



GOULBURN EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4

3 December 2020

Week 8

Congratulations and thank you to our 2020 student leaders – Fletcher, Annie, Joe and Oscar. They have been exemplary leaders in a challenging year. The last official duty of these students will be to complete our Presentation Assemblies on Monday, 14 December. We have started the process of electing our school leaders for 2021. In advance, I would like to thank the Year 5 students who have nominated for these positions, knowing that each of them would be excellent leaders.

Mrs Sue Robens has been a casual teacher at our school over the last few years and she will be sadly retiring at the end of this year – sadly for us but happily for her! I would like to thank her on behalf of the staff and students for her wonderful dedication and commitment to our whole school. Her ability to make learning fun is something our students will always remember.

This will be the last newsletter for 2020 and I would like to wish our students and families a wonderful Christmas. I wish our Year 6 students - my first Kindergarten in 2014 - all the very best for their move to high school in 2021 and I look forward to getting to know our new Kindergarten students joining us next year. To the staff, I thank you for your support, professionalism, commitment and passion for the work you do every day. To our families, thank you for your partnership with us as we work towards providing your children with an enriching and supportive start to becoming lifelong learners.

Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2021 Charm Cribb

Staff Development Days and student start dates for 2021

**Wednesday 27 January &
Thursday 28 January 2021**

Staff Development Days

Friday 29 January 2021

Students in Year 1 to Year 6
return for Term 1

Monday 1 February 2021

2021 Kindergarten students
start school



A new electronic school sign will soon be installed to improve communications and promotions at Goulburn East Public School following a grant of \$12,000 provided by the Veolia Mulwaree Trust.

TERM 4 WEEK 7 ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

K/1J

Thomas Martin
Summa Fitzgibbon
Adelaide Sturgiss

1/2F

Jaxon Smith
Stuart Campbell
Clare Edwards
Flynn Wilson

1/2P

Cerise Gabelle
Reuben Hargood
Jacob Crawford
Sophie Sargent

3/4M

Riley Wilson
Max Mammone
Brenden Bourke
Archer Miller
Dugan Sperring
Ella Sharman

3/4S

Jack Clarke
Benji Harding
Venice Herridge
Lachlan Pearman
Maddison Woodberry
Rovic Vicente

5/6G

Isaac Browning
Darcy Croker
Jake Pride
Brodie Scholfield
Will Canty
Isabel Venables

5/6R

Ethan Hargood
Will Luck

Stella McIntyre
Bow Barton

Chelsea Rayner
Madison Smith



'Doin' it for Rural Aussie Kids



Christmas Casual Clothes Day - SRC –

The SRC ran a fantastic fundraiser to support Aussie kids doing it rough in rural Australia. Students had a fun, festive day and we raised a total of \$170.40. Thank you for your support! Students wrote beautiful letters to send a smile to a friend in need. Well done Goulburn East!



Year 6 Passports to High School

It is hard to believe that our sensational Year 6 students have only two weeks left of primary school. They will all be greatly missed! In addition to their various high school transition days this term, our Year 6 students had the wonderful opportunity to learn about all things high school through The Smith Family's Passports program throughout Weeks 1-6. Students learnt all about planning and time management, timetables, study skills, how to deal with issues or concerns that may arise and had a great time during their Myth busting session, where Year 7 students (including Goulburn East alumni Darcy Miller and Zara George), answered all of their questions and calmed their nerves about high school. We know you will all love your next adventure!



Stage 3 – Stop Motion Animations – The Eureka Stockade

Throughout Weeks 6 to 8, Stage 3 have been creating stop motion animations of The Eureka Stockade for History. After learning all about this event from Australia's colonial past, students worked in small groups to storyboard the key events. Next they worked together to create shoebox sets as backdrops for their animations, with many students adding green screened image to increase the detail in their animation. Students worked together over full days to bring their stories to life using Stop Motion Studio and the school iPads. Congratulations on your outstanding work Stage 3. Your animations are fantastic and very informative! Mrs Gliddon and Mrs Robinson



The Year That Was..

I have just read back through my diary and newsletters from the beginning of the year and it is glaringly obvious that I had no idea what was really ahead of us in 2020. I was running GCOPS choir practices, planning sporting carnivals, excursions, camps and performances for the year. I was also looking forward to going on holiday over Easter to London, where I used to teach, and to then travel though Italy with one of my daughters. The lesson in that is NOT to wait 20 years to go to Venice for the first time!

Then one March morning Ms Gladys Berejiklian made her request on TV for parents to keep their children at home if possible to learn rather than sending them to school.

- I will look back on some unusual moments with a smile;
- The Governor General of Australia socially distanced from Mayor Bob Kirk in our hall and no other guests, with our wonderful choir performing three days before they banned singing and chanting in schools
- Baxter Cribb (honorary dog mascot) coming to play with us at lunchtimes in April,
- The husband of the NSW Governor trying to shake hands and our gorgeous students knowing not to. They taught him to 'bump elbows' instead and
- Zoom, zoom and more zooming!!

Through this time, the staff has been amazing. They have supported each other with their expertise, friendship and humour whilst juggling their own extended families through this unusual time. Our parents have supported us with such understanding and a shared purpose in keeping our school community safe and our students have showed such resilience and adaptability.

Thank you to every member of our Goulburn East family. Your strength and unwavering support have been invaluable in seeing us safely through this year. I have been so proud and humbled to be part of the Goulburn East school community through this difficult time. It was certainly not the year we planned to have. Here's to adventures ahead of a different kind in 2021! **Mrs Cribb**



What an unbelievable year it has been. I've been very impressed by the resilience displayed by students and their adaptability to change throughout the year. 1/2F have been a joy to teach and I am very proud of how they approach school and learning. They have certainly become experts at handwashing and Seesaw this year! We have been extremely lucky in Goulburn to have avoided the extremes of bushfires and Covid-19 and my thoughts are with those families who have suffered as a result of the events of 2020. I wish everyone in our school community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year! **Mrs Frazer**



Wow, what a year it has been! I was so excited to move back up to Stage 3 this year and although it was definitely not the year I imagined, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to teach 5/6G this year! As I sit here reflecting on the year that was 2020, I wanted to start by saying how incredibly proud I am with how the amazing student leaders and Year 5 and 6 role models of our school have conducted themselves this year. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to have spent the year teaching such an amazing group of students. You have worked through every challenge and supported one another through the relentless disappointments of your final year at school. You have embraced every possible opportunity, had some very special moments and held onto the positives at every turn. You tried your hardest and worked as a team, even when stranded at home. I will never forget our first zoom session, seeing all of your smiles for the first time in weeks and realising that I too had a big grin on my face because I was missing you all so much too. I chose this group picture of our class because 'R U OK? Day' had a special meaning this year after the tough time we had all gone through during online learning and beyond. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories 5/6G! A year we will never forget! I hope you and your families have a safe and joyful holidays and for those moving on to Year 7, I hope high school is one of the best experiences of your life! **Mrs Gliddon**



Who would have thought last year that 2020 would become the year that turned our way of life upside down. As I reflect on the memories, I can't help but feel sorrow over our bushfires which were so devastating to families, communities and wildlife. That was quickly followed by the Covid 19 epidemic. It took most of us a while to realise the severity of the situation, then the lockdown. I was in the situation that I had to remain at home. This happened very suddenly and with little preparation. I found this time particularly hard without regular interaction with staff and students. I understand now why people want to get back to their offices and colleagues. The sharing of ideas, the professional support and the enjoyment in the classroom cannot be overvalued. I am in awe of my colleagues and the work they did on line to support the students in every way. I was coming behind playing catch up. I hope I don't have to be in that situation again. Finally, best wishes to our Year 6 heading on to high school. What tremendous leaders we have had this year. To all our school community, have a wonderful Christmas and holiday. Let's hope 2021 brings us all peace and contentment. **Mrs Anderson**



Xmas holidays a time to rest and restock

A run around my favourite places, reveals heat ravaged tired and dying gum trees. It's so dry and desperate, it's not looking good.

Must keep water in my bird bath.

TV is continually on, listening for news updates

as the destructive fires just keep going.

Helplessness, horrified and restlessness, what to do?

Days suddenly turn to night, streetlights are permanently on!

An orange glow enveloped the thick fog, and the smell!

Must get home to close the windows.

The house is so hot, no sea breeze to cool things down and can't open the windows!

Cooler place is my air-conditioned classroom, might as well get some work done!

Bell goes, the routine of the school year is off with stories of Xmas holidays and the tragedies that each had heard and seen.

We watch in disbelief as country after country locks down, images on our screens show diligence but desperation.

Deep sadness, as the suffering of countries far away seem so surreal

Continuing Questions...

How and when will this affect us?

Suddenly it's upon us! Everyday a new restriction, can't do this, can't do that! Can only go to work and supermarket!

Shelves are empty, lovely friends share toilet paper.

School closes, only essential workers, some staff can't come to work.

Our school is learning to sanitise, shake hands with elbows,

special places to sit on the carpet, can't share pencils, wipe down computers and missing their friends.

Steep learning curve as learning goes online. A constant battle of being in the moment with the kids at school and trying to accommodate the kids at home. Is it enough... more or less, who knows?

Parents feeling unprepared and inundated, trying hard to cope.

Up early to do another zoom meeting! Continually learning!

Can't visit family and friends.

Check on my dad, I bring coffee and we sit under his pergola socially distancing.

Another term comes and goes, and students start to come back

Almost back to the new normal but visitors are restricted, no excursions.

Lock down eases, but borders are shut!

News continually talks of loved ones not being able to meet!

Impossible situations!

Early spring rains bring hope and revival!

Everything comes to life, flowers blossom, burnt country starts to regenerate! Country towns call to travel and buy locally.

As the year draws to a close, one can't help but reflect, despite family hardships, the loss of loved ones, the destruction of our beautiful forests and animals, we are so fortunate.

We have had cleansing rain to nourish our dry lands. Our forests and plants are beginning to reach up to the sky in wondrous blooms.

Humanity reconnects with friends and family. Cherishing, smiling, reassuring and grateful..... a gentle nudge to remind us how beautifully blessed we are to live in a community called Goulburn and a wonderful country called Australia. [Mrs Pattison](#)



This year has certainly been a year 3/4M will never forget! It was forever changed with the Covid outbreak earlier this year. So much had to change, but we still managed to pack in a lot of interesting and fun activities into this year. My students have shown that they are an amazing bunch. Amazing by how they were able to adapt to all the changes and showed great resilience in the way they accepted them. We did some fantastic art this year like the “octopus art” and “Starry Night” and introduced the newly formed literacy and numeracy groups across both of the 3/4 classes. This year the students have really loved the Dance to be Fit program, STEM challenges, Drama and Music. 3/4M has some talented actors who love to show their skills in mime. Maybe in another 10 years we may have some movie stars from this class! I hope that all the students and their families have a great Christmas and fantastic holiday season! **Mr Manning**



This year has been a whirlwind of emotions for anyone involved in Stage 3. My people have made me so proud, you have worked through every challenge and supported one another through the relentless disappointments of your final year at school. You have embraced every possible opportunity, had some very special moments and held onto the positives at every turn. The way many of my people still valued their education was inspiring and such a lovely experience for me to be a part of. Semester Two was my favourite – we were all here!!!! 5/6R discovered another one of my favs, Bushranger Ben Hall and The Eureka Stockade. These young people have impressed me greatly this year, they take the disappointments and turn them into successful events. They have shown me how resilient, creative, loyal, friendly and what great problem solvers they are. I selected this picture as it shows how unique we all are and we can conquer any challenge by believing in ourselves. It has been a magnificent year with 5/6R. A year we will never forget! I hope you and your families have a safe and happy holiday and for those moving on to High School, I wish you the very best. **Mrs Robinson x**



2020, a year of many challenges. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for all the changes you had to make this year. We were aware of the difficulties many families were facing.

Through the strong collaboration of all the staff at school we managed to keep the learning continue throughout the whole year. During COVID I worked at school with the students as a K-6 group and we worked through the same program as those at home. Teachers, thank you for all the amazing lessons you prepared. And parents, thank you for supporting your child/children during the Home Learning experience. For me personally, every Tuesday during COVID I babysat my three grandchildren aged 7, 4 and 18 months. I only had to home school one child, one day a week, and found it near impossible! It was good when we all came back together for school as normal.

Thank you Mrs Charmian Cribb for your great leadership. And a special thank you to our SLSO's Mrs Kim Hall, Mr Jackson Fleming, and Mrs Katie Robinson.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas.

Mrs Gail Joyce



I would like to thank Mrs Cribb, the wonderful staff, and all the students at Goulburn East for having me this year. This was my first year at Goulburn East and while it was a difficult and very different year of teaching, it was made easier due to the positive and nurturing environment I had the pleasure of being part of. To the students of 5/6G, your commitment to learning at home and school this year has been a pleasure to be a part of.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and best of luck to the Year 6 students who are beginning the next exciting chapter in their schooling life. **Mrs Campbell.**



As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements made by the children from K/1J. They have worked so hard and with every changing demands made by this year, they have overcome so many obstacles. The many values that have been on display throughout the year have particularly come to the fore as we end the term – resilience when tackling a tricky problem whether it is in class, between friends or getting a new teacher; courage in coping with changes; kindness towards all members of the school community; appreciation for each other. I would like to thank all the wonderful staff at Goulburn East for welcoming me into their school, providing me with all the love, support and guidance; the students for being so open-minded and willing to give everything a go, even if it meant it was different to before. The support from the parents with bringing in their homework, listening to them read at home each night, and showing them how to be brave when tackling with life's challenges. I would like to wish you all farewell and I look forward to bumping into you 'down the street' sometime, hearing about what you have been up to and where your life is taking you next. Life is an adventure and it's there to be enjoyed! Take care everyone and Merry Christmas.

Bianca Hall.



2020 has been a year to remember. Covid certainly affected Term 1 and most of Term 2. I had an extended holiday, as the Department would not allow me to return to work for 14 days after my trip to Vietnam in early March. 3/4 S have described 2020 as difficult, stressful, funny but also exciting and rewarding. We read three amazing books together, The One and Only Ivan, The Iron Man and The Boy at the Back of the Class. We learnt a lot about persuasive texts and backing up our opinions with evidence. In Term 4 we wrote incredible poetry and are all experts on the weather. Our ICT skills certainly developed during learning from home and some students said that their parents were not very successful teachers. The morning we arrived to see our room full of straw was jaw dropping. That day we learnt how to make goannas via Zoom from an indigenous artist. The results were amazing. Dance was a Friday favourite and we loved watching our moves replayed on Seesaw. We are the class of movers and groovers. As a class, we have learnt a lot about ourselves and others and that anything is possible if you are willing to have a go.

Mrs Sharwood.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Yesterday I had the pleasure of having a pizza lunch with those primary students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This was my way of celebrating their success.

Library Book Returns

This week is the last week for borrowing. All library books must be returned early next week. Please check at home as many books were borrowed during the lockdown.



COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE



Dust off your bikes and participate in the Covid Safe Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Community Bike Ride.

Ride at your own leisure between Saturday 21 November to Sunday 6 December 2020.

Dates: Saturday 21 November to Sunday 6 December 2020

Registration is essential to receive the bag of giveaways
(see link in event)

Print the registration form and bring it along to collect your gift bags on Sunday 29 November between 2pm and 4pm or Sunday 6 December at the café at the Goulburn Historic Waterworks



Remember
Helmets are compulsory



Fun for
everyone!

GREAT FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
Ride as you choose!

To go into the draw to win 1 of 10 new bike helmets, complete the survey in the event link



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MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS CREATIONS

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER
ARTS & CRAFTS FOR OUR AGED FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CRAFT



MONDAY 4TH JANUARY
NOT AVAILABLE

TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY
ORIENTEERING & MINUTE TO WIN IT

WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY
MEET A HERO & CRAFT MASTERS

THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY
ART ATTACK & LEGO MEGA BUILD



FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY
MULTI SPORTS OLYMPICS

MONDAY 18TH JANUARY
ORIENTEERING & CRAFTY KIDS



TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY
ROCK CLIMBING & MINUTE TO WIN IT

WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY
MEET A HERO & FUN WITH LEGO



THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY
THE BIG READ BUS & SELF DEFENCE

FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY
MEDITATION & ACTIVE CRAFT



MONDAY 11TH JANUARY
*1ST AID FOR KIDS & ACTIVE GAMES

TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY
ROCK CLIMBING & CRAFTY KIDS

WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY
MEET A HERO & SPORTS COMPETITION

THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY
ORIENTEERING & TEAM SPORT

FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY
ART ATTACK & TARGET PRACTICE

*Note: 1st Aid for Kids
additional cost of \$20 to participate



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