

GOOLWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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No. 9 SEPTEMBER 20 2023 DIARY DATES

September 2023

23-24 Mini Photo Sessions
Fundraiser
29 End of term 3
Early dismissal 2.15pm

October 2023

16 Begin Term 4 8.55am

November 2023

3 SPORTS DAY
29 Musical Showcase

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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NEWSLETTER

"Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE:

Organisation • Persistence • Confidence • Getting Along • Resilience

#OneGoolwaFamily

SSO WEEK AUGUST 21 - 25

School Services Officer (SSO's) or our Super Staff Officer's provide support every day to our students, staff, families and often the wider community. They care, encourage, assist, boost, promote, scaffold, educate, nurture, champion, help, comfort, cheer on, cherish, and are the pillars of our school. We are so grateful to have such capable adults of varying ages, skills and experiences to compliment our teaching team. We acknowledged and celebrated them with a scrumptious lunch and treats across the week. A big thank you to all of our dedicated SSO staff.

Happy SSO Week



LEARNING SHOWCASE



What a wonderful evening our families shared with their children and teachers. As well as interactive experiences and children teaching their parents maths games in the classroom, everyone had the opportunity to visit specialty subject areas, the art exhibition, chat with our friends from Neighbourhood Watch (who kindly supplied popcorn) and a 'meet and greet' with leadership to collect their showbag from the new Student Services area. It was fantastic to see so many families visit and for students to



articulate their learning goals with their families. We look forward to welcoming families from Room 9 and Room 2 for their Learning Showcase in the near future.



Be kind. Be responsible. Be respectful. Try your best.



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IN THIS EDITION...

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Please contact GOSHC directly by phoning 0438 861 943

GOSHC will not be operating on the Show Day Holiday.
Please contact Port Elliot OSHC for care that day
on 0456 595 883 or via email portelliot.oshc@ymcasa.org.au

SCHOOL MATTERS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Thank you for your support in keeping unwell children at home. We have been notified of a number of positive COVID 19 cases recently and thank those families for reporting and caring for their families to reduce the spread. We continuously review our safety measures to align with current health advice.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of getting sick and passing infections on to others by

- Washing hands regularly, particularly after going to the toilet, handling used tissues and before eating.
- Using sanitiser.
- Wiping down frequently touched surfaces.
- Covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

Please also be aware that positive Influenza A, B and RSV cases have been reported in the community.



STUDENT HOME INTERNET PROGRAM

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home. Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the [department's website](#). To apply, please contact Student Services for an application form.

HATS HATS HATS

Hats must be worn outside from Monday 4 September. This includes outside learning, break times and excursions. Hats can be purchased via QKR app or during the Uniform Shop opening hours at \$14 each.



AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHERS

Since the start of 2023, Autism Inclusion Teachers (AITs) have been appointed across all SA primary schools. This nation-leading initiative aims to build educator understanding and knowledge to support autistic children and young people. At Goolwa Primary School our AIT is Hayley Blyth. Across this year, Hayley has been developing an understanding of autism and evidence-based practices to support autistic students. This expertise has also influenced the practice of other staff at our school. You can contact Hayley via the school on 8555 2261 or you can visit the Department for Education website to find out more about [Autism Inclusion Teachers](#).

MUSICAL SHOWCASE – POSTPONED TO TERM 4

Unfortunately the Musical Showcase planned for the end of this term is postponed. This is now scheduled for Wednesday 29 November. More details about the new date to follow.



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Dear parents/caregivers of the Goolwa Primary School community,

As the Education Director of the Noarlunga 4 portfolio, I would like to announce that the merit selection process for the Principal vacancy at Goolwa Primary School commencing in 2024 has now been finalised. Myself and the panel are excited to announce that Nathan Hunter, current Deputy Principal of Murray Bridge South Primary School, and intended Principal of that school next year, has been nominated and accepted the position of Principal at Goolwa Primary School for a 5 year appointment.

Nathan will visit the school in term 4 to work closely with Louisa Guest, other leadership and connect with staff to ensure that Goolwa Primary School commences in 2024 with strong beginnings and a positive transition process.

On behalf of the Department for Education I would like to sincerely thank Louisa Guest for her dedication over the last 7 years as Principal at Goolwa Primary School.

Louisa has over the years been confident to make changes and lead Goolwa's school improvement in her own right. This was evident in classroom observations and discussions, with a focus on improving evidence-based practices. She has been able to support staff towards collaborative planning and capacity building, ensuring classroom teaching is of a high standard. This has included data analysis, intentional planning and implementing high impact teaching strategies, using the expertise of curriculum advisors, Local Education Team and the Goolwa Primary School leadership team. Leadership has its challenges; however Louisa was able to meet the challenges over the 7 years in the Principal position. She endeavoured to build community relations and share improvement work and successes. In leading others, it was noticeable how Louisa encouraged and supported key teachers to facilitate learner improvement.

We thank Louisa for her focussed energy and drive and wish her the best in her future education journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Prime'.

Ann Prime
Education Director – Noarlunga 4

5 September 2023

STAFF PROFILES



"Hello, my name is Kathryn and I'm an SSO at the Goolwa Primary School. I work on Wednesday to Friday, mainly in the school library, and sometimes in classrooms. Many years ago, I was a student at the Goolwa Primary School. I'm married, and we have two adult children and one grandchild." Cheerio, Kathryn

"I work in Miss Ellen's class with our wonderful reception students. In my spare time I love spending time walking my dog Charlie down the beach, travelling, going fishing in our boat and basically anything to do with the water." Tina



"Many of you will know me from the front office, talking on the phone, providing first aid to your child or from SAPSASA excursions. I have worked at Goolwa for more than 10 years and enjoy connecting with our families at sports outside school." Anita

"I have worked at GPS for 5 years in classrooms and administration. I have 4 children, 2 cats and a bearded dragon. I love living on the Fleurieu and hiking around our beautiful landscapes." Kylie



"Most of you (and your families) will have met me in the office here at GPS where I have been working for 38 years. I enjoy being part of our school community and following the lives of the children as they move on in their journey through life." Pam

"Hi I'm Tayla. I'm in my first year of university studying to be a teacher. I am working at Goolwa Primary School as an SSO to get some experience in the field before becoming a classroom teacher myself." Tayla



"My name is Lisa and I am new to the school as of this year. When I'm not working I love to go for beach walks with my family and our dog. I also enjoy camping and fishing." Lisa

"Hi my name's Shawny and I have been an SSO at Goolwa Primary for 4 years. I enjoy working one on one with students and finding strategies to better support their learning needs, self-regulation, and social connection. I have a son who is in year 6 and a 5 year old that can't wait to start at Goolwa next year. As a family we love camping, snorkelling, and hanging out at the beach. Our whole family are a part of the Goolwa surf lifesaving club and love spending our summers on the beach and being a part of our great community." Shawny



"Hello, my name is Katina I am a proud Narungga woman. I live in Goolwa (Kutangk), I have three wonderful boys 18, 12 and 7, and I am currently working over 3 sites as ACEO (Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer) at Goolwa Primary and as ASTEO (Aboriginal Secondary Transition Officer) Goolwa Secondary College and Victor Harbor High School. I am so happy to have this opportunity and be a part of these wonderful schools with our First Nation's Children. Our next generation is growing and I look forward to meeting many families and working alongside your wonderful children. Please come and say hi, I would love to meet you all." Katina

"Hi my name is Kayla and I work across most year levels here at Goolwa Primary School. I support students with their learning in class and also spend a few lessons a week doing individual speech programs. Away from school you can find me enjoying time outdoors with my family either camping, bike riding or gardening." Kayla



"I have been an SSO at our school for a few years now and it is fantastic to see our students grow and learn. I feel I learn each and everyday too! Outside school I enjoy cooking, eating, reading and spending time with my son, family and friends." Olivia

"Hello families, I'm Andy. I'm a specialised student support officer who is fortunate enough to work with some of our greatest learners. My personal motivation is to ensure calm and sanctuary for students and families with complex needs and those who find the classroom challenging. A great emphasis on relationship building, rapport setting and to be a trusted figure who'll always try his best. I value my role and engagement with the seedlings of our community. Peer relationships and coping with change are some of the areas I focus on." Andy



SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Sports Day **t-shirt orders** are now open. Orders must be received by Thursday 19 October. If you are not sure which house your child is in, please contact their class teacher.

The Parent Network Group will be cooking a **sausage sizzle** for lunch. If you would like to help, please contact Student Services to add your name to the list of wonderful volunteers. The more volunteers we get, the less time you have to spend cooking and serving!!

We are looking for **donations of baked goods** on the day. Please let us know if you can help and please ensure you provide a list of ingredients used in your baked delights! These can be left at Student Services in the morning of Sports Day.

House coloured donuts can be ordered via QKR and supplied by Goods to Go.

YEAR 3 & 4 EXCURSION

The Twits

On Friday 15 September, Rooms 1, 2, and 4 left school early at 10:30am to see The Twits performance at the Festival Theatre.

"The best part of the day was watching the performance, eating pizza and playing on the playground at night. These were my favourite things because the performance was super entertaining and funny. The pizza was delicious! The playground was soooooo fun at night. It was the best excursion ever!"

Zoe

"The best part of the day was the performance because it was funny because they kept on playing pranks on each other. Also, Mr Twit made Mrs Twit think she was shrinking and then he had to stretch her so he tied her to some weights and some balloons but then he cut the line that was tying her so she floated up and up. That is why it was my favourite part of the performance."

Bek

"The best part of the day was watching the performance and eating the pizza because the pizza was sooooo good and the performers were sooooo funny. Mr Twit kept farting and when the birds put hold tight glue on their heads they thought it was bird poo and Mr Twit said he wanted to poo on them. At the end when they put everything upside down on the roof, I was like "how did they get up there?" They had such good acting they made it look like Mrs Twit was really flying up."

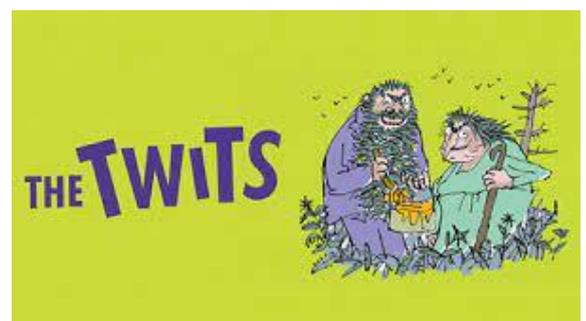
Kai

"The best part of the day was the performance because it was funny and it was exciting and I loved the bus ride home because it was fun. The Ham and Pineapple pizza was yummy."

Olivia W

"The best part of the day was driving on North Terrace because we saw Flinders' Uni new City Campus, Adelaide Uni and Uni of S.A. You could also see Adelaide Oval. There were planes taking off and landing. You could see the Festival Theatre. We saw the Train Station and lots of people walking. In Adelaide there were lots of big buildings. Everyone was so happy."

Lucy



SCIENCE WEEK

During Science week, classes partook in a variety of excursions and incursions. Students visited the Goolwa library, participated in science experiments, were visited by Uni SA, the RSPCA, Qwestacon and Bunnings. They also made a bush tucker garden.

Qwestacon Incursion



“Qwestacon was a fun event for all the year 5/6’s. The task was to make a solution to a farming problem. We were tasked with building machines out of Lego in groups to solve the various problems like pests getting into crops and juicing and bottling fruits. We discussed the importance of technology in farming and learnt about some cool ear tags for cattle to track them in case of an escape.”

Ethan and Riley

Bunnings Incursion

Bunnings visited the Year 2 students in Room 16. Students used a special soil pH test kit to check different types of soil. After checking our garden beds were suitable, students planted some Australian plants. A big thank you to Bunnings for donating the plants and teaching the students about different soil types.



Science experiments at Goolwa Secondary College



“On Monday the Year 5 and 6 students went to Goolwa Secondary College to look at their science lab and learn about electricity. We were in groups of eight and had 3 Year 9 students to help us with the experiments. We used copper to connect the batteries to a light bulb on a plastic platform. I think everyone was excited to see the Van de Graaff generator and get zapped by it.”

Nate

RSPCA Incursion

The quad block classes visited the library. Vicki from the RSPCA presented the AWARE = Animal Welfare: Awareness, Responsibilities and Education program. She spoke about looking after, caring for animals and feeding them the correct food.



BOOK WEEK COMPETITION WINNERS

Colouring Competition!!



Ella, Bek, Billie, Tyler, Flynn, James and Emilee.

Get Snapped Competition!!



Best dressed!!



Thank you to
Variety SA for
donating the
prizes.



SPORT

"On Monday 18 September, Ruby and I (Molly) went to the SA Athletics Stadium for the SAPSASA State Athletics carnival. We both had a blast even though it was only us from our school. I came 6th out of 24 in shotput with 7.53 meters. Ruby came 8th out of 20 in the long jump with 3.72 meters. Ruby also competed in the 4 x 100 meter relay and her team came 3rd in their heat and 5th overall. It was an awesome day! Lots of Southern Fleurieu competitors won events and came home with lots of medals."
Molly and Ruby B



"Playing in the SAPSASA golf championships was hard but I did the best I could on the day. I met lots of people and made some new friends. My score of the first day was 89 in extremely harsh weather conditions. My score on the second day was 81. I am happy with how I went and I hope more people will start to play golf. If you do, I wish you the best of luck."

Tristan

FUNDRAISING FOR GOOLWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FAMILY PHOTO MINI SESSIONS

SAT
23RD SEPT
SUN
24TH SEPT



HELD AT
STUDIO IN
GOOLWA
EVERY 15
MINUTES

1 x Edited Digital Family Photo - \$25
3 x Edited Digital Family Photos - \$50
6 x Edited Digital Family Photos - \$80
10 x Edited Digital Family Photos - \$120

VISIT - www.ehphotography.com.au to book

COMMUNITY NEWS

Footy Skills Clinic

\$8 per session Wednesday night.

In partnership with the Goolwa Gym the Goolwa / Port Elliot Footy club are running sessions on Wednesday nights from 4pm to 5pm at the Goolwa oval.

Ages 8-10 years Starting term 4 2023.

Please register your interest to Jodie Allsop on 0408824205 or email

justin.jodie@bigpond.com.au



SIGN UP NOW




Cricket Blast is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

Goolwa Cricket Club
Starting- 26 October
 4:45pm-6:00pm
 Goolwa Oval
VISIT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU



If any students would like to come and play Junior cricket in Under 12s or Woolworths Blasters for 6 -10 year olds at Goolwa this year we have brand new nets and there are no junior fees. Under 12s practices start 4.30 Wednesday from 27th Sept and through the school holidays at Goolwa Oval. Woolworths Blasters will start Thursday October the 26th at 4.30. More information at www.play.cricket.com.au

Official opening of new nets is this Thursday 21 Sept 4.00 – 8.00pm free sausage sizzle and special guest Strikers cricketer Megan Schutte.




Tuning in to Teens

A 6 week workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers

Parenting often feels like an emotional roller coaster that we are ill equipped to ride - particularly in the Teen years! But don't worry, you're not alone, and we're here to help ☺

The 'emotion coaching' tools from this Tuning into Teens program might just make the ride a little smoother, and ultimately support your relationship with your teen.

Facilitators:

Bec Seal – Clinical Team Leader
 David Hains – Mental Health Nurse

When:

Starts Wednesday 25 October 2023
 There will be 6 sessions X 2 hours from 5-7pm on consecutive Wednesdays
 Dinner provided

Where:

10 Crozier Rd, Victor Harbor

Contact for more info or to register interest:

Bec or David at headspace 8391 0123



headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

Dads Tuning in to Kids Group program

Are you a dad with a child between 3 and 12 years old?

We are running a free parenting group for men!

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- help your child manage when things get tough
- connect with your child
- support your child to learn social and emotional skills.



Program Details:

Dates: Starting Tuesday 24th October – 5th December

Times: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Creche available, food provided.

For further information or booking's contact:

David at Goolwa Childrens Centre
 Phone 8555 2509



BUILD IT! SOLVE IT! PLAY IT!

Fun with lego, meccano, puzzles and games



3.30-5.00pm
Thursdays
Cost \$2 each
(parents, caregivers and support workers free)



Bookings Essential

admin@goolwacommunitycentre.org.au

8555 3941 or FACEBOOK

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Free Basketball Event

Saturday Mornings
10:30am - 11:30am



STREET BASKETBALL COMPETITION



BEGINNERS WELCOME

LEARN WITH NBL1 PLAYER ORLANDO ZOHAR FROM THE SOUTHERN TIGERS

City of Victor Harbor



Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



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