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Golden Grove Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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**21/08/23 - 25/8/23**

Book Week

**Wednesday 23/8/23**

Senior Voices to magic Millions

**Friday 25/08/23**

Book Week Parade 9am

**Wednesday 30/8/23**

Father's Day Stall

**Friday 1/9/23**

Pupil Free Day

**Monday 4/9/23**

Show Day

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**Term 3 Week 5 21/08/23**

Dear Parents,

This edition of the Newsletter will tell you how very busy we are at school right now. With Science Week last week, Book Week this week, SAPSASA celebrations, visits with Marvin and a special excursion for our Year 3/4 class, we have a lot to share!

### Showbag Testers!

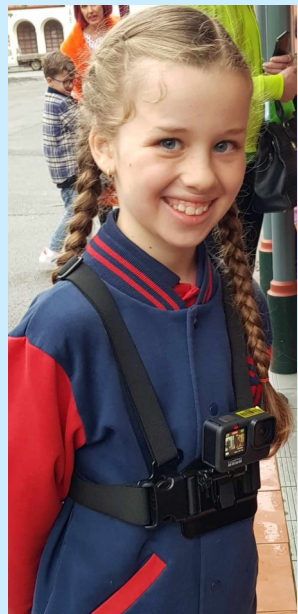
With the Royal Adelaide Show fast approaching, Mix 102.3 recently advertised their annual Showbag Competition where entrants were asked to design a new showbag.

Grace from HB 7 heard about the competition on the radio and decided to enter because she thought it would be a 'once in a lifetime opportunity'. She spent a few days thinking about an idea that she loved and recognised a need for something different. Grace's final decision was a showbag called 'A Warm Hug' containing a beanie, gloves, a blanket and a warm dinner voucher for anyone who might be homeless. The judges obviously loved this idea as Grace won the competition! The exciting news was announced last week when Grace received a phone call from Ali Clarke on breakfast radio. Grace felt 'amazed' that she won, and was in 'complete shock' especially when she heard that she was invited to be an Official Showbag Tester at the 2023 Media Showbag Launch and that she could take her entire class with her!

The lucky students and teachers from HB 7 were treated to a live sheep shearing demonstration and Grace was asked on stage to feed a baby lamb. The 'Testers' then moved across to the Member's Dining Room where the 2023 Showbags were on full display. Excited students rummaged through the bags, explored their contents and all whilst being interviewed by journalists, photographers, and television film crews. HB 7 is to be congratulated on displaying outstanding manners, gracious responses and appreciation for the opportunity to attend. We hope 'A Warm Hug' comes to fruition!



# Showbag Testers!



# SAPSASA Girls Football

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> August, Golden Grove PS took 17 students to the girls AFL Football Carnival at Tea Tree Gully. There were lots of parents there to support us in what turned out to be a fantastic day for the girls. Many of our girls were playing football for the first time. We won all 4 games which was incredible, and only one team scored against us which was Redwood Park. We finished top of Pool A, winning the carnival.

In our first game the standout player was Selina A, who while playing full back repelled numerous attacks on goal. Every time Redwood Park went forward she was there to mark or run the ball out of defence. Players to stand out during the day were our midfield, Shaylee W, Charlotte H, and Jaelyn E. Shaylee dominated the ruck all day and when the ball hit the ground she was there to back up her good work, surging the ball forward. Her last game against Wynn Vale was a best on ground performance against a girl who was a very good player. Charlotte dominated the midfield with her speed, long kicks into the forward line and her ferocious attack on the ball. Her run down tackle in the last game when the scores were close was brilliant and earned lots of praise from spectators. She also kicked a number of great goals while on the run and from marks. Jaelyn E was our most consistent performer. She rucked, played forward, and defended when she needed to. Her tackles were brilliant and made opposition teams nervous every time they got the ball. She kicked goals from all angles and her work rate was first class.

Another player to stand out was Peyton M. Her relentless attack on the ball and the opposition player with the ball, was great to watch. She did some superb smothers, kicked goals and just bulldozed her way through packs at times to get the ball. Lots of other girls contributed on the day doing special things to help the team be successful like Elle S, who took a monster mark in the forward line, and kicked a goal when the fullback kicked it straight to her. While some girls stood out it takes a whole team to be successful and all the girls should be proud of their efforts.

Special thanks must go to parents, who not only gave their girls a chance to play, but also took time off work to support them. I appreciated it, and I know our girls certainly did. Also thanks to Geoff Spillane who goal umpired for us all day. Great job Geoff.

Mr B Pearce



# Book Week Celebrations

## Author Visit: Adam Cece

Our Year 4 - 6 were recently entertained by local SA author Adam Cece as part of our Book Week celebrations. Adam is a writer of middle grade humorous stories that showcase his imagination and fondness of weird things. Adam was initially inspired to follow his dream of becoming an author by a little note given to him by a teacher when he was a young student that said she hoped to see his name on the cover of a book one day. That spark of encouragement coupled with a childhood full of weird and wonderful events led to a very successful career. Some students were chosen to be his weirdness judges and they were rewarded with a bad dad joke to share with the audience. Adam was happy to be interviewed by our Addison from our Kid's News crew and sign his autograph for students at lunchtime on paper, Pokémon cards and even shoes! Copies of his books in our library are in high demand and students who borrow them in the coming weeks receive an autographed bookmark to keep.



# Book Week Celebrations



## CBCA Shadow Judging

As mentioned in our last newsletter, a dedicated group of Year 6 students from Golden Grove PS have participated for the first time in the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Shadow Judging program. They have read and critiqued the 6 shortlisted Younger Reader novels using the same criteria as the CBCA official judges. Their final vote was submitted along with a Creative Response to their chosen book.

Their nominated book, "Runt" by Craig Silvey, tells the story of Annie Shearer who lives in a country town called Upson Downs. She adopts a stray dog, affectionately known as Runt and the two of them share a special bond. It is a heart-warming and hilarious tale of kindness, friendship, being yourself and bringing out the best in others. One of our judges, Nate, told me that while he was reading 'Runt' he really didn't want it to finish, because it is so good and he'll be sad when it is over. We contacted author Craig Silvey to let him know the profound affect his story had on Nate, and indeed all of our judges, and he replied with the utmost gratitude and appreciation. He told us we are welcome in his fictional town of Upson Downs anytime and that we are honorary members of Team Shearer for life! And so, for our required creative response, we were inspired to dress up as the characters from the story with special guest Marvin standing in for Runt. Congratulations to our Shadow Judging team for their participation this year.

Results of the Book of the Year awards will be announced Friday 18th August with Shadow Judging results from all over Australia being announced on Friday 25th August.

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

<https://shadowjudging.cbca.org.au/>

Our Book Week Parade will take place this Friday 25th August at 9:00am on the Hard Play area. Students are invited to dress as their favourite book character or in line with the theme: Read, Grow, Inspire.



# Meeting Marvin!

Marvin and his handler Tracy have been visiting GGPS on Thursdays.

Although not all students have met Marvin as yet, the ones who have describe him as a soft, cuddly, caring and funny support dog.

Marvin enjoys meeting all children and shows off his tricks and talents.

He loves a cuddle and a tickle on the tummy.

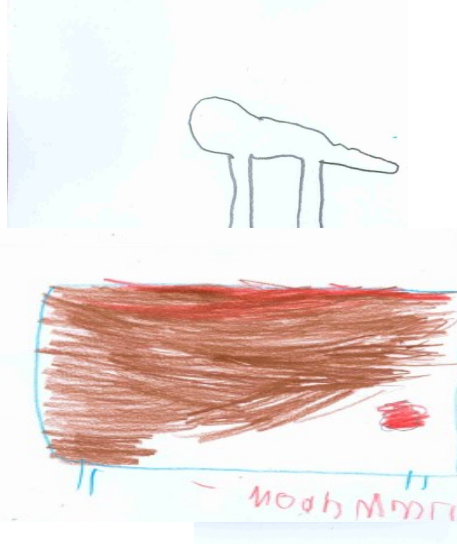
Marvin also LOVES his after lunch classroom visits where he knows he may find a thrown out sandwich or two!





# Meeting Marvin!

After meeting Marvin, our talented Reception Artists from HB9 drew pictures of him.





# PLEASE SLOW DOWN



At Golden Grove Primary School we operate 2 Koala Crossings and provide traffic monitors to help supervise the safe crossing of all adults and children.

Recently, our crossing monitors have encountered many speeding vehicles and several vehicles that have gone through the crossing on a STOP signal.

We ask that you please adhere to the speed limit of no more than 25 km/hr and be vigilant and patient when driving through our school zones.

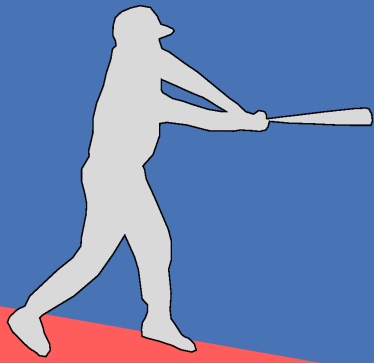
Families will notice a slight change to how the monitors are operating the crossing. The head monitor will blow the whistle twice. Once signs go up, the head monitor will give the command 'WALK'. Once children and families hear WALK they are safe to cross. This is an extra precaution we are introducing to ensure the safety of all pedestrians.





# Golden Grove Primary School Award Winners





GOLDEN GROVE  
CENTRAL DISTRICTS  
BASEBALL CLUB

# DODGERS T-BALL



This season, we are offering an U/7 and U/9 program, boys and girls inclusive.

There will 12 games starting 27 October to 8 December 2023, resuming on 5 February to 3 March 2024. 5:30 to 6:30pm on Friday nights at Illyarrie Reserve, Surrey Downs.

Two Pre-season Come'n'Try days to be held on Monday 16th and Friday 20th of October from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Contact Dodgers T-Ball at [juniors@ggcdbaseball.com.au](mailto:juniors@ggcdbaseball.com.au), or visit [www.ggcdbaseball.com.au/t-ball](http://www.ggcdbaseball.com.au/t-ball) to register.



# FAMILY SCHNITZEL NIGHT!

*The Parent Engagement Committee  
invite you to our family fundraising  
night to purchase new yard  
equipment for students to enjoy!*

*\$5 from each schnitzel purchase  
will be donated!*

**AUGUST 29, 2023**

**TWO SITTING TIMES:  
6-7.30PM OR 7.30-9PM**

**THE LODGE TAVERN  
BRAHMA LODGE**

Raffle prizes to be won!