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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4

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Goombungee State School acknowledges the Jarowair and Wakka peoples, as the First Nations owners of the land where our school is located. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching and learning.

Our Values & Totems

Cooperation – Be Respectful = Bee
Achievement – Be a Learner = Tawny Frogmouth
Responsibility – Be Safe = Emu
Excellence – Be Resilient = Goanna

Expectation Focus

Week 4: EXCELLENCE

Accept Feedback

WEEK 5: COOPERATION

Value Each Other

Principal's Messages

I would like to thank our school leaders for leading the school ANZAC commemoration service on 24th April. Thanks also to Mrs Harris for her work in coordinating this ceremony. Well done to those students in the choir who did a great job with learning two songs to present. Our students were very respectful throughout and that teachers will have discussed the importance of this very special day. We welcomed members of the Goombungee RSL and thank Greg Barker for sharing a message about ANZAC Day. It was wonderful to see many families and students marching and supporting the community ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday at the town memorial in Mocatta St. Congratulations to Alexander and Melissa who were awarded first place and runner up respectively in the Goombungee RSL ANZAC Essay competition. These two students were presented with their certificate and prize at the town ceremony on ANZAC Day. The topic this year was the Kapyong Battle. Alexander also read his essay at the town ceremony. Well done to all Year 6 students who entered this competition. Thanks as well to Tara Tonscheck for making the beautiful wreath for both the school ceremony and to lay at the cenotaph on ANZAC Day.

On Monday last week, our Year 5 and 6 students visited Oakey SHS to see their new multipurpose hall. This was an opportunity for several of our students to see where they will be attending high school next year (or the year after). Mr Keenan was very impressed with the respect shown by our students. I am attending the official opening of the hall and 60th anniversary celebrations this coming Friday. We look forward to continuing to work with both Oakey SHS and Highfields SSC across the year as we support students transitioning to high school.

Last year, our school was successful in Go for Gold Funding to purchase some new protective padding for our tennis courts and fixed soccer goals on the oval. Please see further on for some pictures of our new equipment. This has helped keep students safer when using these areas of the school grounds.

Today, Mrs Harris, Ms Cuskelly and myself attended Reading Professional Development at Highfields Cultural Centre. This workshop provided us with a comprehensive overview of current evidence-informed reading instruction through the updated V9 Australian Curriculum in Years 3-6. Mrs Perrin and Ms Chandani attended a similar workshop last term for P-2. Our department has developed a Reading Position Statement (attached to the email with the newsletter) which outlines the commitment to reading and what students are taught at different phases of their schooling. Our school has (and will continue to have) a commitment to teaching reading and ensuring that teaching reflects current best practice and research. We are well on the way with development of synthetic phonics instruction in our early years and comprehension. I look forward to sharing our journey as we continue to develop our school's updated Reading Framework aligned to the new version of the Australian Curriculum.

Our Goals - 2024

Academic

90% of students achieving a C or better in English, Maths and Science.

Attendance - EVERY DAY COUNTS

90% of students attending school greater than 85% of the time. **Currently 72 % attending % or greater**

OVERALL ATTENDANCE YTD: 90.9 %

T2 Boys: 91.6% T2 Girls: 84.5% Boys winning

CLASS	T2 Week 2	T2 Week 3
Year P/1	92 %	91 %
Year 1/2/3	88 %	93 %
Year 3/4	89 %	89 %
Year 5/6	89 %	87 %

P&C Association News

The next General Meeting of the P&C will be held on:

**Tuesday 21st May
3:00pm in the Library.
ALL WELCOME**

Pie Drive Forms were sent home last Monday. Orders due back – Wednesday 22nd May by 2pm please.

Delivery of pies – Thursday 13th June after 2pm.

A reminder to all parents that students MUST be signed in if they arrive late for school. We thank you for your cooperation in this regard. We have also had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) in the school – please see your GP if any concerns and if you or your child has any of the symptoms. An alert letter was sent out last week with more information. In relation to student absences, please remember to use the school absence email address (listed above on the newsletter) or phone the school. **If you need to send a message about changes to arrangements for your child's pick up from school, please phone the school before 2:15pm. We ask you do NOT use Dojo for this as messages can be missed or not received in time.**

This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. Our school is participating in this day – students can meet staff outside the Goombungee Chemist at 8am for a walk up to school. Friday will be a busy day as we have our Mother's Day Stall on this day as well – gifts range between \$3 and \$10. It is also "Do It for Dolly" Day – add an akubra style hat or boots to the school uniform. We also will welcome Pat Weir – Member for Condamine to our school to talk to students in Year 5 and 6 who attend the STEAM Club on Tuesdays after school – this club is using Minecraft as part of a design challenge – creating the "Green Room" for Parliament House in Brisbane.

COLIN THOMPSON - PRINCIPAL

Library

Students must have a library bag (which can be ANY bag other than their school bag) to help protect their chosen book/s. Please help your child set up routines to ensure library books are returned each week.

	Day	Week 2	Week 3
Year P/1	Wednesday	73 %	86 %
YR 1/2/3	Tuesday	95 %	90 %
Year 3/4	Thursday	95 %	100 %
Year 5/6	Thursday	75 %	91 %

Calendar

MAY	
7	Mrs Harris, Ms Cuskelly & Mr Thompson at Reading PD
9	Birdwatching Puppet Show @ GLFG Kindy – Prep/Year 1 students
10	Walk Safely to School Day/Do it for Dolly Day
10	8:40am - Parade
10	Mother's Day Stall
10	Pat Weir Visit to school
10	Tuckshop
10	Oakey SHS – New Hall & 60th anniversary – Mr Thompson and Mrs Cooke attending
14 & 15	Principal Regional Roadshow in Toowoomba
15	Year 3 and Year 4 to Amaroo – Creature Features Program
15	RI/Non RI
16	Instrumental Music
17	8:40am - Parade
17	Tuckshop
21	3:00pm – P&C Meeting
22	Pie Drive Forms due back
22	National Simultaneous Storytime
23	Instrumental Music
24	8:40am - Parade
24	Tuckshop
27	AEDC – Prep students only
28	Carbal Hearing Tests – P-3 selected students
JUNE	
14	Athletics Carnival – Track Events
18	Athletics Carnival – Field Events

Sporting News

On Tuesday 30th April Isaac participated in the Inner Downs Soccer trials at Mary McKillop Catholic College. Well done Isaac!!



Parade Award Winners – Weeks 2 and 3



Above: Only one Student of the Week award in Week 2 – catch up from last term.
Below: SOTW Awards Week 3



Above and Left: In Week 2, students went in a draw for some free tickets to the circus!
Below: Some of the 2024 Cros Country Age Champions with their medallions.



ANZAC Day - 2024



GOOMBUNGEE STATE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: Celebrating strong school and community connections, we share our love of learning through collaboration and compassion, to create engaged life-long learners.

Last Friday, 26th April, Melissa, Alex and Lincoln had the opportunity to participate in a combined Instrumental Music Workshop hosted by Highfields State Secondary College. They were able to join an ensemble with 85 other students to work on pieces to perform for parents at 1:50. The workshop consisted of a full orchestra with strings and concert band instruments joined together as well as just concert band by themselves. The students performed amazingly on the day.

Instrumental Music



Congratulations to Melissa who won the following at the Goombungee Haden Show in 2024:

Photography – Primary School Reserve Champion

Needlework and Handicraft – Junior Champion

Home Cookery – Junior champion

- Most points, 12 years and under
- Most outstanding exhibit
- Grand Champion
- Champion exhibit 12 years and under

Melissa also won prizes in Horticulture and floral art, fine arts and drawing. Congratulations Melissa!

Goombungee-Haden Show



If your child entered the Show and you would like to share their results, let us know and we can include in future newsletters!



School Creed

At Goombungee State School,
Our motto is Working Together.
We CARE for our school and community.
We focus on Cooperation, Achievement,
Responsibility and Excellence.

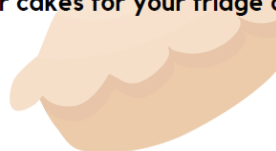
Our recently developed School Creed that is proudly displayed around the school. Students recite the creed as part of our parades on Fridays.



Goombungee State School P and C Annual O'Donnell's Pie, Cake & Bread Drive!



Just in time for the cool of winter – what better way to stay warm than with a nice hearty pie, bread or cakes for your fridge and freezer!

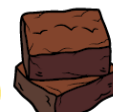
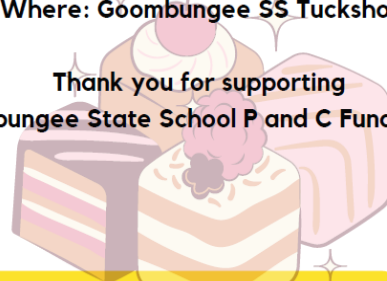


Orders Due back to school by: 22nd May 2024
no later than 2:00pm

Delivery & Collection: 13th June 2024
after 2:00pm

Where: Goombungee SS Tuckshop

Thank you for supporting
Goombungee State School P and C Fundraising



Any questions - please call Melinda on 0428152611

Student Council Announcement

Week 4 - Friday 10th May

*Walk Safely to School

Meet outside Goombungee Chemist 8am

*Mother's Day Stall

Cash only

Gifts ranging from \$3 to \$10

*Do it for Dolly

Add Akubra Style Hat and Boots to uniform

(Please don't buy new hats or boots)



We hope all mums have a wonderful day this coming Sunday. Enjoy your special day!

Good morning, everyone my name is Alexander Gossow and I will be talking today about the North and South Korean War. It started on the 25th of June 1950 and ended on the 27th of July 1953. There were 2.5 million people that died in this war, and this year marks the 73rd anniversary of this battle.

As part of the Korean war there was a battle called the Kapyong Battle. It went for three days, starting on the 23 of April 1951 and ending on the 25th of April 1951. The Kapyong battle was also known as the battle of Jiaping. It involved The Australian, New Zealand, Canadian and US Forces.

ANZAC Essay 2024 Winner

On the night of the 22nd April 1951 Chinese forces launched a major offensive against the United Nation's Forces defending Seoul, the South Korean capital, and came at them with everything they had.

Next morning saw the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade including the Royal Australian 3rd battalion, nicknamed old faithful, ordered to the Kapyong Valley. They were sent on a key route, about 60km south to the capital Seoul to help the other troops.

The Kapyong Valley was too large an area to defend with the forces available and the brigade was spread very thinly quickly.

It wasn't long afterwards that a platoon of American tanks supporting 3 RAR was over run, which meant they were in trouble.

Throughout the night the Chinese repeatedly pressed the Australians positions, attacking in waves over their own dead and wounded. This fierce fighting went through the night and throughout the next 24hr period. The Australian and Canadian battalion, supported by a New Zealand artillery regiment, stalled the Chinese before the afternoon of the 25th April where the Chinese were exhausted and made NO further attacks. This was a huge win as the Commonwealth forces efforts had halted the Chinese to advance anymore.

In this battle Canadian forces lost 10 people and had 23 wounded. Australian forces had 32 killed and 59 wounded but this was also helped by the efforts of the 3 RAR battalion. Chinese forces had 2000 people killed and wounded.

Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Ferguson was awarded the Distinguished service order for his skilful leadership and both the Australian and Canadian battalions received United States Presidential Citations for their part in the battle.

Their determined stand contributed significantly to the defeat of the communist offensive in South Korea that year.

The battle of Kapyong remains one of the most significant for Australian troops during the Korean War.

As I think about all the service men and women who gave their lives in war, I find the most interesting part about this battle is the perseverance and courage shown by the 3rd battalion royal regiment- 3RAR. Their sacrifice and commitment to their mission was critical to the success to halt any further attacks by the Chinese forces and the communists that also broke into their defences. This is the true Australian spirit, to never give up no matter what the consequences are or how out-numbered you are. I'm very proud to be Australian and very proud of our service men and women who fight and protect our great country, from then to today. Thank you for your time.



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\$100 million Go for Gold program

Supporting greater sports participation and community use

Successful school



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Protective padding bought with the Go for Gold funding received in 2023.

Go for Gold

Successful school