



# Gooloogong Public School | NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 9 | 26/03/2025

## Harmony Day & Ride2School Day

Having so many students able to ride or bring their bikes/scooters to school last Friday, we began the day making use of our amazing bike track! We wore orange (or something that represented our cultural heritage) and recognised Harmony Day by engaging in interesting discussions and classroom activities to share our stories and celebrate our cultural diversity.







## Principal's Message

Last week we had the privilege of Aunty Julie, from Grenfell, visiting our school. All students were entranced as Aunty Julie shared artefacts and stories to help us understand and deepen our connection to the Wiradjuri people, and to the land. There was a lot of yindyamarra on display, as the kids listened intently, and Aunty Julie was so patient at answering the many questions that kept coming. A big thank you to Mrs. Ingold for organising this visit. Aunty Julie will come back and visit the Primary class over the coming weeks as part of their Geography/History lessons.

We celebrated Harmony Day and Ride Safely to School Day last Friday. Students not only got to wear orange (or something representing their cultural heritage), but they also got to bring/ride their bike/scooter to school. We spent the whole first hour enjoying our amazing bike track with jumps, while the less keen bikers enjoyed sport with Mrs. Chittick. After Fruit Break, we came together again to investigate and celebrate our cultural diversity. We read together, played games and then spent some time sharing our different backgrounds. It was great to hear from so many students and the whole morning was a great example of being proud of your heritage and celebrating diversity.

Our school has been part of The Resilience Project since the beginning of last year. Students engage in weekly lessons on Mondays and Fridays. Our school will be hosting a workshop webinar for parents from 3:15pm on Monday 5th May (Week 2, Term 2). It would be wonderful for as many parents as possible to attend this workshop. See more information in this newsletter.

For the past almost twelve months, the school has been advocating for the establishment of an OOSH (Out Of School Hours) and preschool opportunity with the Department of Education. There is a community meeting set down for Thursday 3rd April at 6pm at the Gooloogong Public School Hall. This meeting will be run by the Department of Education representatives who will be gauging the interest of not only the GPS community, but also the wider Gooloogong community. I urge you to please come to this meeting. Spread the word so we can get the best and most accurate reading of the needs of Gooloogong regarding preschool and OOSH needs.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mr. Andrew Morrison who was successful in his application to relieve as principal of Gooloogong for the first two weeks back of next term. I know Andrew will do an amazing job at leading the school whilst I am on leave.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Easter Hat parade on Thursday 10th April.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

*Nick Doyle*

Principal

## Upcoming Events & Information

### Assemblies

- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 2:30pm** - Infants performance

### Playgroup

- **Every Friday 9:30am – 11am**, Live Better in Cowra run a community playgroup for under school age children in the school hall. All community members are welcome!

### Up-Stage Performing Arts Workshop

- UPSTAGE is coming to visit our school **tomorrow Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Upstage is a professional, fun, hands-on workshop tailored to regional Primary Schools with Singing, Dancing & Acting sessions for all students.

### Book Club Orders

- Book Club **orders are due by: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**
- Please pay your Scholastic Book Club order online by credit card as we no longer accept cash payments. To order, please go to the Scholastic website, [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the **LOOP** app, and follow the prompts. We thank you for your order.

### OOSH & Preschool Community Meeting

- Please come along to chat with Dept of Education representatives **on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. This is for the whole community. We are looking to gauge interest in establishing these opportunities at Gooloogong Public School both for our students and also for other members of the community to access.

### Small Schools Cross Country

- The Small Schools Cross Country will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025** at Woodstock Public School. Please see details and complete permission notes on School Bytes this week.
- The meal deal is being run by Woodstock P&C so please return your **meal deal notes with money by this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

### Easter Hat Parade

- Our Easter Hat Parade will be held **on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. Please see flyer attached.

### Gooloogong Markets - P&C Raffle collection

- **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April is Market Day** at the Gooloogong Park.
- The P&C are asking for donations towards their raffle at the Markets. We only have a few items so far. Any items will be gladly accepted!

### ANZAC Day

- We will be attending the Gooloogong ANZAC Day service **on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**.
- Students attending are to meet us at the Memorial Hall at 9:45am in preparation for the March. They will need to be dressed in full school uniform. We have sent home a copy of the Poem our whole school will be reciting on the day.
- **Remember to return your ANZAC Day Colouring competition entries to the Gooloogong Handy Mart by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

### Pie Drive – P & C Fundraiser

- The P&C are holding a Pie Drive again this year. Order forms are attached and due back on the first day of Term 2 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April to be collected from school **on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

### The Resilience Project Authentic Connection Webinar hosted by Gooloogong Public School

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us from **3:15pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** (Week 2, Term 2) as we host a webinar from the amazing guys at The Resilience Project. We will have light refreshments available, finishing by 4:30pm. We're hoping kids can come in and out, like we do at our P&C Meetings. We would love everyone who can come to join us, it is sure to be an interesting and enlightening workshop.

The biggest impact happens when we work together. This one-hour session combines cutting edge research with candid storytelling to help parents and carers understand the benefits of letting go of shame, perfection, ego and control. It then shares the same evidence-based strategies being taught in your classrooms so they can be practised at home (and beyond!).

### Operation Art Full Day Workshops

Hosted by Cowra Public School, on **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May** these workshops are amazing for any student with an interest in Visual Art. Workshop sizes are usually maximum 15 students, limited spots available, so get in quick. There is a Stage 1 (Years 1-2) workshop, Stage 2 (Years 3-4), and Stage 3 (Years 5-6). Not available for Kindergarten unfortunately. The registration process is quite complicated, so please read the instructions carefully. For any more information, or for help registering your child, please see Mrs Morrison.

<b>GPS's Fortnightly Attendance</b>			
<b>Infants</b>		<b>Primary</b>	
Term 1 – Week 7	Term 1 – Week 8	Term 1 – Week 7	Term 1 – Week 8
<b>94.3%</b>	<b>97.2 %</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>92.1 %</b>



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SAVE THE DATE  
GOOLOONGONG COMMUNITY MEETING  
OOSH & PRESCHOOL

3RD

Gooloogong Public School Hall  
6pm on Thursday 3rd April, 2025

Dept of Education representatives  
will be gauging interest in establishing these opportunities at GPS.  
This is for the WHOLE Gooloogong community.  
We warmly invite you to attend.

*Gooloogong P&C Fundraiser*

*Order your bulbs from Tesselaar Gardening.  
Autumn planting for Spring flowers.  
40% of all sales go to the P&C helping  
to support the amazing students of  
Gooloogong Public School.*

*Order brochures available at the Handymart  
or go online at  
[www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/GOOLOONGONGP](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/GOOLOONGONGP)*

**Orders Due by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

*You're Invited!*

# **Easter Hat Parade**

***Thursday 10th April, 2025***

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**Gooloogong Public School**

Parents & carers are welcome to come & make Easter hats from 12pm - 1:30pm, bring some snacks to share with your child for recess.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt followed by our Easter Hat Parade at 2:00pm

we warmly invite you to stay on for our Assembly at 2:30pm.





**NOW ON FRIDAYS!**

## School Spec Meal Deal

1x Sausage sandwich, Poppa and Freddo or Zooper Dooper \$5

1x Extra Sausage Sandwich \$2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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GOOLOOGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

# BREAKFAST Club

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

8:45am - 9:15am

## Fresh Eggs for Sale

Get your daily dose of protein from our fresh eggs. Straight from our school chooks to your table. Please call into the school if you would like to purchase.

**\$5 DOZEN**

# Gooloogong Playgroup

**FREE**

**STORIES - PLAY - CRAFT - MUSIC**  
All under school aged children and their carers are warmly welcome to come along and play, laugh and learn!

**DATE:** Every FRIDAY during school terms  
**TIME:** 10:00am - 11:00am  
**AT:** Gooloogong School Hall - 22-30 King St, Gooloogong  
**RSVP:** Caitlin Parker on 0428 610 747

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\*\* All parents/carers must sign in and out at school office\*\*

# Trivia Night

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 28TH** | **GOOLOOGONG LOG CABIN**

**TICKETS \$10 EACH. TABLES OF 10. BYO NIBBLES. HOSTED BY THE STUDENTS OF GOOLOOGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL SPECTACULAR CHOIR. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT**

**[HTTPS://WWW.123TIX.COM.AU/EVENTS/47514/GOOLOOGONG-SCHOOL-SPECTACULAR-TRIVIA-NIGHT](https://www.123tix.com.au/events/47514/gooloogong-school-spectacular-trivia-night)**

**DOORS OPEN 5.30PM TRIVIA STARTS 6PM FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT ABIGAIL OR JESS BLOOMFIELD 0412254086**

**Prizes to be won**  
Proceeds help subsidise attendance at NSW Schools Spectacular 2025





# COWRA FAMILIES INTO SPORT DAY

**Register Free**

**SUNDAY 30TH MARCH  
COL STINSON PARK, COWRA  
9:30 - 1:30PM**







## **GOOLOONG ANZAC DAY 2025 PROGRAM**

- **6 am - DAWN SERVICE** to be held at the flagpole at the Memorial Rooms - this service is a short respectful Service of Remembrance.
- **'GUN FIRE BREAKFAST'** - held at the Memorial Rooms following the Dawn Service (to cover costs there will be a small charge of \$5 per head for those attending no charge for Ex-service persons and their families).
- **9.45 am - ASSEMBLING AT THE MEMORIAL ROOMS FOR THE MARCH** - we invite the whole town to participate in the march to fill in the gaps of those who have gone before us. If your organisation/school has a uniform, please wear it.
- **10 am - MARCH** - commences to the Cenotaph in the park. For safety reasons the march will travel on the gravel next to the road from the Memorial Rooms, down the lane to the caravan park then into the park area to the Cenotaph.
- **10.10 am - COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

**FOLLOWING THE SERVICE EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY FOR MORNING TEA  
IN THE PARK  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.**

**THE GOOLOONG HOTEL WILL BE OPEN FROM 12PM, SERVING LUNCH AND  
2UP AND LIVE MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6PM.**

**THE GOOLOONG COUNTRY CLUB WILL BE OPEN FROM 12PM.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS.**

**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LAY A WREATH OF YOUR  
OWN, PLEASE PHONE:  
JESS BLOOMFIELD 02 6344 8493**



## GOOLOONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PIE DRIVE ORDER FORM



Pies from Early Rise Bakery Dubbo  
 Please return order forms and money to  
 School or Gooloongong Handy Mart  
 by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
 Collect Pies from the School Hall  
 on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 between 12pm and 3pm**



**Customer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Ph:** \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY PIES	ITEM COST	Quantity	TOTAL COST
Plain Beef	\$16.00		
Curry	\$16.00		
Steak & Mushroom	\$16.00		
Bacon & Cheese	\$19.00		
Steak & Potato	\$19.00		
Pepper Steak	\$19.00		
Chicken & Veg	\$19.00		
Apple	\$15.00		
Apple & Blueberry	\$15.00		
Apricot	\$15.00		
4x Single Beef Pies (200g)	\$20.00		
6x Sausage Rolls (140g)	\$20.00		
Pack 6 Lamingtons	\$11.00		
Pack 18 ANZAC Biscuits	\$10.00		
Pack 18 Choc Chip Biscuits	\$10.00		
<b>TOTALS</b>			

**PAID BY CASH/DIRECT DEPOSIT to BSB 062-529 AC 1005 0980 on DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**  
 Please use (your Surname) Pies as the reference

Contact Name & Phone Number for collection: \_\_\_\_\_

OR Send home with Student: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gooloongong P & C thanks you for supporting our small school!*

# Operation art



## Parent Information Sheet

### Operation Art is coming to Cowra Public School

We are holding full day visual arts workshops for students in Stages 1-3. Spaces are limited!

Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and art-making experiences beyond the classroom.

**Stage 1 - (Year 1 & 2) – Tuesday 6 May 2025**

**Stage 2 - (Year 3 & 4) – Wednesday 7 May 2025**

**Stage 3 - (Year 5 & 6) – Thursday 8 May 2025**

**PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

#### **BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025 UNLESS FILLED PRIOR**

**THIS IS A TWO STEP PROCESS, ENROLMENT FORM AND PAYMENT PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED**

- ENROL:** Parents to complete the online enrolment form via the chosen location at the link below to book and provide all student details, put the receipt number for proof of payment on your booking form.  
<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/operation-art-student-workshops>
- PAY:** After filling in the enrolment form, follow the prompt to the payment page and complete the payment.

**COST:** \$50.60 (incl GST) per student per day

**VENUE:** Cowra Public School  
82 Brisbane Street, Cowra NSW 2794

**TIME:** 9:00am – 2.30pm **(Drop off and pick up at the front office)**

**SUPERVISION:** Students are supervised by Operation Art tutors from the Department of Education. Teachers are not required to attend workshops.

*Students participate in 3 workshops including mixed media, printmaking and sculpture. All materials provided.*

#### **WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:**

Closed in shoes are required - wear comfortable art making clothing and paint shirt  
Ensure student name is marked on belongings & leave unnecessary valuables at home  
Bring carry bag to help take your artwork home  
Please bring recess and lunch. **Do not bring food containing nuts.**

#### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

Heidi Windeisen  
Operation Art Project Officer  
Ph: (02) 8512 1195

#### **WORKSHOP / BOOKING ENQUIRIES:**

Visual Arts Support Officer  
Ph: (02) 8512 1197  
Email: [opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

Partners





# Community Recovery Services



## Online Parenting Group

### What is involved?

An online parenting group for parents and carers who would like to:

- Improve communication and strengthen the bond with their child
- Better understand their child's behaviour and learn new parenting approaches
- Connect with other like-minded parents



The group is delivered by experienced facilitators, trained in 2 different parenting programs – Circle of Security and Tuning in to Kids. We usually have a max of 10 parents/carers in a group.

### When?

Pending numbers, we usually offer a group each school term (beginning Term 2, 2025). Our groups usually occur in the morning (daytime 10am-12noon), with 1 session per week over 7-8 weeks.

### Not available for a day time group?

Throughout the year, we also try to offer an evening group (e.g 7:45-9:15pm), with 1 session per week over 6-7 weeks. Please let us know if you would be interested in an evening group.

### Where?

Groups will take place online via Zoom. Access to stable internet, a computer/device, and a private space will be required.

### Who is it for?

The group is open to parents/carers of primary or pre-school aged children. We are delivering the parent group as part of our Community Recovery Service which covers the following LGAs in NSW: Cabonne, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Dubbo, Forbes, Gunnedah, Snowy Valleys, Glen Ines Severn, Snowy Monaro

### Next steps:

The Parent Group is **free to join**. If you are interested in joining a group in Term 2, or would like to register interest for joining later in the year, please contact our team on:

[communityrecovery@royalfarwest.org.au](mailto:communityrecovery@royalfarwest.org.au) or (02) 8622 6808

*This Community Recovery Service project received funding from the Australian Government.*

**What parents have said:**  
*"I am so incredibly grateful for this course! I couldn't be more thankful for my learning and the strategies that are making an amazing difference with both of my boys"*



## Authentic Connection Webinar for Parents & Carers

**3:15pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Gooloogong Public School**

**WHO'S INVITED?**  
Parents & Carers

**DURATION**  
60 minutes

**WHERE?**  
Online Webinar

### ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Join Hugh van Cuylenburg from The Resilience Project for their inspiring online presentation, 'Authentic Connection'.

Designed for parents and carers, this session features engaging stories and practical strategies to help you:



Embrace **vulnerability, imperfection, and passion** to build stronger, more meaningful connections.



Experience the positive benefits **connection** has in your personal and professional life.

Don't miss this opportunity to reflect and gain tools to enhance your wellbeing and relationships. We hope to see you there!





# Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
IN 2025

The students and staff of Gooloogong Public School are extremely grateful for your kind donation. Your generosity and kindness have made a significant impact on the learning of our students.

From everyone at Gooloogong  
Public School  
- Thank you -



Shelley Bloomfield  
Bruce Walker  
Rotary Club of Cowra

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

Website:  
<https://gooloogong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Contact:  
(02) 6344 8307

Email:  
[gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Term 1 (Jan – Apr 2025)

W9 Term 1	Mar 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📧 Newsletter</li> <li>07:00am - 04:30pm</li> <li>🗨️ 2024 Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30pm - 03:00pm</li> <li>🗨️ Up Stage Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Book Club orders due</li> <li>09:30am - 10:30am</li> <li>👶 Playgroup</li> </ul>	
W10 Term 1	Mar 30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>👶 Community OOSH &amp; Preschool Meeting 6pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>09:00am - 02:30pm</li> <li>🗨️ Cowra Small Schools Cross Country</li> </ul>	
W11 Term 1	Apr 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📧 Newsletter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📦 Uniform Orders due</li> <li>12:00pm - 02:00pm</li> <li>👶 Easter Hat Making, Egg Hunt &amp; Parade</li> <li>02:30pm - 03:00pm</li> <li>🗨️ Assembly - Infants performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📅 Term 1 end</li> <li>09:30am - 10:30am</li> <li>👶 Playgroup</li> </ul>		

## Term 2 (Apr – Jul 2025)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W1 Term 2 Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>👥 Staff Development Days</li> <li>📅 Term 2 start</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📦 Pie Drive Orders Due</li> <li>👶 Students Return</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🗨️ Primary First Aid course</li> </ul>	
W2 Term 2 May 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03:15pm - 04:30pm</li> <li>👶 Resilience Project Connection Webinar</li> </ul>					
W3 Term 2 May 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00pm - 03:00pm</li> <li>🗨️ Pie Drive Collection Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚶 Walk Safely to School Day</li> </ul>	
W4 Term 2 May 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
W5 Term 2 May 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📅 National Sorry Day</li> </ul>					
W6 Term 2 June 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
W7 Term 2 Jun 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>👑 King's Birthday</li> </ul>					