



What's on ...

18th Sept: Cricket Gala Day (Years 4-6)

19th Sept: Mrs Lofthouse and Mr Welham at Koorawatha PS.

25th Sept: Library day

27th Sept: Assembly and Ada's last day ☹️



KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

I was so proud of our students last Tuesday in Yass. It was a highly competitive game against Wolumla PS, which resulted in a nil all draw. Unfortunately, the corner aggregate worked against us and saw Wolumla go through to the final rounds in Sydney. A huge thank you to students and parents from Holmwood PS and Koorawatha PS, and to Glenn McDonald for his dedication towards our team.



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our relay team who finished 3rd and in doing so, qualify for state in Sydney. Harry finished 3rd in high jump which means he also qualifies for state. Archie finished 6th in high jump. What an amazing achievement from Harry, Archie, Tommy and Grace.



150 YEAR MERCHANDISE

Will still have a large number of coffee mugs, stubby coolers and yo-yos available for purchase. It would really help our P&C out to sell these items. If you would like any of them, please come and see us at school, or speak to Jen, Jess or Ann-Maree.

Coffee Mugs \$15.00
Stubby Coolers \$15.00
Yo-Yos \$4.00

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th September, 2019

Principal: Mitchell Welham

150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

THANK YOU to our mazing students, P&C, families and community members for making our 150 Year Markets a huge success. I personally would like to thank all of our parents who helped man a stall or collect donations at the gate. It was truly amazing to see everyone help out our school and P&C.

Your efforts helped our P&C raise over \$1,500 on the day! This is an amazing achievement and couldn't have happened without your time and student stalls.

AGE OF FISHES MUSEUM

Free kids activity day at the Age of Fishes museum in Canowindra. Tuesday 8th October from 10am-1pm

Science Experiments, Craft Activities, Free Membership to our Kids Fossil Club and a Free Sausage Sizzle. Kids free/ Adults \$5.00 each.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will take place at **9:20 am** on the following days.

School Week	Assembly Date	Public Speaker
10	27 th September	Matilda Hampton & Ada Duff

Extended Kindergarten Transition for 2020

Dates:	Morning 9:20am – 12:00pm
Tuesday 22 nd October 2019	Classroom familiarisation, stories and play.
Tuesday 29 th October 2019	Morning 9:20am – 12:00pm Literacy Lesson (picture book, writing, drawing and phonics)
Tuesday 5 th November 2019	Morning 9:20am – 12:00pm Numeracy Lesson (number games, counting and craft)
Tuesday 12 th November 2019	Whole Day 9:20am – 3:00pm Literacy Session, Numeracy Session, Art Session
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	Whole Day 9:20am – 3:00pm Literacy Session, Numeracy Session, Science Session

Venue: Gooloogong Public School (Infants Classroom with Mrs Lofthouse)

Information: Please register your child's participation by contacting the school on 6344 8307 or email gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Parents are invited to participate in the session on the 22nd of October.

Parent Morning Tea: Our wonderful P&C will be holding a morning tea for parents on Tuesday 29th October from 9:15am to 10:30am in the school hall. Please come along.





NAPLAN 2019

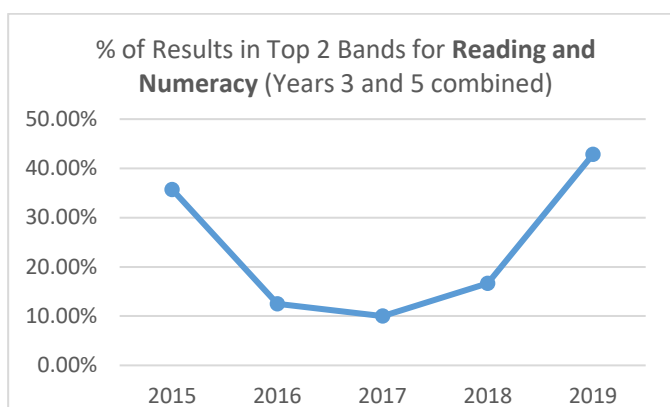
This year's NAPLAN results are in. Below is a quick overview of our school's performance. Please note that at the time of writing this newsletter, individual writing results were not available to schools.

Year 3 NAPLAN results were above state average in reading, writing, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. There was significant growth in these areas from the past few years.

Year 5 NAPLAN showed growth across most areas which was pleasing to see. However, some growth areas don't reflect the growth that we are seeing from students in the classroom day to day. In order to get a clearer picture of this, we will be looking at **UNSW External Assessments** to help identify areas of development for our students. This will benefit not only Year 5 students in their final year and a half of Primary school, but also our Year 3 students who gain top 2 bands to ensure their growth is sustained over time.

Spelling fell below state average across Year 3 and Year 5. Pairing this result with our internal tests, the school will be looking at implementing a new spelling program in 2020 called **Sound Waves**. This program focuses on phoneme and grapheme sounds and has all students in Year 1 to 6 learning the same sounds with word lists differentiated to their year levels. Mrs Lofthouse and I have already engaged in professional learning around this program.

Premiers Priorities



This graph shows the hard work of our teachers in delivering rich learning experiences for students in reading and numeracy. I have to congratulate Mrs Lofthouse, Mr Morrison, Mrs Patten and Mrs Murray for fantastic growth in these areas!

EXTENAL ASSESSMENTS

To strengthen our analysis and understanding of student growth in learning, we will be undertaking a number of external assessments from Term 4 of this year. These tests are conducted by the University of NSW (UNSW). Student data is kept completely confidential. Below is a brief description of these tests. If you would like any further information, please see Mr Welham at school.

ICAS: Recognise and reward academic excellence. Students demonstrate a deeper, integrated and thorough level of learning based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students who undertake this test will be identified by the school using internal and NAPLAN data (Years 2 to 6 only).

REACH: Reach Assessments are annual progression assessments which provide an external, objective benchmark of learner progress. We are looking at delivering REACH Assessments for all students in Years 2 to 6 from 2020 onwards.

JET: Jet Assessments provides our teachers with instant, thorough and reliable data. Teachers use this data to immediately tailor their teaching to suit the needs of their learners. Students are required to reflect on their results and to use the information to co-construct learning goals with their teacher. All Primary students will be undertaking a JET Assessment for Grammar and Punctuation in Term 4 of this year.

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