



Goomalling Primary School
"Every Child, Every Chance to Shine"

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Dear Parents, Staff and Guardians,

We find ourselves in Week 3 of the new normal at school this term. It is wonderful to be able to have our students back on site, in class, learning and laughing.

COVID 19 Measures

We have been fortunate to be in the position to have our students in their regular classrooms with their regular teachers. This has helped greatly in settling students back in and calming any anxieties they were feeling.

We have implemented the additional cleaning requirements for high touch areas and playgrounds and I thank Christine Barratt and Nicole Kennedy for taking on the role, being flexible and completing additional tasks along the way.

As distancing is so problematic in a school setting, vigilant cleaning is the best way to keep our school safe.

To support our school it is important that children and adults are only attending when they are well. This will continue to be the case into the term. I have included the excerpt from the health department advice.

*"...any child who is **unwell** with any anything, eg headache, sore throat, cough, **fever (38C and above)**, respiratory symptoms (eg runny nose, wheeze, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath) or **headache, is to be sent home.**"*

At the time of publication, we are still awaiting clarification on the review for schooling in Week 4 and beyond. As soon as this information becomes available, I will communicate it to families.

On a personal note, I am grateful that our early measures have seen us in such a strong position in the pandemic at this point. I am particularly proud of the response of our staff at a school level. Each and every staff member has stepped up, done what has been needed and rolled with the constant changes.

Ms Sophie Greenway

Last Friday we said farewell to Mrs George. Her baby girl will be with us soon, and we wish her every happiness. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Greenway as she starts teaching our senior students.

Library

I'm excited to say that the project to replace the roof on our library is all-systems-go. I attended a prestart meeting with the architect and builders on Monday. The builders will take over the site from the 25th May. They will be erecting temporary fencing around the library which will encroach onto the basketball court. The staff carpark will become part of the building site and off limits to staff, parents and visitors from that date.

The new roof will be a simple rectangular structure in a light neutral Colourbond with Ironstone gutters. It will give our library a new lease on life and ensure we can enjoy the light, airy space into the future.

A huge thanks to Sheila, Darrel and their band of helpers for getting the library emptied and ready for handover. This will mean students are unable to access library books for the rest of term.

No Camp-Camp Day

Last term we had planned to have a fun, adventure day during camp week but of course things unravelled quickly and we weren't able to. Mrs George ran the day with the students last Friday instead and they had a great time. Treasure hunts, trivia quizzes and team challenges were all part of the day.

School Planning

Last term, the school council and staff were working on finalising our Strategic Plan 2020-2022. This process was interrupted by the pandemic but fortunately is able to recommence now. I look forward to sharing our plan with the community later this term.

Student Leadership

We are committed to providing opportunities for our senior students to develop leadership skills. At their Leadership Day last term, the Year 6 students assessed their values and the contributions they wanted to make to the school. They came up with a pledge to the school community. I was impressed with their insights during the activity. The pledge reads as follows.

The student councillors of 2020 pledge that we will lead our school as caring community-minded students. We will be calm and approachable role-models who listen to all members of our school.

Uniform

Winter is fast approaching and children have been coming to school in non-uniform jumpers and pants. A reminder to families that adhering to our dress code is part of our good standing policy. The policy is below. Please contact the office if you need new uniforms.

In keeping with the Goomalling town colours of dark navy blue and white, the P&C's Uniform Committee, in consultation with parents and staff, has determined the school uniform as follows:

Summer	Blue and White Check School Dress Dark Navy Polo Shirt with white trim and School Crest Dark Navy Shorts or Skirt or Skort Sneakers or Sandals
Winter	Dark Navy Polo Shirt with white trim and School Crest (long sleeves available) Dark Navy Windcheater Dark Navy Microfibre Long Pants Dark Navy/White Sports Jacket Sneakers

Compulsory Hat with Brim (preferably the designated 'bucket-style' school hat in navy)

Amanda Roe
Principal

"A Big Warm Welcome to our new Year 5/6 Teacher, we hope you enjoy your time at GPS"

- Name:** Ms Sophie Greenway
- Working Career:** Background in Psychology, but love Teaching. Would like to be a School Psychologist one day.
- Interest:** Walking on the beach (at Scarborough) gardening, watching footy and watching movies.
- Favourite Food:** Delicious chicken and mashed potato and roasted vegetables.
- Sports:** Proudly supports the Melbourne Demons.
Plays Netball.
Loves to watch cricket.





Covid Crazy at GPS





Year 5/6 No Camp—Camp Day



On Friday 8th May 2020, our Year 5/6 class were treated to a day of fun in lieu of missing out on their camp last term. Students completed an orienteering challenge, team trivia, online quiz's and finished with watching a movie with popcorn.

GPS P & C News

Cook Book Fundraiser - To continue with our fundraising, this term we are compiling a School Cook Book. We are asking each family or community member that would like to contribute a family recipe to the book, please do so. Recipes can be dropped off to the office, or emailed to Jarna French, doog@wn.com.au. We would also love some photos of your family cooking their family favourites.

Canteen Lunches - Our canteen is back up and running for Term 2, we have noticed that more orders are being paid via EFT. Please ensure that if you are paying via EFT that you make the payment before 11am Monday. We are noticing we are having to chase up lunch order payments, this just creates more unnecessary work for our band of volunteers.

Library Books

Due to the library roof upgrades, no book borrowing will be happening this term. Please remember if you find any outstanding library books at home, please return them to Mrs Sheila.



Leavers 2020



How good do our leavers shirts look, Special thanks to Label of Love for the design and production of the shirts.