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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10
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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

T1 Week 10: EXCELLENCE

Share and Wait Your Turn

T2 Week 1: COOPERATION

Kind Words, Kind Voice, Kind Actions

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 77% attending % or greater**

OVERALL ATTENDANCE YTD: 92%

T1Boys: 92.1 % T1 Girls: 92 % (Boys winning)

CLASS	T1 Week 8	T1 Week 9
Year P/1	90 %	91 %
Year 1/2/3	91 %	95 %
Year 3/4	94 %	97 %
Year 5/6	91 %	88 %

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
(See page 3 for the P&C
Executive for 2024)**

Principal's Messages

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 1 for 2024. It has been a busy term and I know that staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming holidays.

Last Tuesday was our P&C AGM and there were at least 18 parents/carers and staff present. What a fantastic turnout for the AGM and then the general meeting that followed! There was further discussion around the updates to the Student Code of Conduct and our revised version of this document will be effective from the start of Term 2. Thank you to those parents who took time to provide feedback on the Student Code of Conduct. This reflects **our motto of Working Together**.

This week we are having Parent-Teacher Interviews across Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 2:50pm-5:00pm. If you have not yet made a booking, there are slots still available on Tuesday afternoon. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Dojo and Facebook, we have set up an online booking system – School Online Booking System (SOBS). While parent bookings are now closed, if you phone the office, we can make a booking for you on Tuesday. Thanks to those parents who have made bookings for interviews – education is a partnership between family and school. I strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with teachers, to discuss progress across Term 1 and the next steps moving into Term 2.

Tomorrow (Tuesday 26th), we are having our school Cross Country (weather permitting). There will be no swimming lessons due to the Cross Country. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on their students – and we begin with the first event shortly after 8:45am. Unfortunately, we cannot give a starting time for each of the subsequent events.

This Thursday at our final parade for the term, we will acknowledge students who attained 95% or greater attendance for Term 1 (from 22nd January through to 27th March). This means only one or two days absent this term. It is important to acknowledge those students who have achieved this. I also acknowledge that while attendance is important, when students are sick, they stay home to get better. **Students can only learn at school when they are at school** – but they can't learn if they are unwell. I thank those families who keep their children home when they are sick – minimising the spread of sicknesses to other students and staff. Our Attendance Parade will be held in the afternoon at 1:30pm – underneath A Block. Following this parade, we will present Age Champion medallions from Cross Country and then have an Easter Bonnet Parade. We encourage you to make and decorate a bonnet with your child at home and bring it to school to wear for the parade. I look forward to seeing creative hats at this parade.

Thanks to all those parents who have assisted with swimming this term. Your support of our students is really appreciated and has allowed swimming lessons to take place for all students. We know that swimming is such an important skill – particularly with dams and waterholes on many properties in country areas. Our school has a Water Safety and Swimming Education Policy aligned to the Department's Sequence of Swimming Competency and these skills are taught during swimming lessons. We look forward to swimming lessons restarting in Term 4.

Into next term, we have a whole school excursion to the Toowoomba Show on Thursday 18th April. Permission forms were sent home last week and need to be returned by the first Tuesday back. With the holidays in between, it could be good idea to get the permission form back before this Thursday! The school has subsidised the cost of the bus to keep the excursion at \$5 per student. A reminder that Friday 19th April is the Toowoomba Show Holiday and the school will be closed. I am also taking our two school captains to the Mayoral Morning Tea on the 18th April – so it will be a very busy, short first week back.

Have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to Term 2. Please keep an eye on our school over the break – contact **SCHOOLWATCH on 13 17 88** if you see anything suspicious. I look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday 15th April.

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.

Library Book Returns

	Day	Week 8	Week 9
Year P/1	Wednesday	86 %	91 %
YR 1/2/3	Tuesday	100 %	94 %
Year 3/4	Thursday	95 %	91 %
Year 5/6	Thursday	95 %	91 %

Congratulations to Year 1/2/3 for winning the Library book returns in Term 1.

Calendar

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25 & 26	2:50pm – Parent/Teacher Interviews
26	Cross Country
28	1:30pm - Attendance Parade, Presentation of Medallions to Age Champs & Easter Hat Parade
28	Last Day Term 1
29	GOOD FRIDAY
29 Mar - 14 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
APR	
15	Term 2 Begins
18	Whole School Excursion to Toowoomba Show
18	Mayoral Morning Tea – School Captains and Mr Thompson attending
19	TOOWOOMBA SHOW HOLIDAY
24	8:40am – School ANZAC Ceremony
25	ANZAC DAY – School March and Captains Speaking
26	8:40am - Parade
26	Tuckshop
26	I.M Workshop at Highfields SSC
29	Year 5&6 Excursion to Oakey SHS

Parent Teacher Interviews – Week 10

Parent access via SOBS is now closed. There may be some time slots on Tuesday afternoon. Please phone the school on Monday 25th for availability.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss your child(ren)'s progress.

Student of the Week Winners - Week 9



There was no Parade in Week 8 due to NAPLAN testing. Well done to all our Year 3 and 5 students for their efforts when completing NAPLAN.

Student Sporting Success

On Monday 11th March Rosie participated in the Inner Downs Basketball trials at Highfields State Secondary College.

Rosie has been chosen for the Darling Downs Trials that were held today - 25th March. Well done Rosie!!

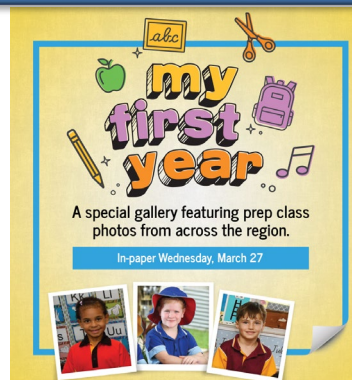


Hugh participated in the Inner Downs Rugby League trials held at Bunker's Hill State School on Tuesday 19th March.



On Wednesday 20th March, Lincoln and Chloe participated in the Inner Downs Trials for Hockey held at the Highfields State Secondary College. Both Lincoln and Chloe have been chosen for the Darling Downs trials to be held on Tuesday 23rd April.

Prep – My First Year



Celebrate your child's first year of school with My First Year 2024. A special liftout featuring prep class photos from across the region including Goombungee SS. Available in The Chronicle on Wednesday, March 27. or view the gallery online now.

<https://www.thechronicle.com.au/education/my-first-year/my-first-year-every-toowoomba-school-participating-for-2024/news-story/ac6b3dfd091c5552e3a55633d6faa176>

Congratulations - Jenny P – 25 yrs.



On Friday 22nd March, Jennifer Parsons was acknowledged on our school parade for **25 years** of service as our School Crossing Supervisor. A special presentation from the Queensland Department of Main Roads as well as a card, flowers and chocolate from the school. Thank you Jenny for helping students from Goombungee SS get to and from school safely when crossing the road.

Great news: Goombungee State School is now using QParents.



The QParents web and mobile application provides parents with secure, online access to their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of a future absence
- Digital consent forms and managing permissions
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Downloading exam timetables and assessment planners
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details
- Upcoming events list showing school events, exam and assessment dates, and excursions.
- Engaging in their child's learning journey.



Thank you Grant Gossow for positioning the sandstone blocks for our outdoor Learning Circle last Friday. We look forward to using this space as an area for learning and yarning.

QParents also provides an efficient and effective way for parents to communicate with the school.

Registering for QParents

Creating a QParents account involves a 4-step registration process. You will need to have your child's EQ ID (their Education Queensland identification number) in order to complete your QParents registration (the school office can help with this!)

Step 1 - receive an email from no.reply@qparents.qld.edu.au with a unique invitation code and select the link to register

Step 2 - verify your identity with 100 points of ID (this must be done on a computer or laptop)

Step 3 - create a QParents account using an email address

Step 4 - add your child to the account using their student EQ ID

Once your child has been added, a request will be sent to us for final review and approval. This process protects the security of your child's student information.

<p>Learn more about QParents</p>	<p>Register or login at QParents</p>	<p>Download the free app</p> <p> Android Apple</p>
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On Thursday 21st March, Goombungee SS celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a uniquely Australian celebration that recognises the enormous social and economic benefits of multiculturalism and the valuable contribution of those who have chosen to call Australia home. Harmony Day is about respect, inclusiveness and creating a sense of belonging for everyone. The day helps build understanding and acceptance. Our kindy friends came over for a visit as well. \$86 was raised to help purchase new sand for the sandpit at school.



Upcoming Date Claimers:

- 25 & 26 March – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 March – Cross Country
- 28 March
 - 1:30pm Attendance Parade
 - Presentation of Age Champion Medallions from Cross Country
 - Easter Bonnet Parade (are your bonnets ready??)
- 28 March Last Day Term 1
- 29 March – 14 April Easter Holidays
- 15 April – Term 2 starts
- 18 April – Whole School Excursion to Toowoomba Show
- 19 April – Toowoomba Show Holiday – school closed

P&C – Your 2024 Executive Members

<u>President:</u> Melinda Gossow	<u>Vice President:</u> Vicki Schmalung
<u>Treasurer:</u> Svata Bell	<u>Secretary:</u> Katie Close
<u>Tuckshop:</u> Melinda Gossow	<u>Uniform Shop:</u> Vicki Schmalung
<u>Swimming Pool Coordinator:</u> Melinda Gossow	

Thanks to Allisha Pukallus for her years of service to the P&C as President/Vice President. We'd also like to thank all returning members and welcome new members. Thanks for your ongoing support of the P&C.