



# Gooloongong Public School | NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 3 | 03/08/22

## Education Week





## Principal's Message

It has been wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, and other family members pop into the school this week as part of Education Week. GPS prides itself on the incredible programs and extra-curricular activities we provide our students, and we were happy to share some of these with our visitors. The book fair is continuing throughout the rest of the week in the school office. Thank you for your support.

On Tuesday next week, we have our first half-day 2023 Kindergarten orientation session from 9am-12pm. We are looking forward to welcoming our Kindergarten students for a taste of what big school is like!

The school was successful in obtaining a regional renewal grant through the Department of Education. I am pleased to announce we will be getting Urban Turf (synthetic grass) on all outdoor cement surfaces. This area includes paths from the front gate, hall and to the library, under the COLA, the bag shed as well as the rebound wall near the boys' toilets. This is extremely pleasing for our school. I have been working with the contractor to plan markings on the turf which will include handball courts, chess, pictures, hopscotch, numbers, and letters. This project will enhance the look of our school, whilst most importantly, be a welcome addition for all our students to play games on during break times. The anticipated date the works will commence will be late August and will be dependent on the weather. I am ecstatic this project has been confirmed!

Last week we began Rugby League for sport. Lessons are delivered by a qualified coach each Friday afternoon. Due to time constraints in our teaching timetable, we will move assemblies to Thursday mornings at 9:30am, beginning Thursday 18th August. Please keep an eye in our newsletter as we may need to change assembly from time to time. Thank you for your understanding.

Included in this newsletter are snippets about the importance of regular attendance at school. It is imperative your child attends school each day. If children are sick, the school requires an explanation from the parent. This can be a phone call or email to the school or a written note. If your child is absent from school on two consecutive days, the school is required to contact the parent. We understand there is a lot of sickness going around, especially during the colder months. Please continue to keep your children home from school if they are unwell and inform the school each day your child is absent.

Finally, I want to wish our students who are attending the District Athletics carnival in Cowra on Friday 12th August, all the very best. We are so proud of each of you!

Nick Doyle  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### Assembly

Assembly will be held **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30am** in the Yarning circle, weather permitting. All are welcome to attend.

### Music Lesson – **Cancelled**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our scheduled music lesson for this **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August**, has been cancelled as Mrs Nixon is unable to attend. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Jeans 4 Jeans

Jeans for Jeans will be held this **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August** – *apologies for the miss print on the calendar in the last newsletter* - Students can wear jeans to school instead of their school pants to celebrate this great cause (school shirt and jumper is still required to be worn). Please bring a gold coin donation.

### Kinder Transition Program

We are having 3, half day kinder transitions in term 3. To enrol your child in the transition program please contact the school on 6344 8307 or email us at [gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). The dates of the half day transition program are:

- **Tuesday 9 August 2022 9am – 12pm**
- **Tuesday 23 August 2022 9am – 12pm**
- **Tuesday 6 September 2022 9am – 12pm**

### District Athletics

Good luck to Charlie Chittick, Cody Spicer, Alexa Dowd, Ada Duff, Jack Chittick, William Durant, Grace McDonald, Ethan Lacsina, Freya Norrie and Zac Picker who have qualified for the District Athletics Carnival that is going to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August at Twigg Oval in Cowra.



# Other News....

## Healthy Harold



On 28<sup>th</sup> July Healthy Harold visited GPS. All students had a great time, did lots of thinking and gained some great knowledge on how to make safe and healthy choices.





# Book Fair

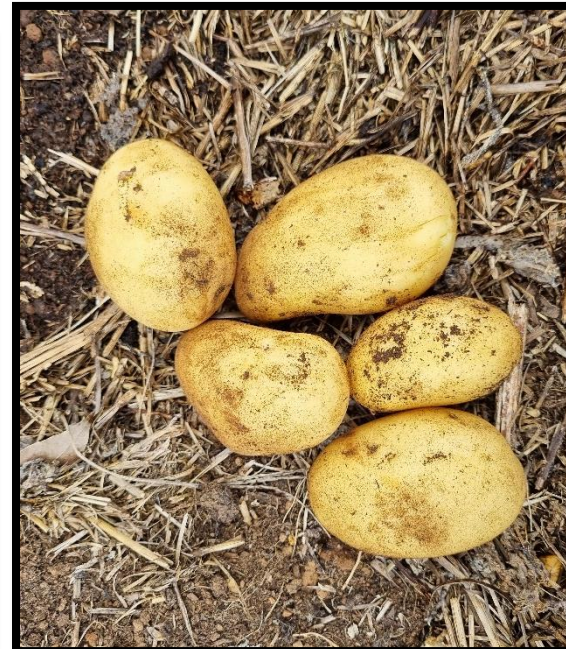
This week we have had many visitors coming in and checking out our book fair. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has purchased items from our Book fair. Every item sold at our book fair, gives us points to spend on resources for our Library.





## Garden Club

Our Winter vegetables are looking great. Well done to Ethan, Matilda, Cody and Ava for a productive lesson in the garden. They were all hard at work fertilising our vegetables. We harvested spinach, potatoes, spring onions, spinach and lemons. We are letting our spring onions set seed so we can harvest the seeds for our next planting.





# Assembly Winners

**Congratulations** to our award winners for Weeks 9/10, Term 2:

Infants – **Cody Spicer & Ava Marr**  
Primary – **Matilda Hampton & Wyatt Burns**  
Principal's Award – **Amor Roque**  
Music Awards – **Cody Spicer & Zac Picker**  
Garden Award – **Matilda Hampton**



# 2023 Kinder Transition Program

## Parent information afternoon

Parents and carers of 2023 Kindergarten students are invited to Gooloongong PS to have a tour of the facilities, an opportunity to meet the staff and listen to a run-down of the many quality programs we have on offer in our school.

**Monday 25 July 2023 3.15pm – 4.15pm**

## Open classroom

Parents and carers are invited to visit our school and be involved in a 'working' classroom. Join the Infants for some of their Literacy lessons.

**Tuesday 26 July 2022 10.30am – 11.30am**

## Visits to school

2023 Kindergarten students visit Gooloongong PS. Children will participate in play and learn; explore the school and be part of the school routine.

**Term 3: *Half day sessions of Literacy, finishing after Lunch***

**Tuesday 9 August 2022 9am – 12pm**

**Tuesday 23 August 2022 9am – 12pm**

**Tuesday 6 September 2022 9am – 12pm**

**Term 4: *Full day sessions including all learning areas***

**Tuesday 18 October 2022 9am – 3pm**

**Tuesday 1 November 2022 9am-3pm**

**Tuesday 15 November 2022 9am-3pm**

**Tuesday 29 November 2022 9am-3pm**

To enrol in the Kindergarten Transition Program, contact us:

☎ 02 6344 8307

✉ [gooloongong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gooloongong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



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## GARDEN CLUB PUMPKIN SALE

We are selling our pumpkins for **\$6 each**.

If you would like one, please contact the school or call into the Gooloogong Handy Mart. The money raised from the sales will go towards the purchase of 'bug netting' for the vegetable gardens.

We thank you for your support!



## Getting to Know You

### PARENTING GROUP

A 6-week facilitated discussion group for parents with newborn babies up to 8 weeks, in which social and emotional development is explored. New parents have the opportunity to learn how to recognise and understand their own baby's communication and to meet with other new parents.

Groups are free, a closed group which builds on from week to week, so commitment to attend is expected.

**Tresillian**  
**Parent's Help Line**  
**1300 272 736**  
 7am - 11pm 7 days.



COWRA EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

### NOW AT GOOLOOGONG

### FOR CHILDREN 5-12 YEARS

### ENROL NOW FOR 2022

MONDAY TO FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

VACATION CARE MON - FRI 7AM - 6PM

BEFORE SCHOOL FROM 7AM AFTER SCHOOL TIL 6PM

TALK TO US ABOUT SCHOOL BUS PICK UP & DROP OFFS

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# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

## Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

## My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

## Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



# Days missed = years lost

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



## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.





# 'Bathurst Remembers World War 2 Exhibition 2022' marking VJ Day & the end of WW2

**Friday 12th August to Monday 15th August 2022**  
**Open: 9am to 5pm daily. Entry - Gold Coin Donation.**

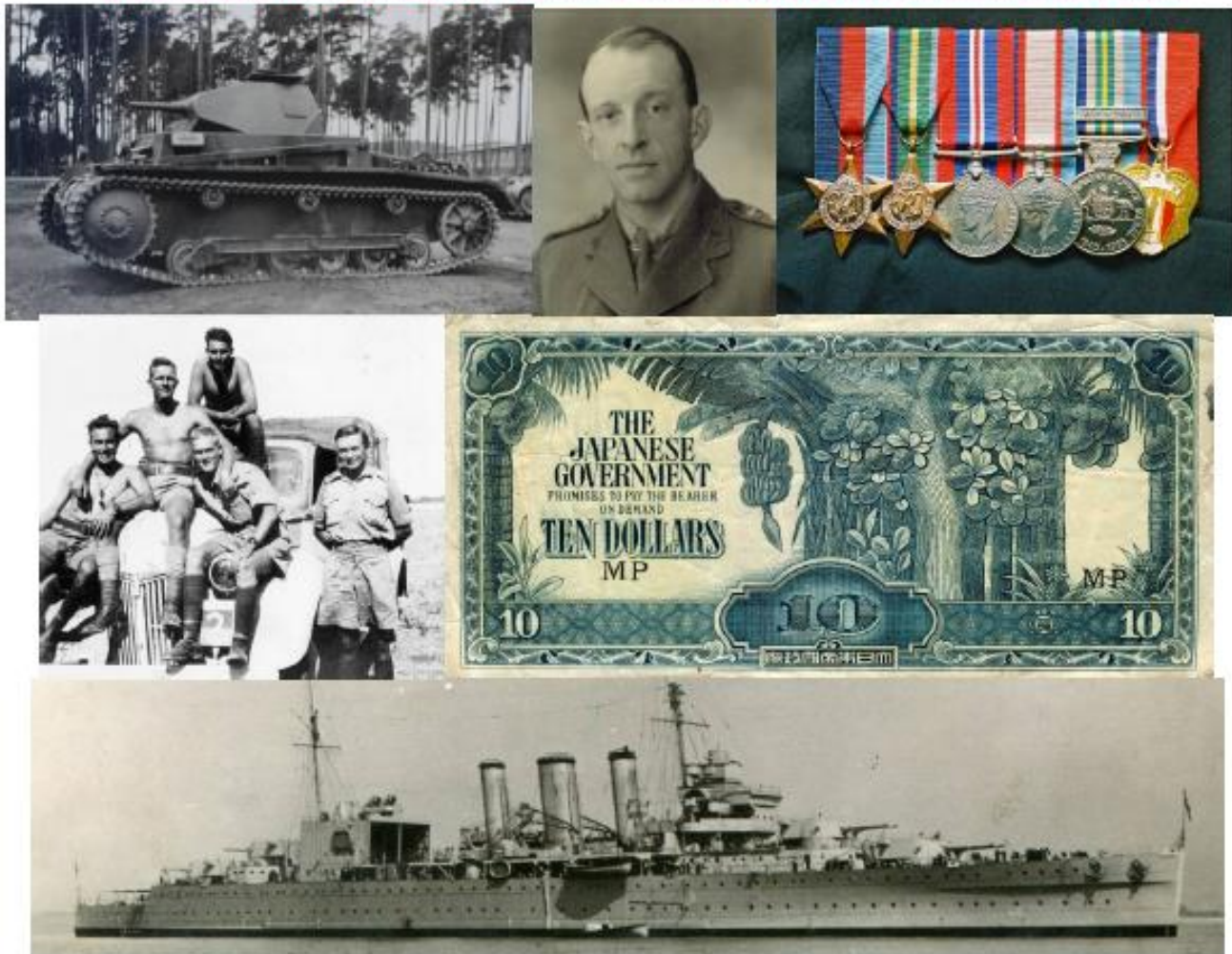
The four day event will be held in the Heritage Pavillions at the Bathurst Showground, Sydney Road.

The Exhibition features "Snapshots of World War 2" - 600 enlarged photos of soldiers in action, on the battlefields, training, on the home front and at the Bathurst Army Camp. In the "Wall of Valour" there are over 130 enlarged photographs of World War 2 Service Men and Women with an association with Bathurst who enlisted and served. An additional 1200 assorted photos will be projected in a loop on walls in the Howard Pavilion.

Guest Exhibitors will display over 4,000 items of military and WW2 memorabilia, uniforms, medals, RAAF and POW items, WW2 movie memorabilia, aircraft models, newspapers of the day, war gaming and re-enactors. There will be a large display by the Military Vehicle Group of NSW and other restored vehicle Groups. St Stanislaus' College will mount their Damien Parer photo display. A rustic military picture theatre will be operational, and lots more.

**Hear expert WW2 war historians and authors speak on Saturday 13th at 2pm and 4pm.**

**The Last Post Ceremony arranged by the Bathurst RSL Sub branch will be held on Sunday 14th at 3pm.**



Supported by the Bathurst District Historical Society, Bathurst RSL Sub branch, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Bathurst Regional Council, and the Bathurst Showground Land Manager.

For further details contact Curator - Alan McRae on 02 63315404 [amcrae@lisp.com.au](mailto:amcrae@lisp.com.au)





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# CALENDAR

## TERM 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Jul</b> 2023 Kindy Info Session, 3:15pm - 4:15pm	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jul</b> 2023 Kindy Classroom Visit, 10:30am – 11:30am	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Jul</b> Healthy Harold 	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>
3 <b>Education week</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Aug</b> <b>BOOK FAIR</b>  P&C Meeting	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Jeans 4 Jeans Day Assembly All welcome @ 9:30pm 
4	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> 9am-12pm Kindy 2023 Transition <b>SPORT</b> 	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> District Athletics 
5	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Assembly All welcome @ 9:30am	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>SPORT</b> 
6	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b> 9am-12pm Kindy 2023 Transition	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>Book week</b>  <b>Dress up</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>SPORT</b> 
7	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Opera Australia Performance	<b>31 Aug</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sep</b> Assembly All welcome @ 9:30am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sep</b> <b>SPORT</b> 
8	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> 9am-12pm Kindy 2023 Transition	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> <b>Cowra Small Schools Show</b> <b>Case 6pm</b> <b>Cowra</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Redtember Fundraiser  <b>SPORT</b> 
9	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Assembly All welcome @ 9:30am	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Regional Athletics Dubbo  <b>SPORT</b> 
10	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> <b>Yr 5/6 Personal Development day @ GPS</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sep</b>  <b>Primary Canberra Excursion</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sep</b>  <b>Primary Canberra Excursion</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sep</b>  <b>Primary Canberra Excursion</b>

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