



Gooloogong Public School | NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 6 | 06/03/2024

District Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 1st March, Abigail Bloomfield, Patrick Bloomfield, Charlie Chittick, Ada Duff, Chase Hodge, Ava Marr and Cooper Marr travelled to Grenfell for the District Swimming Carnival. Each of these students represented both GPS and the Cowra Smalls Schools with pride and should be commended for their sportsmanship. Well done to Charlie, Ava and Cooper for qualifying for the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo in individual events. A special mention to Charlie, who received junior boy's champion, a tremendous achievement. Ada, Patrick, Charlie and Cooper will also travel to Dubbo and compete in the Peter Dobson relay.





Principal's Message

Our school was well represented at the recent District Swimming Carnival held in Grenfell last Friday. Congratulations to Chase, Patrick, Abi, Ada, Cooper, Ava and Charlie C who all swam their best and represented our school with pride. Well done to Cooper, Ava, Charlie C as well as our relay team from our small school's carnival (Patrick, Cooper, Charlie C and Ada) who have all progressed to the Regional Carnival in Dubbo next week. This is such a wonderful achievement, and we are all very proud of each of these exceptional swimmers. A special mention to Charlie C who took out Age Champion at the District Swimming Carnival – what a tremendous achievement! Thank you to Mr. Morrison for managing the small schools team, and to our parents for transporting and supporting their children.

From next Wednesday, students in Years 3 and 5 will begin NAPLAN. We are keeping things as normal as possible during the testing period. The testing period is open for two weeks. A parent fact sheet about NAPLAN was sent home a short while ago to refer to for additional information.

We are excited to hold our combined assembly and Induction ceremony on Thursday this week, commencing at 2:15pm. Mrs. Best and the Primary class have been busy preparing their performance, and I know Ada and Laylah are excited to receive their leader's badges. I am so proud of the way Ada and Laylah have led and organised fitness each morning since the beginning of the year. They are both exceptional leaders.

Notes have gone home, via the School Bytes app, requesting parents to book in a time to meet with their child's classroom teacher. There is an option for a phone interview if this suits parents better; if the dates allocated do not suit due to work commitments, please contact the school and we can make a time that works. We are aiming for 100% attendance at these meetings. The school will follow up with parents to make bookings as required.

Our School Bytes app seems to be working well from our end. If you encounter any problems within the parent portal, please reach out to us so we can rectify the issue. Did you know you can enter your child's absence reason, as well as enter absence dates and reasons in advance for the school to approve? Don't forget to remind family members our newsletter is uploaded to our school website each fortnight, and we also provide printed copies available at the Gooloogong Handymart.

We are halfway through the term already and have many more exciting experiences for our students coming up, including GRIP leadership for Year 6 students, Cowra Small Schools Cross Country, and our first High Potential Gifted Education (HPGE) day at Eugowra Public School with an Olympics theme.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Nick Doyle

Principal

Upcoming Events & Information

Assembly Dates for Term 1

As mentioned in our previous newsletter and at our last P&C meeting, we will be moving to holding whole school assemblies to twice per term. There will be additional awards presented as well as a class item to perform and share with our school community.

Assembly for term 1 2024 will be held in:

- Week 6, Thursday 7th March – Primary class performance
- Week 10, Thursday 4th April – Infants class performance

All are welcome to attend.

P & C News

School Spec Meal Deal

Each Monday unless communicated, students will be able to have a sausage sizzle lunch cooked by members of the P&C. The form attached is to be sent in either each week with cash payment or payment can be made by direct deposit weekly or however many weeks in a row you would like to make into the P&C account. Please see account information below. **Please do not use Parent portal to make payments.**

If you would like to help cook the BBQ let us know via the messenger group.

The P&C bank details are:

Gooloogong Public School Parents & Citizens Association

BSB:062-529

Account no:1005 0980

School Spec Meal Deal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1x Sausage sandwich, Poppa and Freddo or <u>Zooper Dooper</u> \$5
<input type="checkbox"/>	1x Extra Sausage Sandwich \$2
Name: _____	
Paid:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid online to P&C account, Amount \$ _____

Bulb Fundraiser

The P&C are having a bulb fundraiser from Tesselaar Gardening. The Campaign will run until March 28th, 2024. Ordering is simple; go online to the following link and place your order and your bulbs will be delivered straight to you. Please note, the ordering link that went home in the letter was wrong. The below link is the correct link.

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/goloogongps

Happy ordering 😊



Return & Earn Process

Don't forget, the P&C have a return & earn process to raise money for our school via return & earn. Please see the flyer with instructions

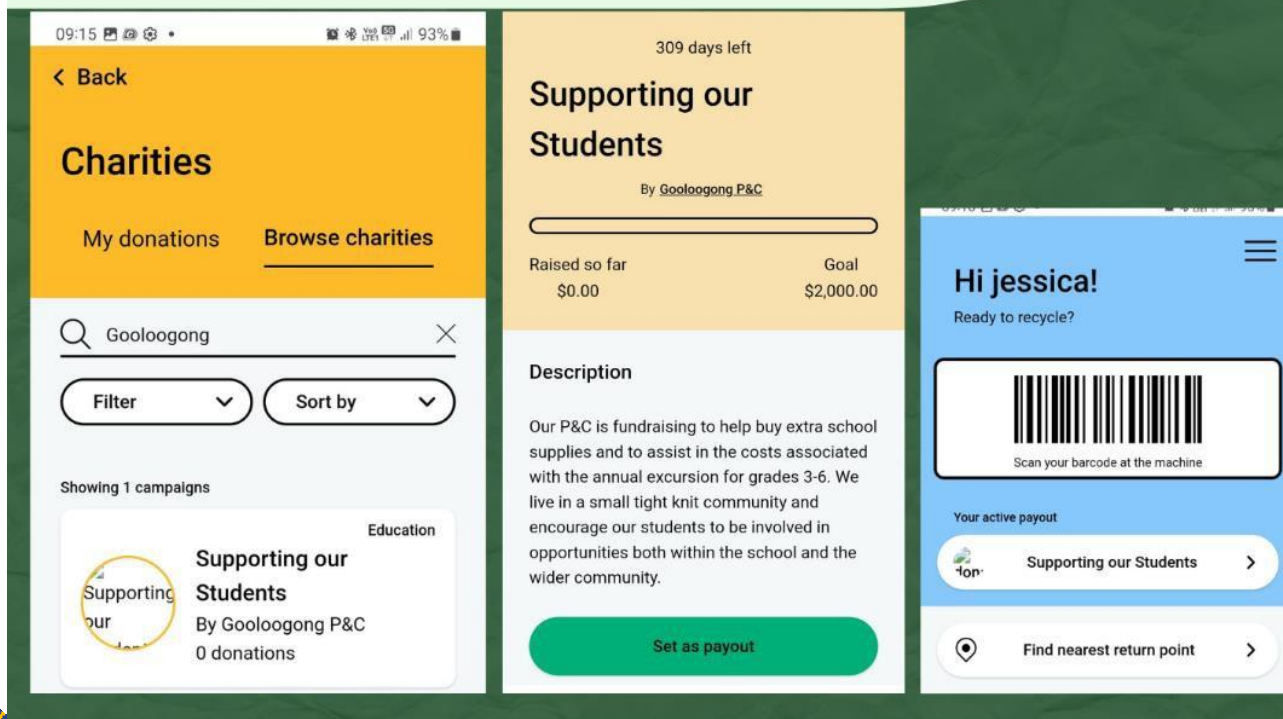


NEW RETURN & EARN PROCESS

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD THE APP



STEP 2: FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO SELECT GOOLOONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C AS YOUR PREFERRED CHARITY.



Attendance Matters

BEING ABSENT FROM SCHOOL 1 OR 2 DAYS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH BUT

Your child is only missing just ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	Over 13 years that is ...	So the best your child can perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Almost 8 years	Equal to finishing in Year 4

JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR SCHOOL DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH BUT....

Your child is only missing just ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	Over 13 years of schooling that is ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Almost 1.5 weeks per year	Almost half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Almost 2.5 weeks per year	Almost a whole year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Almost one and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years.

GPS's Fortnightly Attendance

Infants		Primary	
Week 4 – Term 1	Week 5 – Term 1	Week 4 – Term 1	Week 5 – Term 1
81.5%	92.5%	92.5%	72%

District Swimming Carnival Gallery



Upcoming Community Events & Information



Term 1 lessons start Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February

\$110 term 1 (6 week term)

Coached match play Monday afternoon 4-5.00 \$120

Racquets available to borrow or purchase

Private lessons \$40 ½ hour by appointment

Enrolments and enquiries to Helen Garratt 0407139164 or
hgarratt3@gmail.com

Cowra Festival of International Understanding colouring in Competition

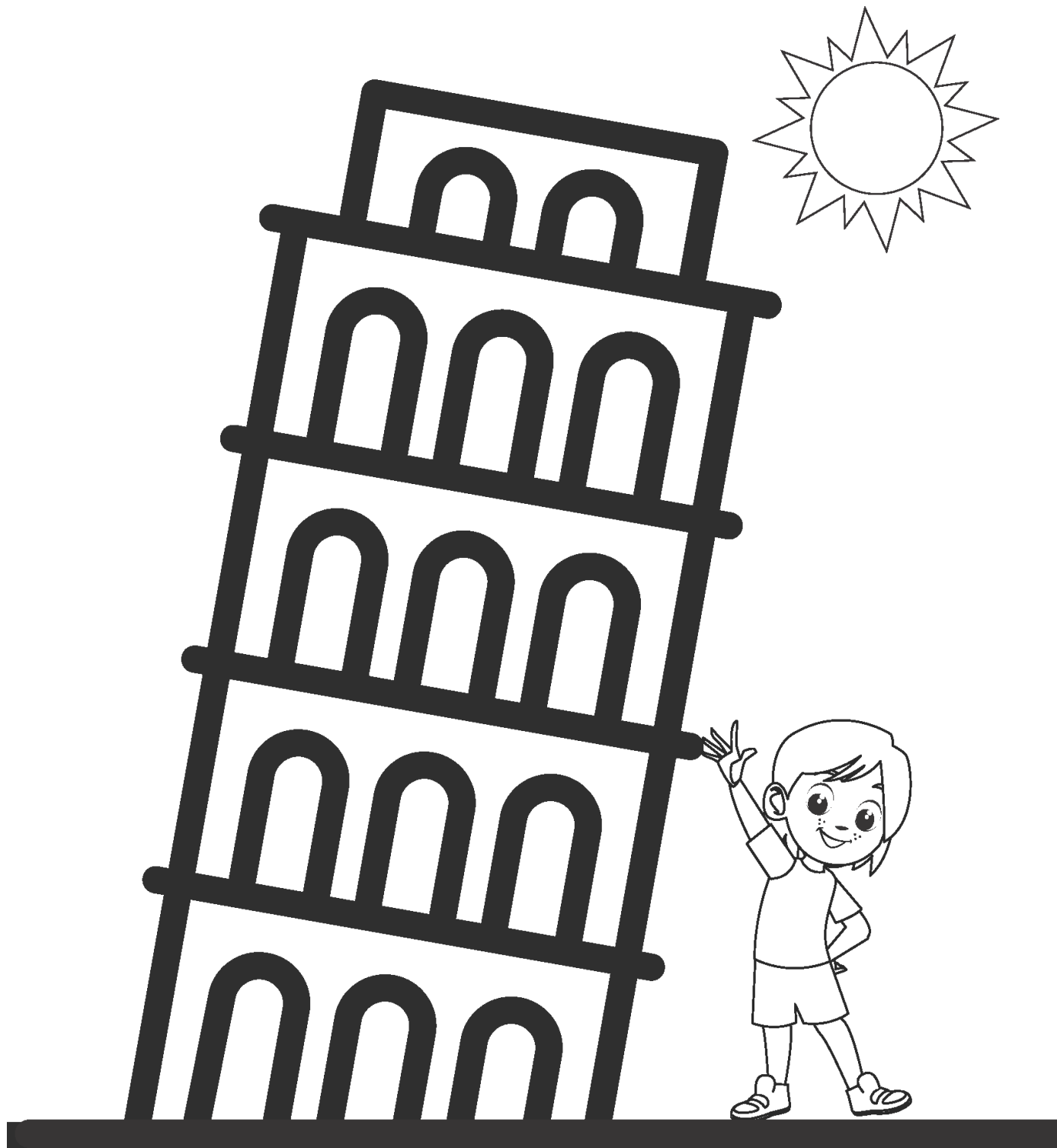
The Cowra Festival of International Understanding are having a colouring in competition. There are prizes for Infants, primary and secondary students. The winner from primary gets to "blow up" the fireworks at the carnival. Could you please return any completed entries to the Cowra Council Chambers by 4pm Friday the 15th of March or via post, Cowra Shire Council (16 Kendal Street), Private Bag 342, Cowra. Entries will be on display at Club Cowra during the Festival week.

Please ensure you write on the back of the entry, Name, age, school, a contact number

Infants colouring in is the "leaning tower of Pisa"

Primary colouring in is the "food in Italy"

Secondary students are "venetian masks"



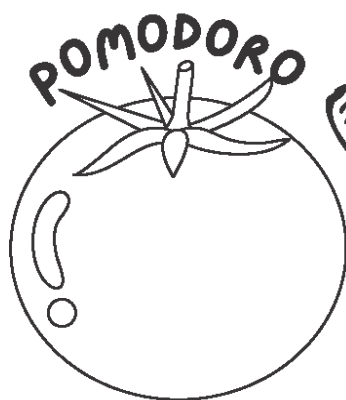
THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA

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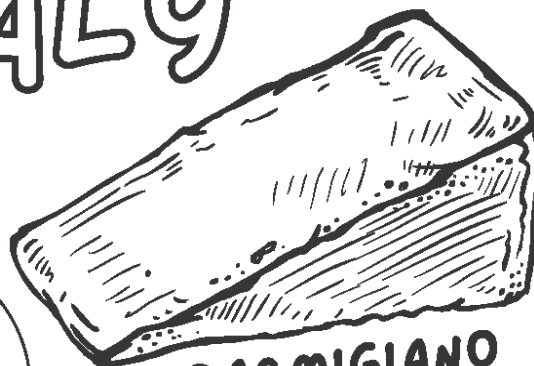
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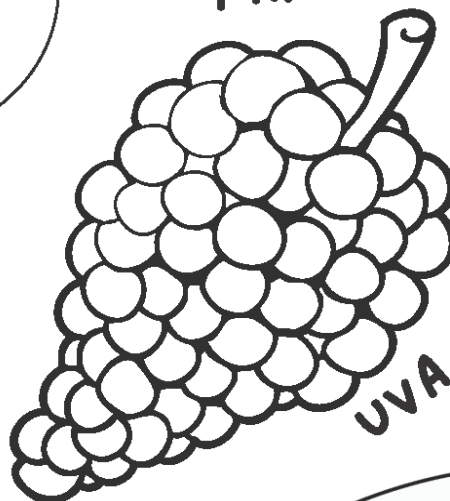
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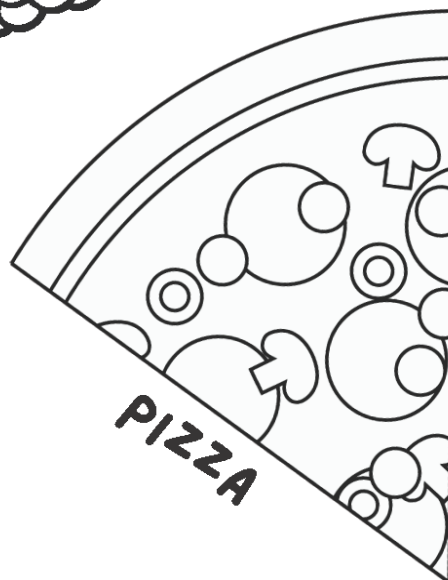
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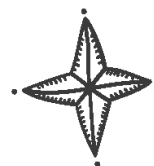
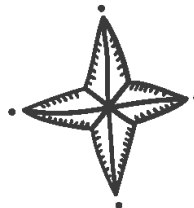


PASTA



PIZZA

VENETIAN MASKS





Forbes Junior AFL Club

We are delighted to announce that registrations for the 2024 Forbes Junior AFL Club/Parkes Panthers Central West AFL are now open. Cost will remain at \$70 and as always includes the always awesome Auskick pack and the opportunity to play half-time footy at a GWS Giants home game!

In line with last year and based on feedback the 2024 season will begin on May 24. The season will run to July 5, break for the holidays then will re-start on July 26, with the last session being August 23. All sessions start at 4:30pm and are held at Gaggin Oval Forbes and North Parkes Oval Parkes.

Please use this link to register <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/6617fd>



Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Training

We deliver a robust and evidence based program which focuses upon educating people about suicide, challenging attitudes and teaching basic engagement and suicide intervention skills.

Participants will have increased confidence in their ability to identify people who may be at risk of suicide, communicate appropriately with a suicidal person, ask a person if they are considering suicide and conduct a suicide intervention.

Participants will learn:

- Awareness of the requirements for classification of a death as suicide
- Knowledge of the occurrence and demographics of suicide in Australia
- Be able to identify risk and protective factors
- Differentiate between risk factors and warning signs
- Capability to be able to implement the SALT suicide intervention strategy
- Identify national and local suicide prevention resources

"The workshop was so beneficial for me personally and professionally. It was presented with genuine authenticity and care towards everyone attending. I will be recommending the training to my colleagues." Recent Participant

Date & Time: Tuesday, 12 March 2024, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm AEDT

Location: Club Cowra, 101-103 Brisbane Street, Cowra, NSW 2794

Register with this link: [Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Half Day Workshop - Cowra NSW Tickets](#). Tue 12/03/2024 at 10:30 am | Eventbrite

Email lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au or call 1800 100 024 for more information

This program is accredited with Quality Innovation Performance Limited (QIP), assessed against the Suicide Prevention Australia Standards for Quality Improvement.



Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Australian Government

Term 1 (Jan – Apr 2024)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W6 Term 1 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<div> Back up District Swimming Carnival </div>		<div> Newsletter </div>	<div> Assembly - Primary performance </div>	<div> Sport AFL: Infants 9:15-10:15am, Primary 10:30-11:30am </div>	
W7 Term 1 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		<div> Western Swimming </div>			<div> Sport AFL: Infants 9:15-10:15am, Primary 10:30-11:30am </div>	
W8 Term 1 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			<div> Newsletter </div>		<div> Sport AFL: Infants 9:15-10:15am, Primary 10:30-11:30am </div>	
W9 Term 1 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				<div> Grip Leadership Yr 6 Students 7:00am - 4:30pm 2024 Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference </div>	<div> Good Friday </div>	
W10 Term 1 31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
	<div> Easter Monday </div>		<div> Newsletter </div>	<div> Assembly - Infants performance </div>	<div> Sport AFL: Infants 9:15-10:15am, Primary 10:30-11:30am </div>	
W11 Term 1 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			<div> Cowra Small Schools Cross Country </div>	<div> HPGE day @ EPS Olympics </div>	<div> Sport AFL: Infants 9:15-10:15am, Primary 10:30-11:30am Term 1 end </div>	

Term 2 (Apr – Jul 2024)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W1 Term 2 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
	<div>📅 Staff Development Day</div> <div>Term 2 start</div>					
W2 Term 2 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			📅 Newsletter			
W3 Term 2 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					🏃 District Cross Country	
W4 Term 2 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			📅 Newsletter		🏃 Back Up District Cross Country	
W5 Term 2 26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
W6 Term 2 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			📅 Newsletter			
W7 Term 2 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	🎂 King's Birthday		🏃 Western Cross country			
W8 Term 2 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			📅 Newsletter			
W9 Term 2 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				📷 School Photos		



THANK YOU

2023/2024 SCHOOL SUPPORTERS

Phil & Sue Morrow
East Coast Stock Feeds
Shelley Bloomfield
Bruce Walker



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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