

# Goolmangar Public School Newsletter

*Engaging Minds*

*Empowering Success*

*Jingi Walla to Term 4 November Edition 4/11/21*



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GPS...

### WATTLE PROGRAM

We have some very excited students who are now involved in "What'll Happen to The Wattle? Project".

It is the first official 'Seeds in Space' program for Australia. We have planted six Golden Wattle (*Acacia Pycnantha*) seeds that were kept on Earth and six seeds that were sent to space and stayed in the International Space Station for six months! This special experiment will be monitored by the students, and they will observe the growth of the seedlings and record all their findings (data) in their personal Space Journals. 150 other schools around Australia are also recording data for the Australian Space Agency and JAXA Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

Our little scientists are contributing to an international experiment to see how seeds and food can be eventually grown in space!

Mrs. Rose



Here is a picture of some of our seeds that we are germinating from the space station.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Staff and students enjoyed the photo shoot in week three! We are now sorting the 196 photos I took and will provide each family with a USB soon.



## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Last week we welcomed Indra and Jarvis with their families to our school. Both children had a great time playing and meeting new friends. We can't wait to see them again next Thursday.



### The next orientation dates and times are below:

Thursday 11 November 9am-11:45am, Thursday 18 November 9am-3pm & Thursday 9 December 9am-3pm.

## SMART - LEARNING GOALS

Our students have set learning goals for reading, numeracy, and attendance. SMART goals are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time framed. All students have shared their goals on SeeSaw by videoing themselves.

Am Amelia



M3 Myra



October 28, 2021

## PIE DAY FRIDAY

This was a great success! Many thanks to Mrs Lewis for coordinating this FREE sampling for lunch.

The next Pie Day Friday will be November 26. Pie (\$4.80) order forms will be sent out closer to the day.

## GREEN INNOVATIONS AWARDS 2021- GPS FINALIST

Yesterday the students participated in the finals award ceremony via a zoom meeting. Our film we presented focused on plans to make an interactive app for other children to learn ways to be sustainable. We heard about some great ideas that other schools have done and gained some inspiration for 2022. Ruby and Ava were brilliant leaders by stepping unexpectedly into the role of representatives for our project and answering questions from the judging panel. A big thank you to Mr Lane and Mrs Rose for coordinating this project with students.



## UPGRADES TO OUR SCHOOL

Our library remains in a state of chaos however the carpet has been chosen and will be laid soon. Our COLA has been painted and with new lines, handball, tennis and the odd game of noughts and crosses are being played with enthusiasm.



**GOTCHA GURUS for:**

**Week 3 Ava**

**Week 4 Melody**

**Week 5**

## OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

### COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR TERM 4

As announced by the Minister, from 8 November all NSW schools will move to updated Level 3 settings that bring school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community. I would like to update you on the key changes that will be in place at our school from Monday 8 November and for the rest of Term 4.

### KEEPING US ALL SAFE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising
- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines
- Students should avoid mingling with other class and year groups when moving around the school
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

## **FROM 8 NOVEMBER**

Our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school
- Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements
- Dancing, bands, ensembles and music classes will be allowed within cohorts. However, everyone must wear masks while playing instruments indoors. Other instruments that rely on breath or require a mask to be removed to be played, as well as singing and chanting, are not permitted in Term 4
- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available)
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to
- School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports and access to indoor and outdoor pools (from 1 November)
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

## **PARENTS AND CARERS ON SITE TO SUPPORT SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on-site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

## **COMMUNICATION- SEESAW, SKOOL LOOP & FACEBOOK**

These social media platforms are regularly updated to inform and showcase what our wonderful students are doing. To stay up to date with what is happening please utilise these platforms.

## **EARN AND LEARN RECYCLING OF BOTTLES**

The P&C are collecting recyclable bottles to raise funds for school functions. We have a large bin for bottles to be recycled in. Please save your bottles for our school. Thank you.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see what our students are doing.

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Students out and about having fun!



# GOOLMANGAR PUBLIC SCHOOL - Coming Events

Dates & Times May Change

## School library borrowing every Friday

Please make sure you have access to the Skool loop App for any updates.

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6 November</b>	8	9	10	11 <b>Personal Interest Projects (PIP) begin</b>	12
<b>Week 7 November</b>	15	16	17	18 <b>PIP</b>	19
<b>Week 8 November</b>	22	23	24	25 <b>PIP</b>	26 <b>Pie Day</b>
<b>Week 9 Nov/Dec</b>	29	30	1	2 <b>PIP- presentation</b>	3. <b>Celebration Night at GPS TBC</b>
<b>Week 10 December</b>	6 <b>Cricket Coaching</b>	7 <b>Cricket Coaching</b>	8 <b>Cricket Coaching</b>	9 <b>Cricket Coaching</b>	10 <b>End of year Excursion TBC</b>
<b>Week 11 December</b>	13	14	15	16 <b>Students' last day</b>	17 <b>Staff Development Day</b>

