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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents/carers,

What a year 2020 has been for all of us. It has been a year of change and adaptation. It seems like the end of the year has come upon us very quickly! A reminder that the last day of school for students is **Wednesday 16 December**. Staff will be at school for a professional development day on Thursday 17 December.

This will be the last year with this format of staff development days. In 2021 the school year will begin with two staff development days on Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January. Students in **Years 1-6** will begin school on **Friday 29 January**.

As you are aware COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to ease. I will notify the community next year with the DoE guidelines. Any changes that occur over the school holidays will be confirmed through our newsletter and Operoo.

We have 2 days left for our students to attend school, today we have our school Christmas celebration and on Wednesday we have our talent show and Year 6 walkout.

YEAR 6 MINI FETE

Thank you to Mrs McKillop and all the Year 6 students to the effort they have gone to for this year's mini fete. As I walked around on Friday, I could see the fun students were having participating in the organised games and the leadership skills from our outgoing Year 6 cohort. I am so pleased with all the fun events that GWPS has been able to do in Term 4.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2021.

Ms Hogan

Ms Hogan is a temporary teacher who has worked with us at Goulburn West for many years. She has been a valued member of staff. Ms Hogan will take up a new role at The Crescent School in 2021. We wish her all the best.

New Staff

We have a couple of new staff joining us for next year. Miss Nye is joining us from Tallong Public school and we are looking forward to her bringing her knowledge to GWPS. Mr McKinley will join us in a SLSO role and he will bring technology expertise with him from his previous roles at various schools. We also have Miss Nye who has recently completed her teaching degree and we are looking forward to her coming with up to date knowledge of literature from University.

TEACHER GIFTS

At this time of year many parents like to give their child's teacher a Christmas or thank you gift. Please be aware that teachers must abide by the NSW DoE Code of Conduct which states that they must declare any gift above the amount of \$50.

PBL – PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

For our last Principal's Morning Tea of 2020, we had a large contingent of students from K-6.

Congratulations to

Kurt C	Charlie L	Archie H	Theo S	Indi M	Bonnie N	Ally BH
Jordan T	Holly S	Nathan P	Bryson M	Cameron M	Cooper-James NG	William Z
Evie O	Justin W	Ollie W	Corey F	Tyson L	Kharn E	Caleb T

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

This year our Year 6 Farewell will be different to previous years. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions the night will only involve the Year 6 students and staff from Goulburn West Public School.

Mr Paranthoene will keep families up to date with further information.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION

Presentation Day was held on Monday. It was split up into 3 components. A K-2, 3-6 and a perpetual awards presentation. I appreciate the response from the community in regards to the guidelines we have adhered to, due to the size of our school hall.

I would like to acknowledge Miss Livesey who led the team in preparing for this year's ceremonies, along with Mrs McAlister, Mrs Hockey, Mrs Alessi, Mrs Collins, Mr Hazelgrove, Mrs Nye and Mrs Kehlet.

Also, I was impressed with our students who worked with Mr Stewart-Richardson and played the guitar and sang at the 3 presentation day ceremonies, thank you.

I would also like to make special mention of our community members who sponsor awards. They are:

Pearson's Engineering

Greengrocer Café

Goulburn West Public School P & C

The Country women's Association, Goulburn

The Teapot Club, Goulburn

The Toparis Family

The Taylor Family

The Nye Family

Geoff Stewart-Richardson

Congratulations to our award winners

Perpetual Awards Winners

Makaela, Keely, Ty, Corene, Chelsea, Cara, Natalie, Alec, Lincoln, Ryleigh, Oskar, Jayden, Mia K, Taylor, Joel, Ayda, Nethal, Jayden,

2021 Captains

Brady, Molly, Clem, Chloe

Sports Award Winners

Paige, Caleb, Violet, James, Sienna, Josh

We will shortly upload our K-2 and 3-6 class award presentations to your class Seesaw page.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ryleigh McKellar, one of our school leaders has been recognised in collaboration with the the Goulburn Mulwaree Library and the Lieder Theatre Company for her participation in the Mighty Playwrights program. She was mentored by Jacqueline de Rose-Ahern in her production of 'Tales of an Unpredictable Nanny'. Her script was then used by the Lieder Theatre Company. This is a wonderful achievement for Ryleigh and I encourage you all to watch the below clip. Well done Ryleigh!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xXILQQZpfKs&list=PLpZNWsLfQsBRI3WAZOZ3MqooVk7wsrknI&index=2>

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.** In 2021, GWPS will be looking at introducing a new way to ensure safety for students who arrive before 8.50am in partnership with our OOSH provider. We are considering, if students arrive before 8.50am who do not catch a bus, they will be sent to OOSH for a casual day which would include a fee for their service.

The school is monitoring and reviewing considerations for children who catch buses to school.

WHAT WORKS BEST

Our school is committed to ensuring that *how* we teach your child is based on what we *know* makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight practices for effective teaching.

These practices include:

- ◆ Having high expectations of your child.
- ◆ Using explicit teaching in the classroom.
- ◆ Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning.
- ◆ Using data to inform how we teach your child.
- ◆ Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child's learning is going.
- ◆ Supporting the wellbeing of your child by looking out for their mental, physical and emotional health.
- ◆ Managing the classrooms well so they are safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning.
- ◆ Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves.

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents.

The Department of Education has now released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

In line with the above information, Goulburn West will communicate areas of focus for each stage for every term. This will allow parents to have an idea of what students are learning each term.

Thank you to all of the students, who have given me a Christmas card. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday period and I look forward to seeing all the children back at Goulburn West in 2021.

S Osborne

Principal



Kindergarten



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2020 Year Book is Here

Our year book has arrived, it is now available from the school office. The cost of each book is \$15.00

**Goulburn West
Public School
Year Book
2020**



Assembly

Monday 7 December 2020



Maths Award Winners, Stage 1



Principal Award Winners, Stage 1



Westie Winners, Stage 1

*Congratulations
everyone,
well done*



STAGE 1



**the
Adventure Park!**



CALENDAR

Term 4

Week 10 15.12.20 Year 6 Dinner (students only)

2021

Week 1 27.1..21 Staff return

29.1.21 **Students return**

Week 2 3.2.21 **Kindergarten start**

2021 School Dates

The Department of Education announced a change to Staff Development Days for 2021 and beyond. Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include:

- an increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1
- a decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.

The School Development Days are scheduled for the following dates:

- 27 and 28 January, students return 29 January 2021.

The two SDDs at the start of Term 1 are mandated and cannot be rescheduled. Principals may continue to vary SDDs that fall at the beginning of Terms 2 and 3, and at the end of Term 4.

There will be no changes to:

- the total number of SDDs – remaining at five days
- the length of the school year for staff or students (students will start and finish the school year one day later)
- SDDs occurring at the commencement of Terms 2 and 3.

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

Stationery Requirements - 2021

EARLY STAGE 1 - Kindergarten

Art Shirt – bought or an old large t-shirt
12 x Coloured Pencils
12 x Textas
Small Pencil Case
Kinder Pack - \$8.00 (available from the office)
~ pack includes home reader folder/case, 2 good quality whiteboard markers, large glue stick and A4 scrapbook for homework.

STAGE 3 - Years 5 and 6

6 x Lead Pencil
2 glue sticks per term
Sharpener
Eraser
Scissors
30cm/300mm ruler (non-metal & non-flexible)
2 x Blue, Black and Red Pens
Colouring Pencils
Textas
Black Felt Tip Pen
2 x Sharpies
2 x Black Whiteboard Markers
Red Whiteboard Markers
Good Quality Calculator
A Protractor
2 x 8GB Thumb Drive (To be clearly labelled with your child's name. One will remain in the Library and one in the classroom.)

STAGE 1 - Years 1 and 2

Scissors, Coloured Pencils
Textas, 2 x Highlighters
2 x Eraser, Pencil case
3 x Lead Pencils per term (good quality)
2 x Good Quality Sharpeners
2 x Large Glue Sticks
2 x Whiteboard markers (per term)
Year 2 – Clear plastic ruler
Pack - \$8.00 (available from the office)
~ Pack includes home reader folder/case, 2 good quality whiteboard markers, large glue stick and scrapbook for homework.

STAGE 2 - Years 3 and 4

4 x HB Lead Pencils
White Eraser
Scissors (suitable for children)
2 Glue Sticks
12 x Coloured Pencils
30cm Ruler
2 x Highlighters
Textas
2 x Whiteboard Markers
Whiteboard eraser
Blue pen and Red pen
Medium-sized Pencil Case
(Any extra resources are to be kept in a pencil case in the student's bag.)

ALL STAGES - Library Bag, available from the office or library for \$4.00



Learning Club 2021

Learning Clubs are safe, supportive out of school hours learning environments, where students have the opportunity to access resources and participate in activities that develop their academic skills, such as homework, literacy, STEM and numeracy.

Goulburn West Public School

LOCATION: 106 Combermere St, Goulburn, NSW 2580

DAYS: Tuesdays 3PM- 4PM (Times to be confirmed)

Commencing 9th February 2021

To register your child/children please Contact Jena George at The Smith Family. (Details below).

Learning Club 2021 Registration and Consent Forms can be collected from the School office. Numbers are limited due to Covid-19 restrictions and children must be registered to attend.

For more information please contact:

Jena George

Programs Coordinator NSW | The Smith Family

56 Clinton Street

Mobile 0407 963 640

jena.george@thesmithfamily.com.au

The Smith Family is a national children's charity that helps disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school, so they can create better futures for themselves.

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



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



Learning Club Volunteers



Are you keen to make a contribution through a donation of time? Do you want to make a difference to young people in need, through education? Are you looking to meet new people and see the impact of your volunteering first-hand?

Becoming a volunteer tutor gives you the chance to support students in their educational and personal development.

The Smith Family is recruiting Learning Club volunteers for 2021

Can you help?

Goulburn West Public School

LOCATION: 106 Combermere St, Goulburn, NSW 2580

DAYS: Tuesdays 2.45PM- 4PM (Times to be confirmed)

Commencing 9th February 2021

For more information and to register please contact;

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Yoga Classes @ Goulburn West 2021.
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CREATIVE AND ACTIVE PROVIDER

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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



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