

# GOOLWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

## May 2023

- 17 Governing Council
- 19 Walk safely to school
- 24 Assembly 9am
- 24 National Simultaneous Storytime
- 26 SAPSASA Athletics
- 27 Reconciliation Week
- 29 SA Orienteering Championships

## June 2023

- 2 Parent coffee and chat
- 2 SAPSASA Netball
- 6 Parent Reading Workshop 9am
- 12 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 13 STUDENT FREE DAY

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# NEWSLETTER

“Quality Education in a Caring Environment”

OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE:

Organisation • Persistence • Confidence • Getting Along • Resilience

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## COLOUR FUN RUN

Last term we finished off with a bang holding our first ever Goolwa Primary School Colour Fun Run. The event day itself was absolutely perfect with a warm sunny autumn afternoon greeting our students as the countdown to our run began. The atmosphere was incredible with so many friends and family coming along to support, cheer on and join in the fun with our students and staff. It was so great to see so many smiles, happy faces and positive interactions. Safe to say this is an event which will be firmly on the event calendar in the future.

Student prize orders have now been submitted to our fun run event provider and will be distributed at school once they arrive. Well done to the entire community, our grand total fundraising effort came in at a whopping \$17,294 absolutely smashing our \$10,000 initial target all of which will go towards purchasing new equipment and items for our students to use in the yard and play spaces. 9 lucky students (highest fundraisers) had the pleasure to bombard teachers with colour at the end of the run!!!



Comments from families

“We should do this every term” “How much fun are they having!” “This is the best day”



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## IN THIS EDITION...

- Welcome
- OSHC
- School Matters
- Hopping Mice
- YEL Excursion

# GOOLWA PRIMARY SCHOOL OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)



Please contact the OSHC directly by phoning 0438 861 943

Welcome back to Term 2! Please remember to bring a drink bottle to GOSHC, no hats are needed for this Term. Bookings do NOT automatically roll over from Term to Term, so if you have not already contacted GOSHC to re-book, please do so as soon as possible by texting 0438 861 943 or emailing [Tracey.Ahrns1@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Tracey.Ahrns1@schools.sa.edu.au)

## THINGS WE DID DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

By James B, GOSHC SRC Rep

*"During the school holidays, we made our own paper. The lady from KESAB came to help, but it was really Crafts Day. We learnt about paper recycling and that we shouldn't litter. KESAB had a paper utensil which involved using water and recycled newspaper to create new pieces of paper.*

*We spent one day of our holidays focused on music. One of our educators, Jasmyn, brought in her guitar and played some songs, we also made our own musical instruments. Another day we did some cooking. We started with Apple Pies, then made some fried rice and milkshakes.*

*Lastly, we had a day where we reflected on what we can learn from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our community. We completed some craft activities including painting boomerangs, rocks and Australian animals. Next term, we hope to have an Aboriginal Elder help us to lead an art mural for our outside tables and benches.*

*In Term 2 we are returning to our regular play based program. I like to play outside, enjoying games such as Fish Out Of Water and Chasey. I also like to do cooking activities and watch movies."*



## GRANT FOR ANTI-BULLYING MURAL



Thank you to Gen Byrt our artist who completed this amazing anti-bullying mural over the holidays. Thank you also to Kieran Read, our Wellbeing Leader last year, who applied for and won an anti-bullying grant for this artwork. Check it out on the east side of the gym building.

## SCHOOL MATTERS

### UNIFORMS

In 2023 we have a **Uniform Shop** in the stone building. The shop is only open on certain days at certain times, so we apologise in advance that we will not be able to sell uniforms at any other time. The operating hours for the shop are

Monday	8.30am – 10am	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 10am	
Thursday		2.30pm – 3.30pm

Uniforms can be purchased online via the QKR app at any time, and will be delivered to your child/ren the next day. If the Uniform Shop is unattended during the above hours, please present to the front office.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE & CHAT

First Friday coffee and chat will continue this term. It will be held on the first Friday morning of each month, 9:05am in the library. All welcome – it is not a commitment to volunteer or fundraise.

Friday 2 June and Friday 7 July.

### CELEBRATING STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

If your child has their birthday on a school day, the teacher will celebrate the special day with a round of the Happy Birthday song in class and a special fuss of the child. We ask that families do NOT send birthday cakes or lollies or other foods to school. Please share these at your celebrations outside of school. This procedure was ratified by Governing Council in 2022 and reshaped with families. We thank you for supporting this.

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Next **Wednesday 24 May** it is National Simultaneous Storytime. Our school will be participating. National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously around the country. This year's winner is *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young.



## NEW ARRIVALS

Meet our gorgeous native hopping mice. We began with a colony of 6 mice in February. Two babies were born in March giving us a total of eight mice. Since then we have seen the arrival a few more babies and just this week, there were 7 babies arrive – can you guess how many we have at the moment???? Submit your guess to Mrs Gilbert or Mrs George.

Hopping mice live in woodlands, grasslands and the warmer desert areas of Australia. They are nocturnal animals with lovely big eyes to find their way in the dark. Our hopping mice are omnivores meaning they eat a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and meat. They also love to eat seeds, gum leaves and insects.



# YEL EXCURSION

On Thursday of week 8 last term four of our Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) went on an excursion to Monarto Zoo. They had a fantastic day learning about some of the flora and fauna in the area. The students learnt about the importance of Iron Grasslands that are exclusive to South Australia. These areas form habitat for many species of birds, lizards and insects. They were very fortunate to try bush tucker including bush tomatoes, apple berries, salt bush and pig face. In the afternoon students visited the chimpanzees and the very comical meercats. They learnt about correct housing and care for the animals. The aim of the YEL forums is to empower young people and ensure they have a connection with nature and their local environment. We are encouraging them to take action to protect it.



# THANKED



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Do you know an amazing educator who's making a real difference? Every day, those working in public education shape futures by inspiring children and young people to reach their full potential. **ThankED** gives you the chance to celebrate and thank public educators, as well as those people who work in support of them.

You can say thanks any time, to anyone working in public education who has made a difference to you – visit [www.education.sa.gov.au/ThankED](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/ThankED).

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey**

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in weeks 2 to 5 of term 2 (Monday 8 May to Friday 2 June 2023).

**Purpose of the survey**

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

**What is the survey about?**

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

**How will students complete the survey?**

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. **If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.**

**Will students' information be kept confidential?**

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

**What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?**

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole
- students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

**Where can I get more information?**

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email [Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au)

Sincerely

Louisa Guest  
**PRINCIPAL**



# Reading at Goolwa PS

Join us for coffee and cake and to learn how reading is taught at Goolwa Primary School. You will learn more about how children learn to read and how to support your child's reading development.

Tuesday 6 June.  
9:00am - 10:00am  
In the Library.



RSVP - Reading at Goolwa PS

Adult name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP by Friday 2 June.

## Meaningful May 2023

### MONDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

### TUESDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

### WEDNESDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

### THURSDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

32 Find three things you are grateful for

### FRIDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

33 Write a letter to your future self

### SATURDAY

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

34 Do something to help someone else

### SUNDAY

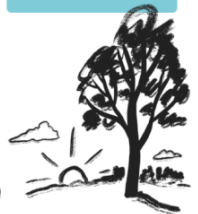
7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

35 Spend time with someone you love



## Circle of Security Parenting

Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour?  
Come along to this FREE 8-week course and learn how to:

Help your child organise their feelings, enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with your child, help your child to feel secure both now and into the future

Time: 10am - 12pm

Date: Tuesdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th of May  
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of June

Venue: Goolwa Children's Centre: Brooking St, Goolwa SA 5214

Creche is available for children to support caregivers to attend this course. Bookings can be made on 8555 2509

Bookings essential. Please contact The Goolwa Children's Centre- 08 8555 2509



## JOIN THE FUN! Goolwa Pt Elliot FC



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER NOW!

Goolwa Pt Elliot Football Club  
Thursdays 4:15pm-5:15pm

Start date: 4th May  
End date: 6th July  
Jodie Allsop  
0408 824 205

[justin.jodie@bigpond.com.au](mailto:justin.jodie@bigpond.com.au)

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



## JOIN THE FUN! Goolwa Pt Elliot FC All Girls Auskick

Where: Goolwa Pt Elliot Football Club

Wednesdays 4:15pm - 5:15pm

Start date: 3rd May  
End date: 5th July  
Jodie Allsop  
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Free swimming lessons and Nippers Program for First Nations kids Aged 7-12

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# PARNGGI YARLUWAR PORLAR

Parnggi Yarluwar Porlar - Ngarrindjeri for "Water Ocean Kids," Representing the swimming pool, surf life saving, and children.

### FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN TERM 2 AND 3

- Largs Bay Swim Centre
- iSwim at Immanuel
- Noarlunga Aquatic Centre
- Fleurieu Aquatic Centre

### 1 FREE SEASON OF NIPPERS

- North Haven Surf Life Saving Club
- West Beach Surf Life Saving Club
- Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club
- Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club

YARN WITH KELLIE TO SIGN UP!  
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PROJECT PARTNERS

WEDNESDAYS

1.20PM - 3.00PM

# DUG'S

A group for  
**Dads, Uncles & Grandfathers**  
of young children  
to get together and talk about parenting



6-week group  
focusing on relationships and  
growth in parenting

**BOOK NOW**  
**STARTING - 3rd MAY**

AT GOOLWA CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
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