. Our School is proud of offering a caring environment and prides itself as a learning centre with programs to cater for all students. As a Catholic school, there is an emphasis on the faith development of students and participation in the Parish Sacramental Program.

With the recent introduction of Years 11 & 12, we can now offer a quality education on the Wheatbelt for Year 7 – Year 12 students. Our teachers are qualified and experienced in providing a Senior Secondary education. With our small numbers, our staff will be providing more individualised instruction for our students. The students will benefit from more direct contact with their teachers. Students have the option of both the ATAR stream and the GENERAL stream.

Boarding arrangements will be available for secondary students at the Northam Residential College. The college is located just a short bus ride from the secondary campus. They actively support and encourage students with their studies by providing an excellent learning environment which is functional and well maintained. It is their personal goal to ensure all students feel liked, respected and supported by peers and staff, enjoy college life and are socially confident. The college is committed to its responsibility to make sure parents are informed, supported and highly satisfied with their children's progress.

Enrolments are invited for 2018 and beyond. A prospectus is available from the campus or by contacting the school on 08 9621 3500.