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# Golden Grove Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUES

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**MONDAY 20/3/23**

Governing Council Meeting 7pm  
Swimming Week

**FRIDAY 7/04/23**

Good Friday -  
Public Holiday

**MONDAY 10/04/23**

Easter Monday -  
Public Holiday

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**Term 1 Week 7, 16th March 2023**

### Teaching & Learning at GGPS

Dear Parents,

The students and teachers have been very busy making the most of all learning opportunities offered at school.

On our recent **Pupil Free Day**, teachers began their professional learning journey with Literacy Consultant, Bronwyn Custance. The 'Reading into Writing' work will continue all year and will build staff knowledge of traditional and functional grammar, in the context of teaching students to read and write narratives. Teachers have since worked in year level teams and actioned goals to implement back in class.



Teachers are looking forward to communicating and discussing Term 1 progress during the next few weeks. You will notice **'Learning Progress Updates'** and samples of work being sent home in either electronic or hard copy form. These updates are a 'snapshot' of your child's progress. **Parent/Teacher Interviews** will be held in Weeks 9 and 10. This will be an opportunity for teachers and parents to work together and discuss your child's progress, achievements and goals.

If you have not booked a time, please see further details on page 8. Please note, bookings close Wednesday 22 March.

Year 3 and 5 students are currently participating in **NAPLAN** testing in writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy. Students undertake all test domains online, with the exception of the Year 3 writing test which is completed on paper. The online assessments are tailored tests that adapt to student responses, presenting questions that are more or less difficult – resulting in more precise results and a quicker turnaround of information for families and schools.

**Water Safety Lessons** will be held at Waterworld in Weeks 8 and 9. The program focuses on participation and confidence, and is designed to teach water skills and safety in a fun and safe environment. If you have not yet paid and you would like your child to attend, please ring Karen at the front office.

The following pages show just a small 'snapshot of learning' that was happening across our school this morning.

Kind regards, *Michelle Wright*

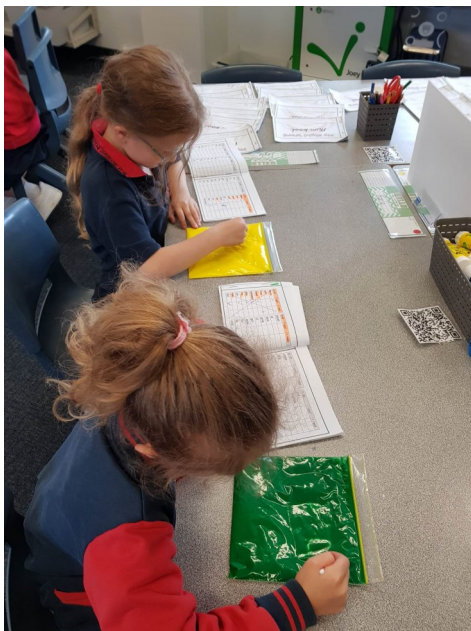
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Reception - Morning Literacy Drill



Reception - Movement Break 'red light, green light' game



Year 1 - Literacy Rotation activities



Year 1 - Reading Assessments



Year 2 - Health lesson, empathy & caring for others



Year 3 - PE with Mr Pearce, Bucketball game

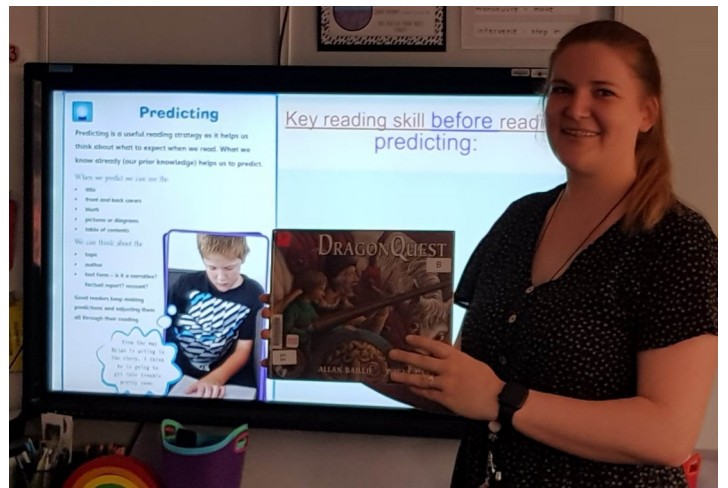
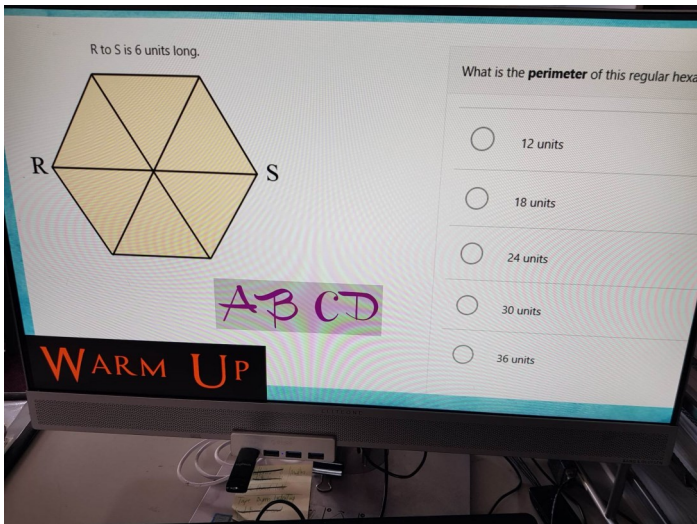
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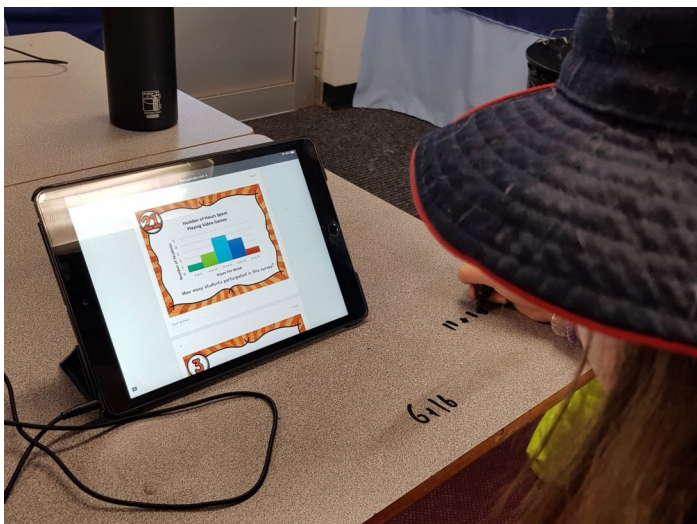
Year 4 - Reading Response Task



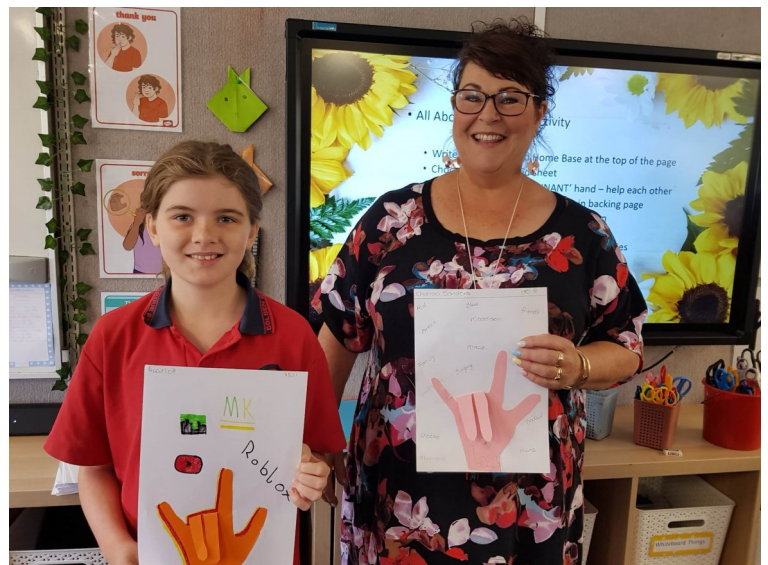
Year 5 - NAPLAN



Year 5 - Reading Strategy lesson



Year 6 - Maths problem solving



Year 5 - Auslan lesson

# THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

## *Science with Haylee Garner*

In Science this term we are studying biology. Students have been exploring, investigating and discovering all about life cycles, growth and change, biomes, adaptations, microorganisms and more.

Last year we planted milk weed in our raised garden beds to attract butterflies so we could observe a life cycle just outside our Science classroom. Our milk weed thrived and we had so many caterpillars.



When caterpillars are ready to form their chrysalis, they don't necessarily stay on the milk weed. They can travel 10-15 metres away from their food source to form their chrysalis. As some of our caterpillars had quite the treacherous journey ahead, facing ants and being squashed, some year 6 students were taught how to pick them up and place them onto a nearby plant where they would be safe.



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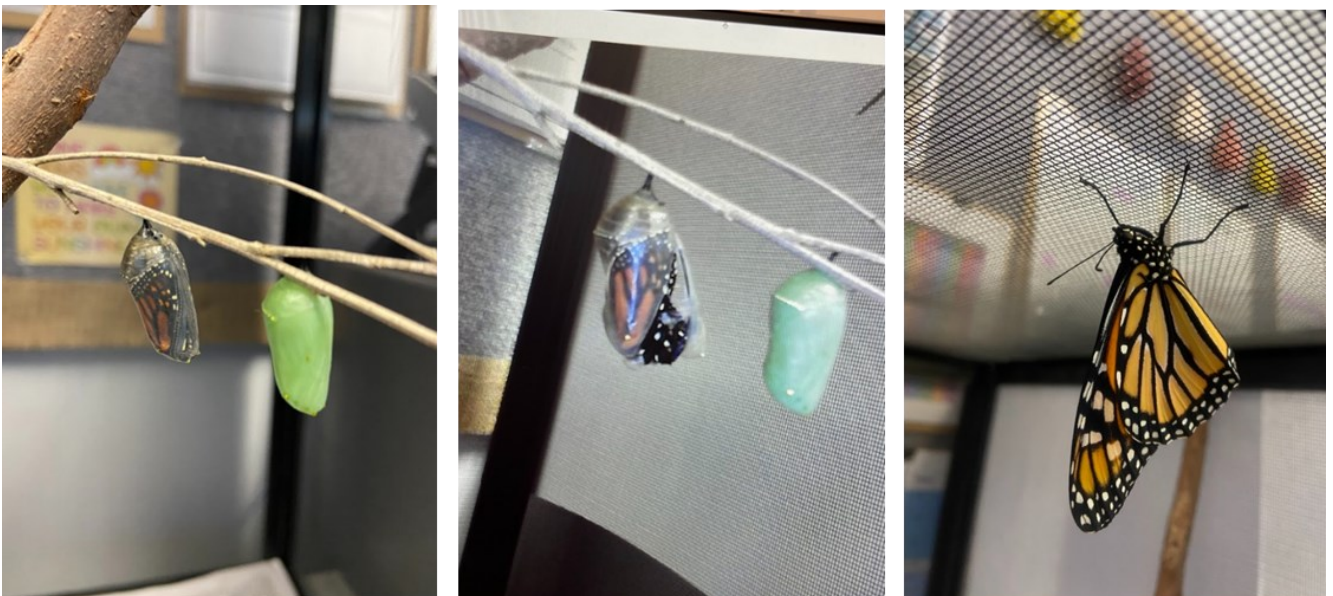
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Some students and parents were lucky to witness the moment when the caterpillars turned into a chrysalis. An amazing opportunity to witness in person.

It became quite an event each time students lined up at class, to find as many chrysalises as they could. Some were attached to different fences, others on irrigation pipes, weeds, under tables and chairs, on different plants and on the trellises.



We brought some of the chrysalises into the class enclosure for students to witness a butterfly emerge. Luckily, we were able to record two of the 6 chrysalises hatching, both were during a class so students were able to watch it live. Students voted on a name and when it was ready, released it outside.



Our students learnt how to identify if a monarch butterfly was either a male or a female. Females are identified by the thick veins on their wings whereas males have thin veins and a black spot on each of the lower quadrants of its wings.



# Golden Grove Primary School Award Winners



# Children's University



Children's University Australasia (CUA) encourages learning in 'out of school' hours, is voluntary and is led by the child.

Golden Grove Primary School has registered to be a part of Children's University in 2023.

A notice will be coming home today with interested students in Years 4-6.

Please direct any questions to Lynn Lamb and Michelle Wright.

Thank you!



## SAPSASA NEWS



Congratulations to Sebastian, Seth and Chloe who represented GGPS at the recent TTG District Swim Carnival. All three students represented the school with pride and enjoyed the day at Waterworld. Well done to Seth who placed 1st in the freestyle event for 12 year old boys.



Congratulations to Mia who is continuing her softball journey this year by trialling and being selected to represent TTG at the State Carnival in Week 10 this term. We wish you all the best!



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK  
**SCHOOL  
INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Parent/Teacher interviews at [Golden Grove Primary School](#) will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Bookings open Wednesday 15 March at 3.05pm and must be finalised by Wednesday 22 March at 3.05pm, when bookings for this event will close. At this stage meetings will be held face-to-face with social distancing, if this is to change we will inform families as soon as possible. Students are not required to attend these interviews.

A crèche will be offered in the Staffroom on our late night Tuesday 4 April 2023. School aged children can be booked into the crèche via the office, 82893137 or [karen.smith965@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:karen.smith965@schools.sa.edu.au). Bookings for the crèche will close 3/04/2023 at 3.05pm. Younger children can attend interviews under the care of parents.

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH AT 3.05PM**

- Teachers will practise physical distancing during the interview and we please ask parents to do the same.
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild – please stay home.
- If you are unwell-please stay home. We will reschedule your appointment time to a later date.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.



Simply enter the code and press "Go"

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Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.**

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews until the bookings close on Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 3.05pm.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 82893137

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.



## Community News

The safety and wellbeing of our students, families and staff is of utmost importance. As such, this is a friendly reminder that dogs (no matter how cute) are not permitted on school grounds during school hours. The exceptions to the guideline are assistance and service dogs. Thank you for your cooperation.



## JUNIOR PLAYERS NEEDED

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 5 TO 16 YEARS OLD?**

**ARE THEY INTERESTED IN AUSSIE RULES?**

**EAGER TO MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN AND LEARN NEW SKILLS?**

**HOUGHTON FOOTBALL CLUB IS THE PLACE TO BE !**

**IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US..**

**EMAIL - HDFCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM**

**PHONE - 0408 807 655**



**JOIN THE FUN!  
GET INVOLVED NOW**

**GOLDEN GROVE FC**

Starts Saturday 13th of May at 9am

Cambell - [auskick@ggfc.com.au](mailto:auskick@ggfc.com.au)

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without.  
1) Enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the comments box at the payment screen  
2) Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0



**JOIN THE FUN!**

**TEA TREE GULLY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**98 Haines Road Banksia Park**

**9:00-10:00am Saturday Mornings**

**6/05 - 5/08/2023**

**Contact Craig Stirna**

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