

Goolmangar Public School Newsletter

Engaging Minds

Empowering Success

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GPS

Snow White and the Seven Entrepreneurs

A big congratulations to all students for what was a great performance of 'Snow White and the Seven Entrepreneurs' at Goolmangar Hall in term one. Students and staff put in a lot of work in practice, costumes, props and more practice and it paid off. All students stepped up and gave their best performance of the night. A special thanks to Mrs Bertuzzi, Mrs Tate, Mr Lane, Mrs Rose, Mrs Lewis, Erica, Pat and Tim.

Cross Country

The Cross Country was held last Friday 23 April. Participating students ran the course with strength and determination achieving their personal best results. Parents were able to watch their children run from a specific area and we thank you for your support in assisting with transport. It was a fabulous day and congratulations to everyone who showed resilience and endurance to complete a long distance run. Many thanks to Mrs Rose for her assistance with students and a smooth running for the day.
Ms McEwen

Tell Them From Me Survey

Students in Yr4/5/6 completed the survey last term. There were five students who participated in the survey therefore with a small cohort the results are almost individual opinions. There were three overall areas the students were asked about. The results in each area are as follows:

- 100% of students have a positive attitude to expectations of success.
- 100% of students have a sense of belonging to our school community.
- 80% of students have a positive attitude to advocacy at school.

Staff will discuss these survey results at the next staff meeting and consider how our current Strategic Improvement Plan can improve advocacy at our school.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT FOR YEARS 4 & 6

Years 4 & 6 students participated in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment this week. 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. We are very proud of the effort those students showed in completing the tasks.

ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING- ATTENDANCE TARGETS FOR 2021

Our school has set an **attendance rate of 90% for each student**. Please help us achieve this. 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.

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 APRIL were:

Week 10 Ivy

Gotcha Guru for the term Maria.

Congratulations and well done.

UPCOMING EVENTS

P&C MEETING

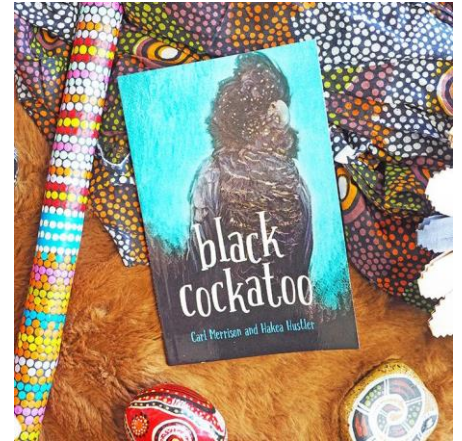
Next Wednesday at 3:45pm. All welcome. This term is quite a financial strain on families. If anyone would like to organise some fundraising this would be most appreciated.

STORYBOARD VISIT - Meet Hakea Hustler Next Friday

Byron Writers Festival's StoryBoard program is coming to our school. StoryBoard is a free travelling creative writing workshop that stimulates the critical life skill of active and functional literacy through writing and publishing. Bringing leading authors and illustrators into schools, StoryBoard will inspire young people in the Northern Rivers to create stories, and help foster creativity and literacy.

About the Author Hakea Hustler spent time growing up in Uki, Ballina and Geelong in Victoria. When she isn't busy writing she is teaching, drawing, exploring and eating yummy vegetarian food. Hakea loves stories about Australia and the Australian outback. Hakea is the co-author of *Black Cockatoo* (Magabala 2018), and has three co-authored books coming out in the next couple of years. Two picture books with Hachette and one YA suspense thriller with Magabala Books. Her book *Black Cockatoo* was the winner of a CBCA Honour Book award in 2019 as well as shortlisted for ABiA Awards, Readings Children's Book of the Year, Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award, Queensland Literary Awards. It was also a feature text in the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge and is listed on the NSW Premier Reading Challenge Booklist.

Please complete the attached permission form and return it to school before next Wednesday 5 May.



NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5 students will participate in NAPLAN assessment during weeks four and five.

INTEREST DAY Friday 28 May

Interest day is a combined school day for our students to visit with other students from the same stage. Students in stage one will visit Coffee Camp PS, stage two students will visit Caniaba PS and stage three students will go to Blakebrook PS. More information will be provided when we have been given details.

GREEN INNOVATIONS PROJECT 2021

This term, students will be again taking part in an innovative environmental competition. The Green Innovation Awards invites primary and high schools from around Northern NSW to contribute by asking them to invent, develop, and present solutions for greener living. The school has been a finalist for the past two years so we're hoping to put together another great entry which contributes towards sustainability. When we have finished our submission later this term, we'll be sure to share it with parents!

On Wednesday 2nd of June Yr. 3-6 students will be attending an innovation day at SCU Lismore. More details will be sent home with a permission note soon. On the day we will have the chance to further develop our Green Innovations idea and get feedback from mentors as well as do some great STEM learning with Lego to plan the Lismore of tomorrow.

TERM TWO SPORT

On Wednesday mornings our students are participating in the AFL Blitz program for 4-5 weeks. This is really targeting our stage two students however I was able to include all our students due to our enrolment size. There is a Gala Day held at Metricon Stadium for stage two students only, if this goes ahead I have been told it will be at no extra cost for the students in Yrs 3 & 4, more details to follow.

We are also trying to book basketball and gymnastics lessons for part of the term's sport program.

LANTERN PARADE

It is with great pleasure our school will be participating in the 2021 Lismore Lantern Parade "Regenerate" Creating our New Tomorrow on 19th June 2021. This year the theme is "Regenerate" celebrating the innovation, creativity and resilience of our community and the positive effect we can have on our future and on our environment. This year the event will be based at the Lismore Showgrounds under COVID Safe conditions. All students will be participating in a lantern making workshop later in the term. Students will be making 'Leaves' (we are a select group making this type of lantern) and it will cost \$15 each which will also include 2 tickets to the fiery finale. More tickets will be available on the website. Extra wristbands/tickets can be purchased online at a discounted price at <lanternparade.com>TICKETS> Permission note is attached.



SLEEPOVERS AND CAMPS

Both sleepovers and camps are fantastic ways for students to develop their resilience and a great way for them to connect with other children their own age.

This term there is a school sleepover on Thursday 3 - Friday 4 June. Information and permission note is attached.

This is a lead up to a two night camp at Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre with Tuntable Creek Public School students in week 8 term 3. The cost for this camp is \$99. The note for this camp will be sent home soon.

The Yr4/5/6 students will not be travelling to Canberra this year due to COVID but we are going on a trip to Brisbane for one night with Clunes PS and Rosebank PS on the 16/9-17/9 (the last two days of term 3). There is a note accompanying this newsletter for relevant students.

OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

VISITORS SIGNING IN

Visitors to the school need to 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.

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