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# Golden Grove Primary School NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUES

RESILIENCE-EMPATHY-SELF MANAGEMENT-PERSEVERANCE-COURAGE-TEAMWORK

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### FRIDAY 7/4/23

Public Holiday  
Good Friday

### MONDAY 10/4/23

Public Holiday  
Easter Monday

### WEDNESDAY 12/4/23

Performing Arts  
Assembly  
9am  
(Primary & Senior Voices,  
BroCode & Red Rovers)

### FRIDAY 14/4/23

Final day of Term 1  
Casual Clothes  
Early Dismissal 2:05pm

Principal  
Wendy Moore



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## Term 1 Week 9, 30th March 2023

Dear Parents,

You may have noticed that our building project is nearing completion. Both buildings are now at "lock-up" stage and furniture and fittings are being delivered and installed. The timeline moving forward will see handover of the buildings by the end of this term and demolition of the old library during the school holidays. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the demolition process involves removal of hazardous materials and therefore access to the school over the school holidays is restricted.

When Term 2 begins, we will be unpacking and organising our new spaces and hope to be fully operational within the first two weeks.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you to the large numbers of parents who have booked times to meet with teachers during the final weeks of term. If any parents missed the cut off date for bookings, please contact your child's teacher or the front office to enquire about available times.



### Swimming Weeks

While our first swimming week was warmer and a little more conducive to swimming, we are very proud of the way our students demonstrated courage and self-management at Waterworld during the past two weeks. We hope your children enjoyed and benefited from the experiences.

### Everyone Belongs!

Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. To celebrate Harmony Week, students wore splashes of orange and participated in buddy class activities.

Kind regards,  
*Wendy*

Please note: Students have been informed that PRIME energy drinks are not to be brought to school.

Packaging on these drinks clearly states that these drinks are 'not suitable for children under 15 years of age'.





## News from the Library

We have all been watching the exciting new building works with anticipation. The old library is being packed up book by book, shelf by shelf, ready for our transition to the gorgeous new facility before the end of term.

Special thanks to Mason and Xavier who helped us put together 50 packing boxes during lunch one day. Many hands do make light work! At this stage, the library team will be setting up the new library in the beginning of Term 2 and we can't wait to open the new space for everyone to enjoy.



While classes still have many books for the children to read, we encourage them to invest time reading books they have at home. And when that collection is exhausted why not make a visit to the Tea Tree Gully Library? They have an extensive children's collection with generous loan limits and their Children's and Youth Team offer great activities throughout the year and school holidays. Membership is free and gives access to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks and so much more. Take a look at their Kids & Youth at the Library page <https://bit.ly/40q59V0>

The TTG Library is now taking bookings for the upcoming school holiday programs. Get your friends together and have some fun!

<https://www.teatreegully.sa.gov.au/Events-programs-and-activities/School-holiday-program> (bookings essential)

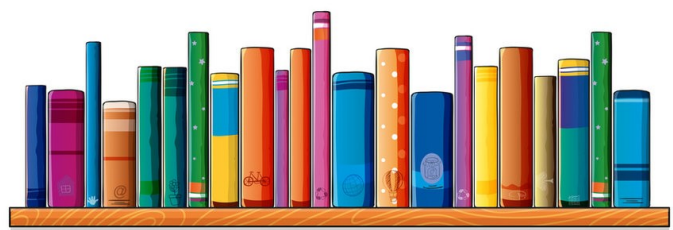
The Premier's Reading Challenge continues through till September so all that holiday reading can be added to the 2023 reading record. Just make a note of titles and authors to add to forms when school comes back after the break. This is the 20th year of the PRC so we are aiming for all students to earn a special 20th anniversary certificate in addition to the certificate or medal due this year by reading and recording 20 books each.

The Children's Book Council of Australia has proudly announced their Book of the Year shortlists. Our library already has many of these quality Australian titles. They will be shared with classes in the lead up to Book Week which is held in August. This year's theme is READ. GROW. INSPIRE. The full list of books nominated for these prestigious awards can be found here:

<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2023>

Happy reading!

*Dí Scott*  
Teacher-Librarian



# It's a Living Thing

Renée Winn (Science Specialist)

In Junior Primary Science this term, we have been studying Biology, where students across the year levels have been exploring, investigating and discovering all about living and non-living things, life cycles, growth and change.

The Reception students explored what living things need to survive. They experimented with how plants use water, learning about capillary action. This is where the xylem and phloem capillaries draw up and transport the water around the plant. This was very exciting.



The Year One students got creative after investigating the different features of animals. They were tasked with designing a zoo that groups animals in different ways.



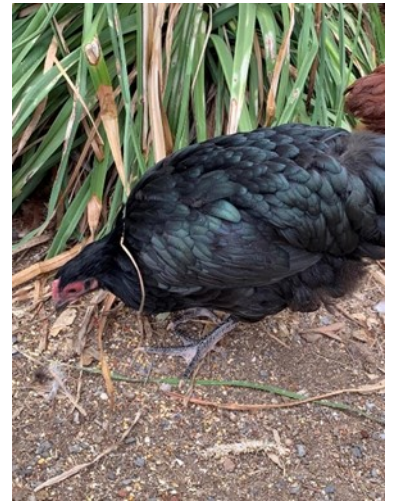
HB 14 learnt that Scientists look around and ask questions about the natural world. The class followed the scientific method by asking the question, "How much does a bean grow in 3 weeks?" They then made a hypothesis (a prediction) about what they thought the answer might be. The class then set off to do an experiment to see if they were right.



*Sir Corndale*

## Chicken Update

Last year, we incubated and hatched chickens. It was all very exciting. The chickens are now happily living in a spacious home. As it turns out, 5 of them are roosters.



*Coco*



*Jamaal*



*Spotty Beaker*



*Spotty*



# SAPSASA NEWS



## SAPSASA Softball Success

This year we took two teams to the annual Softball Carnival at the GGCD Dodgers fields in Surrey Downs. It was a great day for both our teams, winning a combined 7 matches from 8.

The boys lost their first game to St Francis but they rallied, and came out to win the next 3 games. Base running was superb, as was their batting. Darcy crunched a number of balls, and was fantastic as our catcher. Levi, Stanley and Eliot went to town on the pitching, smashing a number of balls to the outfield. The pitching was spot on. A number of boys hit home runs. We finished on 10 points and ended up placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our girls went one better and won all four games, blitzing the other teams. Our pitching was excellent. Mia was very hard to hit, Ashley and Neeve also threw brilliantly. Neeve did a great job as catcher. Stolen bases were plentiful and hitting was great. The girls won the carnival with 12 points. Mia, Neeve and Ashley have been selected in the District team.

Everybody had fun and enjoyed the experience of playing and representing our school. Thanks to both coaches, great job of rotating the students, and special thanks to all the parents who came out to support us.



## SAPSASA Athletics Success

On Tuesday 28th March, 25 GGPS athletes participated in the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival. We were represented in 3 age groups: 10, 11 & 12 year olds. Students took part in a number of events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Discus, Shot Put, High Jump and Long jump.

While the results are not yet official, I can tell you that a number of our students did exceptionally well. In the under 10's Selena Aravalo did well in the discus and Kayden Shields had a busy day, making the finals of both the 100m and 200m, winning the 100m.

In the Under 11's, Ayla Billet made the 100m final, while Archie Mossop and Jack Tiller tore up the track, making the finals of both the 100m and the 200m. We also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the boys' relay.

In the Under 12's Charlotte had a huge day making the final of the 100m and winning the 400m after a motivational talk from mum. The Under 12 girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the relay. Sullivan was on fire in the 100m, 200m and the 800m. He made finals and ran in some nail biting finishes. The boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the relay.

It was a great day. As the final results come through, students & parents will be informed and ribbons will be distributed. We are hopeful that a number of our students will make the TTG district team.

Thanks to parents for your support.

*Bruce Pearce*, PE Specialist Teacher





April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day. Its aim is to help spread a greater understanding and acceptance of autism and autistic people. Here at Golden Grove Primary School we celebrate neurodiversity. We are committed to growing our knowledge around autism and are excited to share this with our school community.

Autism is a lifelong developmental condition in which individuals experience difficulties with social and communication skills and display a variety of repetitive behaviours. One to two people in a hundred are diagnosed with autism.

Most recent research identified the most challenging school tasks for autistic children, which include:

- Planning for assignments
- Working as part of a group
- Handwriting
- Coping with change
- Copying with bullying teasing
- Staying calm when other kids annoyed them or classroom was busy

Neurodiversity within our classrooms can also bring a lot of joy and a range of different strengths. It is important to be objective when describing behaviours and not make judgements.

To find out more, some helpful websites include...

[www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)

[www.yellowladybugs.com.au](http://www.yellowladybugs.com.au)

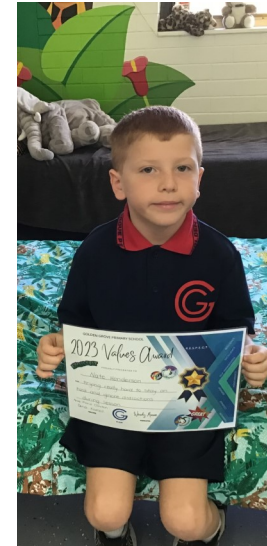
[www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

*Jacqui McCormack*

Autism Inclusion Teacher



# Golden Grove Primary School VALUES AWARDS



- Resilience
- Excellence
- Self-management
- Perseverance
- Empathy
- Courage
- Teamwork