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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents/carers,

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Happy World Teachers' Day to all the teaching staff at Goulburn West Public School (last Friday)! Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured that quality education has continued across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers' play in the lives of our children and students, their families and communities. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and resilience of our teachers who have continued to provide enjoyable learning experiences that challenge and support all learners. Every student is known, valued and cared for. Well done to the awesome teaching team at GWPS!

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY CHANGES 2021

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SUPERVISION BEFORE 8.50am

Our school staff are only on duty from 8:50am and therefore students are not to come to school before then. Recently we have found students coming to school and waiting in the playgrounds by themselves in the morning. **Please ensure you drop your child off to school between 8:50am and 9:20am.** The school is monitoring and reviewing considerations for children who catch buses to school.

NSW SCHOOL UPDATES APP

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The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users.

[Download for iOS - App Store](#) External link.

[Download for Android - Google Play](#) External link

You can opt in for notifications about the operational status of as many NSW public schools as you choose.

KINDY ORIENTATION – SAVE THE DATE

We are very pleased to announce that Kindergarten Orientation and Transition to school can now resume for students. Our Kindergarten 2021 students will attend two Orientation Sessions on Thursday 12 November and Thursday 19 November from 10.00 to 12.30pm. Unfortunately the strict COVID-safe guidelines state that parents are unable to stay on school grounds during this time. Please note that only students with a completed enrolment form, which has been reviewed by the school, will be able to attend. All attendees including students and parents need to be well and free of any flu-like symptoms. We look forward to welcoming our new students in a few weeks time! Mrs Kehlet has contacted families and has set a 2021 Kindergarten Facebook page. More information will be coming out – check your inbox regularly.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS

In order to comply with the latest advice from NSW Health to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmissions, the annual Opportunity Class Placement Test will now take place at school, rather than in examination centres. To allow this change to be made the new test date will be Wednesday 18 November.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications. Further details on how this process will be managed will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. We encourage you to continue to monitor the [department's website](#) for the latest information relating to high performing students.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Thinking of applying for a placement in selective high schools for Year 7 2022? Please read the following booklet <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020. Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

PLANNING FOR 2021

We are currently planning classes and staffing for 2021. In order to do this, we need to know who is not returning to our school next year. Can you please notify the school if your children will not be returning to Goulburn West in 2021.

SCHOOL SITE

Unfortunately this year in 2020 we have had an increase of people entering the school grounds after hours and during school holidays. This has seen a significant increase in damage to our school. I thank the community for assisting us with reporting such instances which has led to some of the incidents being resolved. If you happen to see a disturbance after hours on our school site, please contact the local police and report the incident.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROCESS – YEAR 6, 2021

Our process for selecting student leaders for 2021 will begin today Monday November 2. All interested students will get an opportunity to complete an expression of interest. If any student is away today, they will have an opportunity to complete and EOI once they return to school this week.

S Osborne

Principal

ASSEMBLY Monday 2 November 2020



Principals Award Winners



PDHPE Subject Award Winners

Westie Winners

Congratulations everyone!



Day For Daniel



On Friday the 30th of October we had a fundraiser for the Daniel Morcombe foundation. We raised \$430.80. Day for Daniel is a day we dress in red to raise awareness for Daniel Morcombe. Daniel Morcombe was a teenage school boy taken from a bus stop 17 years ago. His parents have created the fund to help others struggling just like they did.



K- 2 Gymnastics

This term, Goulburn West K-2 have successfully gained a Sporting School's grant. This means we are able to run a 5 week gymnastic program with no cost to you as part of our fitness program. Each class will participate in half an hour of gymnastics with an accredited gymnastics teacher each week starting Thursday, 22nd October and will conclude Thursday, 19th November.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children are permitted to wear sports uniform on both Thursday and Friday for the next 5 weeks.



PRIMARY ETHICS

Dear Parents and Carers (including Grandparents)

The Primary Ethics program at our school program depends on volunteers, and currently we have just two – Dimity Taylor (mother of Ebony, Sinclair and Ralph) and Trish Rodriguez (mother of Ally and Ruby).

Could you be an ethics teacher at Goulburn West Public School? You would be making a valuable, and rewarding, contribution.

Volunteer ethics teachers provide one or two half hour lesson/s per week, on Wednesdays at 12:15pm and/or 12:45pm during most weeks of the school term, and little preparation time is required because all the lesson materials are provided by Primary Ethics according to the approved curriculum.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics which consists of short online modules, and an online workshop with other volunteers.

So, please consider whether this is a contribution you could make to your school.

Please see these short videos:

[Why be part of an ethics class?](#)

[Why do you do ethics? Interviews with stage 3 students](#)

If you'd like to find out more please visit www.primaryethics.com.au and/or contact Jim Neely, Ethics Coordinator (0451 517 815), or Dimity (0405 343 229) or Trish (0403 945 309). We would be pleased to provide you with further information or to answer any questions you may have.



CALENDAR

Term 4

Week 5	12.11.20	Kindy Orientation
	13.11.20	Mulwaree High School Orientation Day
Week 6	18.11.20	Year 6 Camp to Wombaroo
	19.11.20	Kindy Orientation
		Year 5 Camp to Wombaroo
Week 7	26.11.20	K-6 Fun Day
Week 8	1.12.20	Mulwaree High School Orientation Day
	4.12.20	Early Stage One Taralga Wildlife Park
		Stage 1 Excursion
Week 10	8.12.20	Stage 2 Excursion
	11.12.20	Year 6 Mini Fete
	15.12.20	Year 6 Dinner (tentative booking at this stage students only)

MULWAREE HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS



Due to changes in restrictions around COVID, there are now two orientation days coming up at Mulwaree High School. These dates are Friday, 13th of November and Tuesday, 1st of December.

Further details are still to come and will be sent out on Operoo with the finer details of the days.

LOST PROPERTY



The lost property box is overflowing once again! If your child is missing an item of clothing please come and check. The box is located at the top of the stairs just outside the office.

Year 5 and 6 Camp

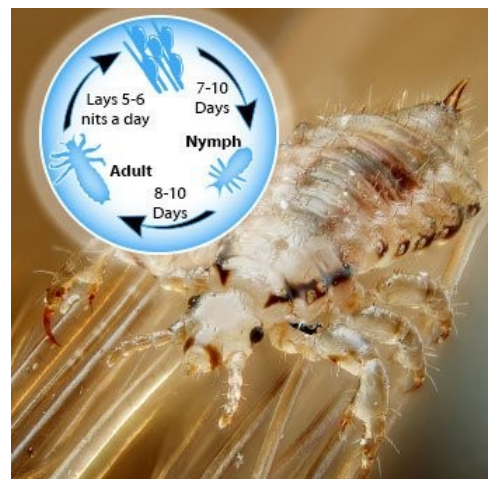
Years 5 and 6 camp fees are now due. Please pay online or send money into the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name and year.



Thank you

HEAD LICE

We have had reported incidences of head lice. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat if necessary.



Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2022:
Opened 13th October 2020
Close 16th November 2020

Visit Selective High Schools website
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit the our website
www.aurora.nsw.edu.au | or phone 1300 287 629

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For Goulburn West Public School the first term will be:

Term 1 2021

Wednesday 27th January – Staff Development Day

Thursday 28th January – Staff Development Day

Friday 29th January – Students in Year 1-6 return

Friday 29th January – Tuesday 2nd February – Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Wednesday 3rd February – Kindergarten begin

What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**

It's simple!

Crunch&Sip means vegetables, fruit and water only.



Sometimes



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx



Pokemon Club

Pokemon Club is back on in the library on Wednesday lunch time for Stage 3 (years 5 and 6) and Friday lunch time for Stage 2 (years 3 and 4).

Children are asked to wash hands before and after Pokemon Club due to COVID guidelines.




Lego/Duplo Club

Coming back soon, watch this space for details as to when Lego Club will start back up.

Student Banking


Don't forget to send in bank books every Wednesday.



Mobile Phones at School

All children who bring their mobile phone to school must sign it in at the office in the morning for safe keeping during the day and sign it out at the end of the day.

Thank you



Parent Restrictions

Just a friendly reminder for your continued support for staying off the school grounds, e.g our current pick up and drop off arrangements and social distancing

Thank you



How to get started in Little Athletics

Who can do Little Athletics?

Little Athletics ACT venues are able to cater for children from 6 to 17 years of age, with many Centres able to cater for athletes with a disability. No matter what your skills or ability Little Athletics is all about family, fun & fitness[®] and making sure you can be your best[®].

How will I learn?

Many Centres have coaches to help you improve and learn about athletics so you can get the most out of your involvement with Little Athletics. Learning is fun and in no time you will see your personal best (PB's) performances improve.

What are the benefits?

If you are fit it makes you feel good about yourself and you have the energy to do anything. Young people who take an interest in sport are more likely to stay fit for life.

What does my mum, dad or family have to do?

Apart from making sure you get safely to and from Little Athletics, your mum and/or dad or your family make great helpers and officials and coaches of the future. Organising, raking, recording, directing and measuring are all jobs families and helpers are asked to do.

What events can I do?

Depending on your age group Little Athletics offers: Sprints, Middle and Long Distances, Hurdles, Relays, Walks, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump.

How friendly is it?

You will find no shortage of friends or friendships at Little Athletics! Little Athletics has provided a friendly environment for over 50 years with millions of Aussies enjoying their experience. If you are uncertain or a little shy, bring your best friend and do Little Athletics together.

How do I join?

Simply visit our website to register online or contact your nearest Centre for details. You can join at any time! Run, jump, throw, have fun and be healthy.



www.actlaa.org.au
or email
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State Association:

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TUESDAY 20TH
OCTOBER

Tuesday afternoons in the Children's Room.
Session 1 - 3.45 p.m
Session 2 - 4.15 p.m

For more information visit www.gmlibrary.com.au
Bookings can be made in person or by phone.



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MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Take a moment for you!
Take a photo that represents your
strength, resilience or happy place!



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Take, tag and post your photo on Instagram!
Spread the word!



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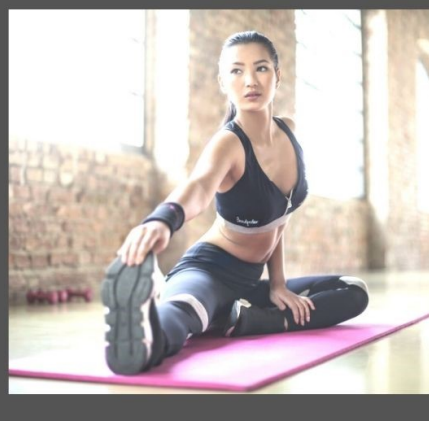


Check out Timetable on
www.samantha-ahearn.com



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AEROBIC, DANCE &
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FITNESS SESSIONS.



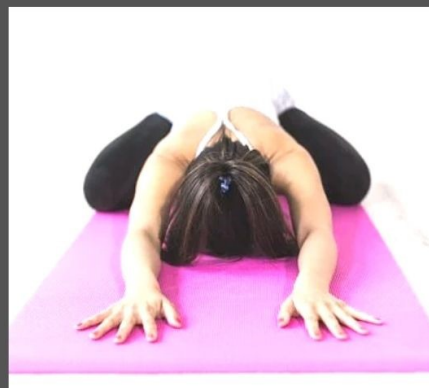
02

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03

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Discover your love for dance...

Violin lessons at Goulburn West Public School

In 2020, Geoff Stewart-Richardson will be continuing the strings programme at Goulburn West Public School. Geoff is an experienced string teacher.

Lessons can be provided in violin, viola or cello.

Not only will students be able to learn the violin or cello (or viola), they will be able to learn music in a wide variety of styles - including contemporary music, classical, folk jazz and even rock!

If you are interested in starting one of these instruments or would like more information, please get in touch with Geoff on 0432 314 376.



Piano Lesson

at Goulburn West Public School

\$22 / 30min , \$17 / 20 min

★ Contact Ayaka Suzuki
0410 837 542

