

# Goolmangar Public School Newsletter

*Engaging Minds*

*Empowering Success*



*April Edition 2021*

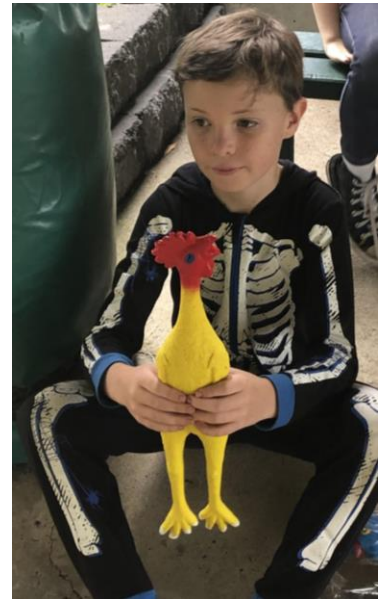
## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GPS...

### Memorable moments were created at our sleepover!

The sleepover was a huge success with 92% of our students attending. Students had a great time thanks to the staff and Pat, for organising games, buying food and catering, toasting marshmallows, cooking scones, watching a movie and loads of yummy food. This experience is an initiative to support our students in becoming emotionally resilient when experiencing new challenges.









## Learning Expo - History and Creative Clubs

Next week our students will present their learning artefacts from the inventions unit and creative clubs projects.

We invite you to our History: Household Technologies & Creative Clubs EXPO next Tuesday 30 March 2pm-3pm, including afternoon tea and raffle \$1 each or 3 for \$2. All a welcome.

We would like to acknowledge the amazing amount of learning that goes on as a lead up to expo. Many thanks to Mrs Tate, Mr Lane, Pat, Erika, Kara and Mrs Lewis for assisting with student learning.

## Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The 2021 Challenge date closes for students on Friday August 20, 2021. Students in K-2 will have their stories read to them or can read from the selection themselves, a total of 30 books. Students in Years 3-6 only have to read 20 books themselves from specified lists. We have begun the challenge by asking our older students to read one book to our younger students during library time on Friday mornings. Our older students will be given some class time throughout term two to work on their challenge of reading more lengthy texts.



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### 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:  
Challenge opens Monday March 1  
Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20  
Artwork by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft



## School Library - Fridays

Our school library is currently being underutilised by our students. There are only a few students who return their books and borrow each week. We would like this to change and are open to suggestions. Our school budget allocates funds towards purchasing recently released books and management of extra staff, both paid and volunteer (thanks to Erika) to keep our library well stocked for our students. We invite you to ensure your child has daily reading material from our library by returning and borrowing books each week.



Please visit us on Facebook!

## ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING ATTENDANCE TARGETS FOR 2021

Our school has set an **attendance rate of 90% for each student**. Staff would appreciate all our families supporting us in reaching this target so each child can access the learning opportunities provided.

This target is realistic in understanding that children may be sick, natural weather conditions (floods) or other serious family commitments need to be taken into consideration. Staff are reviewing the timetable to ensure there are varied learning opportunities throughout the week and plan events in response to student voice and choice to enhance engagement.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how we can meet this target please contact one of the teachers.

Attendance will be monitored carefully to ensure the best possible learning experience for all students.

### GOTCHA GURUS for MARCH were:

Week 7 Mahalo

Week 8 Isla

Week 9 Amelia

Well done.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Check-in assessment for Years 4 & 6

Years 4 & 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 4 & 6 student learning.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 & 6 students during Term 2 Weeks 1-3.

### NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5 students will participate in NAPLAN assessment during Weeks 4 & 5. Please see attachment for more details.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 23 April (first Friday term 2) at Caniaba Public School 9.45am – 1pm (approximate finishing time)  
Private transport is required. Note going home today.

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

### Have you downloaded our School app yet?

Never miss important school information again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



Simple free download:  
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

## OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

**School Security: During the Easter holidays if you see any unwanted visitors at our school please contact the police or School Security Unit on 1300 88 00 21 hotline number.**

### Visitors Signing In

Visitors signing in should sign in the visitor sign on book and should self-serve using the COVID-19 safe check in QR Code as displayed on the counter at the entrance to our library.

**Community Steel Pan Drum Band every Thursday at 4:45pm.** It's a great way to meet people and do something different. You don't have to be an expert. We are all learning as we go.

Thank you for a great start to our year and may all our families have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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



### SeeSaw App.

Our students are regularly sharing their learning with their families via the SeeSaw app. We now have 57% of our families connected to this app. Or 8 out of 14 students are sharing their work with their families on a regular basis. In case you misplaced the invite on how to be part of this we will be sending home a fresh invite for you with this newsletter.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to  
students returning term 2  
Tuesday 20 April.