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# Golden Grove Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Governing Council Meeting 6:30pm

### Tuesday 5/12/23

Primary Voices Tour

### Wednesday 6/12/23

Primary Voices Tour

### Wednesday 13/12/23

Year 6 Graduation

### Friday 15/12/23

Last day of School  
2.05pm Dismissal  
Casual Clothes Day

Principal  
Wendy Moore



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## Term 4 Week 7, 1/12/23

Dear Parents,

As the 2023 school days dwindle, we are enjoying our end of year activities whilst also busily preparing for the year ahead.

Thank you to those parents who returned class placement requests. As you can anticipate, this is not a simple process but we do our very best to find suitable placements for all students. At this stage in our planning, we will start the 2024 school year with 20 classes and will start the 21st class (Reception) midyear as per the new SA Government initiative.

As you know, I will be retiring at the end of this year. Other staff retirements include Shauna Tanner, Anne-Marie Claxton, Alison Newman and Lorraine Poyner. We will celebrate five staff retirements in total and acknowledge a combined 200+ years of teaching in coming weeks.

New to our staff in 2024 will be Tegan Caruso, Emma Dorian, Natasha Liemareff and Caitlin Schmidt. We will also welcome Sophie D'Aloia-Dogan on her return from maternity leave.

Students will visit their new classroom and meet their new class teacher in Week 9.

### Performances Galore!

Thank you to all families who joined us for our 2023 Concert. Our students (and staff!) loved performing for you. Performing in front of an audience isn't something that comes easily to everyone but our students bravely faced any fears they may have had to share their items with great enthusiasm.

Thank you also to the families who came along to the Instrumental Music night and to the Performing Arts Showcase this week.

Congratulations to the huge numbers of students who learn an instrument, play in a band or sing in a choir. This learning brings a great deal to our school culture and community.

Kind regards, *Wendy*



# SAPSASA News

Mia has recently participated in the State U12 Softball Tournament, representing South Australia.

The team got off to a fantastic start winning their first four games on Monday and Tuesday. This was particularly special as SA beat QLD and NSW, and they are the two states that are consistently the strongest teams in the Tournament every year.

On Wednesday the team had an excursion day at the West Beach

Adventure Climb with players from all states of Australia. This was a fun way for Mia to spend her birthday.

Thursday proved to be a very challenging day playing three games in the constant rain and one game on Friday. SA was able to win two out of the next four games which gave them a result of finishing second, taking home the silver medal. This was an enormous achievement for SA, as they have not finished higher than 3<sup>rd</sup> for many years.

Mia had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Mia played some really great softball and made everyone that has supported her along the way extremely proud.

Congratulations Mia!





**Congratulations to Darcy** for being selected to represent the Tea Tree Gully District at the State Cricket Carnival.

Over the three days of competition, Darcy and his team travelled to different ovals. Darcy was proud of his efforts, particularly after not feeling 100% on day one, but felt back to himself by the second and third day, taking out three wickets in one game.

One of Darcy's highlights, included using his new bat for the first time in the competition. This was during the last game, and Darcy hit a four and made ten runs overall.

Darcy and his team, had an amazing time working together, and encouraging each other with fantastic sportsmanship attitudes.

Congratulations Darcy!

**Congratulations to Ethan** for being selected to represent the Tea Tree Gully District at the State Tennis Carnival.

Last week, Ethan and his team played at Ethan's home courts, at the Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club for three days of tough competition. There were six divisions, and TTG was in Division One. The team battled hard against strong opposition.

One of Ethan's highlights included playing a doubles game where it was close but unfortunately lost 6-4.

Although, the team did not win, Ethan feels it was a great experience and looks forward to trialling again next year for the District Tennis team.

Congratulations Ethan!



## Thank you from the Canteen

A big **thank you** from Kate and Rachael, and school staff, **to the volunteers** who help support the canteen each week. Your time dedicated to making student lunches and providing over the counter service at recess and lunch, is very much appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours in the canteen throughout 2024, please see Karen at front desk.

*(Please note: It has been noticed that some students are bringing foreign currency to school to spend at the canteen. To avoid disappointment, please check the coins before sending to school. Thank you).*



# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to our 2023 Children's  
University Graduates!

In Week 4, we celebrated 16 students at The  
University of Adelaide, Bonython Hall for  
achieving a minimum of 30 (out of school)  
hours of dedicated learning.

Throughout the year, these students have  
completed activities such as sport, music, arts  
and crafts, plus endless options of online  
learning through the University Portal.  
Visits to museums, galleries and family  
holidays were highlights for our students.  
Many have also contributed to volunteer  
hours at school.

Our CUA graduates have demonstrated a  
committed attitude toward learning .

A big thank you to Lynn Lamb for supporting  
our graduates, attending the ceremony, and  
for assisting with the administration work.







# Golden Grove Primary School Award Winners







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# Christmas FAMILY FUN DAY



DECEMBER 2

8:30AM - 1:00PM

GULLY CHURCH:  
600 MILNE RD, BANKSIA PARK

FREE TREASURE HUNT,  
KID'S ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS,  
FACE PAINTING, GLITTER TATTOOS  
AND BALLOON TWISTING



## EPC ALL STARS

### 2024 Competition Cheer Team Tryouts

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

5.00 - 5.30PM (4 TO 6 YEARS OLD)

5.45 - 6.15PM (7 TO 9 YEARS OLD)

6.30 - 7.00PM (10 TO 12 YEARS OLD)

7.15 - 7.45PM (13+ YEARS OLD)

\$10 for  
Non-members

**Cheer teams only Novice to Level 3**

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