

Goolmangar Public School Newsletter

Engaging Minds

Empowering Success

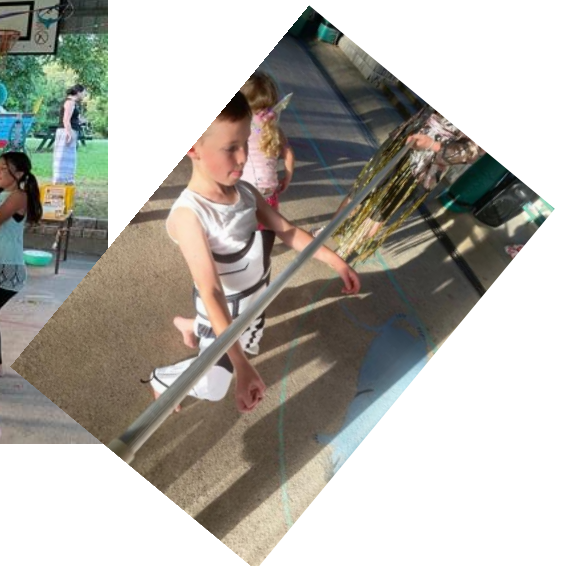
March Edition 2021



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GPS...

"Sparkly Unreal" DISCO/AGM P&C Meeting

The disco was a huge success raising \$62.20 with 91% of our families represented. We had some fantastic dancers. Many thanks to our staff for organising the music and dance games. The scene was set with the most amazing decorations and lights, thanks to Erika and Pat.



P&C Committee for 2021

President - Pat Greene

Secretary - Tony Stillone & Karen Schafer

Treasurer - Kara Vandenbosch

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 17 March at Goolmangar Public School

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On all accounts our students had a wonderful day at the pool, competing and cheering on their peers. Many thanks to Ms McEwen and our parents for assisting with this day.

PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING PLAN

Mrs Tate, Mrs Bertuzzi and Mr Lane have begun meeting with families and their children to discuss future directions for each student this term and early into next term. These meetings have been quite valuable in strengthening partnerships between parents and school. If you have not attended a meeting with your child there are still available appointments on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please discuss time and date with Mr Lane.



CREATIVE CLUBS

There are three clubs this term- dancing, paper craft and mad scientists/inventors. Thank you to those parents and community members who have offered to help us learn new things.

BUNDJALUNG LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Uncle Gilbert has returned and our students are learning the broad Bundjalung language each Thursday.

ATTENDANCE FOR 2021

Last year we had a high rate of students not attending school for reasons other than being sick. Some students only attended an overall average of 80-90% meaning they missed at least one to two months of their learning in one year. Our concern is if this pattern was to continue over seven years they would miss close to 14 months of learning. This year we would like to improve attendance rates particularly to assist consistency in learning programs we have in place. It is pertinent that each student attends school each school day unless sick or is participating in a school related event. Staff will be monitoring attendance to ensure that each child has access to an ongoing educational program and maintaining close contact with parents to support them in their child's learning.

NSW Department of Education

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

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= 4 weeks

= Over 1 year missed

1

day per week

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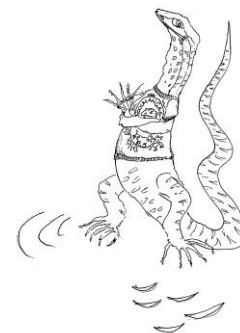
= 8 weeks

= Over 2.5 years missed

Our School's Core Positive Behaviour For Learning Values

Coolmangar Public School has three PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) expectations that we focus on as the essence of our behaviour management at school. These are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible



GOTCHA GURUS

Students are given a ticket if they are caught following the expectations for PBL. The tickets are drawn each Thursday and the lucky winner is able to select a prize from the prize box.

GOTCHA GURUS for FEBRUARY were:

Week 3 Finley F

Week 4 Melody

Week 5 Hazel

Congratulations and well done.

NAPLAN 2021

In 2021 our year three and year five students will be completing NAPLAN 2021 online. All schools transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2021 will participate in a practice test in March (dates to be confirmed). The practice test will require the entire school to cohort of NAPLAN year students completing two 45 minute online tests, writing and omnibus. These tests are designed to give our students ample time to understand how to complete the actual tests that will be held later in term two.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MARCH

A big shout out to: Ms McEwen, Ava, Rudy, Maria and Melody wishing you a great birthday celebration.



SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

Our school vegetable garden needs a lot of work. We are looking for some wonderful parents to volunteer some time preferably on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested, please let Mrs Bertuzzi or Mrs Lewis know in the office.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

At times parents or carers expect staff to administer medication at school. The DoE has set procedures for this to occur. The following information highlights the responsibilities parents or carers have should they require their children to have medication at school.

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- notify the school
- provide up to date information as required
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way.
- complete a written request form (obtained from the school or our website)



- Where possible, the medication should be provided to the school in its original pharmacy packaging. Secure delivery of prescribed medication is important for the safety of your child as well as for the safety of other students in the school.

The administration of such medication forms part of the department's common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school.

Parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request form that can be obtained at the office or on our website. Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

Schools generally don't administer medication that hasn't been requested for an individual student's specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write a prescription for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SLEEPOVER THURSDAY 11 MARCH (Information Note & Permission Note attached)

Yr5/6 Enrichment Day Wednesday 17 March (Information Note & Permission Note attached)

Yr6 Don't miss the information night 4 March for The Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River Campus.



**THE RIVERS
SECONDARY COLLEGE**

The heart of secondary education for Lismore

INFORMATION NIGHTS
For prospective students Year 7 2022

A GREAT WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RIVERS

***By sending your child to a campus of the Rivers Secondary College
You have chosen to provide them with the very best available secondary education.***

The Rivers Secondary College provides excellence in education by providing quality, innovative curriculum and student leadership opportunities, inspired teaching and learning as well as successful transition programs into workplace and tertiary education settings. Each campus works collaboratively with our local Lismore community to deliver a broad and inclusive educational experience and provide all students the opportunity to achieve the highest quality learning outcomes in a safe and supportive environment.

Kadina High Campus
INFORMATION NIGHT
Wednesday 3rd March
5:00pm-6:00pm
Kadina St, Goonellabah
Phone: 02 6624 3133

**Richmond River
High Campus**
INFORMATION NIGHT
Thursday 4th March
5:00pm-6:00pm
Lake St, North Lismore
Phone: 02 6621 3456

Lismore High Campus
INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday 2nd March
5:00pm-6:00pm
Dalley St, East Lismore
Phone: 02 6621 5185

SCHOOL PLAY- SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN ENTREPRENEURS (Permission Note attached)

On Thursday 25th March all students will perform "Snow White and the Seven Entrepreneurs" starting at 6:30pm, Goolmangar Hall.

On this day students will participate in a full dress rehearsal at the hall. Staff and parents (if needed) will be transporting students to the hall during the day and returning students back to school.

4 WEEKS TO GO....

Students are well into learning their lines and actions for their character, both at school and home for homework. Mrs Tate is sourcing some costumes and props. The school has purchased microphone headsets and are looking to borrow a spotlight. Any suggestions?

A consent note for the rehearsal is attached to this newsletter, please return by 4 March.

The P&C will be organising a donation bucket at the door for funds raised to go towards student projects (bike track and a cubby house would be a treat!)

If you would like to be involved please let us know.

COSTUMES FOR THE SCHOOL PLAY

Below I have included the costume requirements for each child in the upcoming school play. We have tried to keep it simple and have additional extra bits and pieces to put on students once they are at the hall. If you have any problems just let us know and we can assist you.

*Thank you
Mrs Tate*

Student name	Character in play	Costume items supplied from home if possible	Extra items supplied by school
Maria	Snow White	Black long tights White t-shirt Black slip on shoes	Dress apron Head band Make-up
Hayden	Huntsman	Black, brown or grey long pants & skivvy Waistcoat Boots/dark sneakers	Hat Waistcoat if needed Beard etc

Ari	Tourist	Hawaiian shirt Board shorts Sunglasses, hat/cap	Camera Binoculars maps
Fin G	Mirror	Long pants and long-sleeved top of same dark colour	Jewelled mirror Face paint
Ruby	The Queen	Black long tights Black t-shirt	Grey wig False nose? Dress apples
Pieman	Fin F	Long black pants Black t-shirt	Pieman puppet Pie trays
Dwarves	Melody, Ava, Amelia, Maye, Isla, Hazel	Board shorts Hawaiian shirt Long socks Slip on shoes/sneakers Hair tied up in bun sunglasses	Black t-shirt each Hat
Fairies	Ivy, Mahalo	Fairy costume, slip on shoes Glitter hairspray	Can help with any if needed

OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Boogulbeh,
Mrs Bertuzzi

Please make sure you have access to the Skool loop App

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