



# Goolie Newsletter

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019**  Find us on Facebook

It has been a funny couple of weeks at school this past fortnight, with lots of students staying home to take rest from the odd cold and flu. I would like to thank parents for their consideration of others in keeping students home who have been too sick to come to school. Hopefully with a bit of warmer weather, we can go back to having a full complement of classes until the end of term. Fingers crossed.

## External Validation

As you may have seen last week, Leonie Stevenson and Angela Crowe visited our school to go through our External Validation report. I will be speaking about this in more at our P&C meeting, but in a nutshell, our school is performing on the spectrum of school excellence. What really jumped out at Leonie and Angela was our strong focus on classroom learning, tracking of student achievement and our staff's willingness to develop themselves professionally. This level of feedback doesn't happen without amazing support and dedication from others, so I'd like to thank Kate, Andrew, Kerry, Ann-Maree, Louise, Tony, Brooke, Jenny, the P&C team, students and families for such a positive result.



## Mural Painting

As I write this email, Mrs Nottingham is probably on her way out to school today to get started on our mural. We are really excited to see how this develops. At this stage, we are hoping to have a couple of **Community Painting Days** on the **4<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of September**. What does this mean? We'd like the students to wear very old clothes on these two days to help Mrs Nottingham and the teachers paint the mural. Parents are also welcome to 'drop in' for a tea and to help with painting too. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

## ICAS Tests

Last week, I signed a small number of our students up for the ICAS tests in September. These tests are voluntary and are used to get feedback on student learning compared to students across the Asia-Pacific region while recognising student potential. I will be speaking with parents of students undertaking these tests over the next week or so.

## NAPLAN Update

Schools have been given access to NAPLAN scores for 2019. While we aren't allowed to discuss specific results, I have to say that I am very impressed with our Year 3 student's ability to achieve bands that are above minimum national standards, especially in the top 2 bands. Once we have results to send home to parents, Mr Morrison and I will contact parents to make time to discuss what these results mean for your child.

## Teacher Professional Learning

Mrs Lofthouse has been in Dubbo this week upskilling herself with the NSW Quality Teaching Framework and the structure of Quality Teaching Rounds (QTR). This professional learning is an amazing opportunity to develop deeper leadership understanding about effective classroom practice. Upon completion, three of our staff will be fully trained in QTR. As a passionate advocate of this level of professional learning for staff, the benefits of quality education in the classroom will surely be seen over the next little while and into the long term.

I have spent this week working with Principal colleagues across our small schools' network. I have been in the company of Udaya Thangasamy from Blacktown Girls High School. Together, we have been facilitating a process of analysing school's use of Data to drive student growth, teacher practice and school planning. This has been such an incredibly valuable level of professional learning that will benefit the way we look at planning ahead at Gooloogong PS.

## Athletics Carnival

**THIS FRIDAY!!!** Best of luck to all our students who are going. Mr Morrison will be attending the day and supervising the Cowra Small Schools group. He will have bucket hats for those students attending and representing our fantastic small schools group.

## Knockout Football Round 3

**TRAINING:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 4:00pm in Cowra.

**MATCH:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11:30 in Yeoval.

Please speak to myself or Glenn McDonald regarding this. Notes are to be returned ASAP.



## P&C Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at 4:30pm**

This will be an important meeting leading up to our 150 Year Markets.

Mitchell Welham  
**Principal**

# Respectful

# Responsible

# Resilient



## What's on this fortnight?

### Week 5

<b>Monday</b>	<b>19/8</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20/8</b>	Mr Welham and Mrs Lofthouse – Out Mrs Patten in
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21/8</b>	Mr Welham and Mrs Lofthouse – Out Mrs Patten and Mrs Nottingham in
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22/8</b>	Mr Welham and Mrs Lofthouse – Out Mrs Patten in
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23/8</b>	District Athletics at Grenfell

### Week 6

<b>Monday</b>	<b>26/8</b>	Mr Welham – out Mrs Patten in District Soccer Tryouts – Archie and Harry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27/8</b>	TTFM Survey Years 4-6
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28/8</b>	Library Day 150 Year Meeting at 3:30pm P&C Meeting at 4:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29/8</b>	Knockout Football Training in Cowra Mr Welham – PPA Conference
<b>Friday</b>	<b>30/8</b>	Assembly Mr Welham – PPA Conference

## Assemblies

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

School Week	Assembly Date	Public Speaker
<b>6</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Jack Chittick
<b>8</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Bethany Eagles
<b>10</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Matilda Hampton

## Week 4 Award Winners!



Next 150 Year Meeting ....

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 3:30pm

