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Golden Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 13/12/24

Last day of the year

2:05pm Dismissal

Casual Clothes Day

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 28th January 2025

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Term 4, Week 9, 12/12/24

Dear Families,

Wow – who would have thought the 2024 school year has finally come to a close? And what a year it has been! I would personally like to thank all the parent and community support Golden Grove has received throughout the year, particularly those who have assisted in a volunteer capacity wherever possible. We really value your ongoing patronage and commitment to our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the dedication our amazing staff put into this school, to make it such a great place for your children each and every day. On a personal level, I have really valued being welcomed into the Golden Grove community this year. I feel privileged to lead such a dynamic school.

Over the past 3 weeks, we have held a number of extra-curricular activities for a large cohort of students. All our students from Year 3 to Year 6 have had the opportunity to participate in a three day camp, to either Wirraway or Arbury Park. Having visited each camp, I was duly impressed with our student's exceptional behaviour and willingness to try new experiences. Added to this, our Performing Arts showcases and tours, class excursions and the Adelaide 36ers basketball incursion, have all made for a very memorable and enjoyable end to the school year.

Yesterday our Reception – Year 5 children had the opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2025. This was an enjoyable time for both teachers and students with a real sense of excitement for the year ahead. This week your child has also received their end of year student report. Please take the time to celebrate their incredible learning and social achievements this year and I am sure they will be excited for their new teacher in 2025.

Last night, we held our annual Graduation for the Year 6 students. Once again, the staff put together a highly interactive and entertaining night for the students and families of our graduates. We will miss the 2024 graduates when school finishes on Friday. I am confident they will continue to thrive in their new High School settings and we always get excited to hear how they excel in subsequent years.

In 2025, we wish Mr Tom Dillon safe travels as he takes extended long service leave, Mrs Sophie D'Aloia-Dogan all the very best for her maternity leave and wish Mrs Emma Dorian, Mr Brodie Moore and Ms Mel Tump all the best as they will be returning to different schools in the new year. We are thrilled to welcome back Mr Matthew Forester and Ms Gina Komoll from their respective leave.

Please be mindful that in early 2025, in alliance with all department schools, Golden Grove Primary School will be transitioning from the EDSAS data storage platform, to a program called EMS (Electronic Management System). This will benefit families in a range of ways, including electronic invoices and consent forms. In conjunction to this, we are streamlining whole school communication via a phone app called *Class Dojo*, to replace the Seesaw and SkoolBag apps, and bulk e-mail distribution. There will be no cost to families for the use of Class Dojo or EMS, however the transition will affect our distribution of school information home to families in the short term. Please be mindful, that for the beginning of 2025, we will rely on hard copies for communication whilst we get all families assigned to Class Dojo and migrate our data from EDSAS to EMS. Our Facebook page and school website will remain unaffected. Further information on how to sign up to Class Dojo will be shared at the beginning of next year. We appreciate your support with this and apologise for the minor disruption to our regular communication channels during the early stages of term 1.

On behalf of all the Golden Grove community, I wish you all a fun and relaxing Christmas, spending time with loved ones, and a safe and prosperous new year. We look forward to doing it all again next year, starting on Tuesday January 28th.

Warm regards,
Graeme

TERM 4 CELEBRATIONS



World Teachers' Day



36er's Visit



Performing Arts

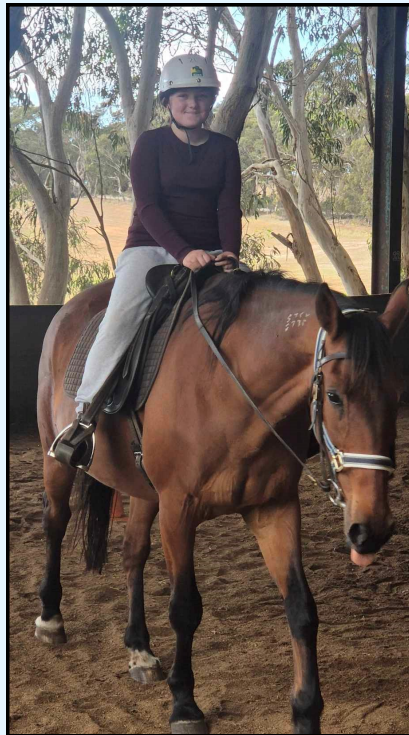


Volunteer of the Year Awards



*Year 6
Graduation Dinner*

TERM 4 CELEBRATIONS



Wirraway and Arbury Park Camps

TERM 4 CELEBRATIONS



HB 9, 10 & 13 End of Year School Picnic



*Gorge Wildlife Park
Excursion*

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has had another busy year with special events, an author visit, before school and lunchtime activities and of course, thousands of stories! The highlight of the year was the official opening and naming of the library and performing arts buildings as 'The Wendy Moore Learning Centre'. It was a surprise and honour for Wendy who had been an integral part of our school and of course, the building project. As Michelle took extended sick leave this year, we welcomed parent volunteer Bec to our library team as an SSO. Other 2024 highlights include:

- Premier's Reading Challenge – 458 students completed the PRC
- Author Tristan Bancks – internationally acclaimed author presented to Yr 5 & 6 students
- National Simultaneous Storytime – whole school reading of *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker
- CBCA Shadow Judging – Yr 4 students in HB 1 & 2 judging the Picture Books of the Year
- Magic Show – Mickster the Trickster entertained our R - Yr 4 student for Book Week
- Book Week – "Reading is Magic" another amazing parade turnout
- Razztizzlerathon – 60 students joined the inaugural Roald Dahl readathon
- Super Scanners – 18 Yr 5 students volunteered playtimes to help keep the library tidy

Fun facts about our favourite books, authors and library activities:

- Aaron Blabey is the most popular author for his 'Pig the Pug and Bad Guys' series
- Graphic novels remain our top loans for children from Yr 2 – 6
- Minecraft, Pokémon and Sport books, especially soccer, are our favourite nonfiction books
- Most popular playtime games are drawing, Swipee, UNO, Geometry Dash, Chess and LEGO

Lastly, we hope that your child has enjoyed borrowing from our extraordinary collection of library books this year.

If your child is not a member of the Tea Tree Gully Library Service, we encourage you to visit to set up a membership. They offer school holiday programs as well as print books, e-books and audio books for loan.

<https://www.teatreegully.sa.gov.au/Places-Council-parks-facilities-and-venues/Library>

Meanwhile, happy reading!

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SAPSASA CRICKET



Congratulations to our two cricket teams who competed earlier in the term.

It was another brilliant day of sport with both teams experiencing bowling, batting and every fielding position including wicket keeper.

Team A won two games and lost two.

Team B was won three games and lost one which was only a narrow loss of ten runs.

Both teams are to be congratulated on their outstanding sportsmanship and manners.

Thanks to Mark, Daniel and Mr Pritchard for coaching the two teams.



STATE SAPSASA



A big congratulations to the students who have represented the Tea Tree Gully District at State Carnivals this term.

A fantastic effort!



Darcy - Cricket



Annika - Cricket



Ethan- Tennis



Selina - Football



Peyton -Football



Golden Grove Primary School Award Winners





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Community News

Dear families living with disability or neurodiversity?

If you are attending the **Civic Park Carols on Sunday 15 December**.

There is a Sensory Space retreat available in the Tea Tree Gully Library during the concert.

This can be dedicated quiet space to view the concert away from the crowds or somewhere to retreat to when the crowds get to much.

Registration here <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/civic-park-carols-sensory-space-in-the-library-tickets-1082845302449?>



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FUTSAL LEAGUE

DETAILS

WHERE: Kings Baptist Grammar school, Wynn Vale

WHEN: Fridays
between 4:45pm and 8:00pm
February 28th to June 30th

WHO: U/7 to U/12

COST: \$10 /player/game
\$20 player registration
or \$150 for full season

simplysports.com.au/futsal-league

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Missed Try Outs? Second Round Try Outs are coming

Come join our family at EPC All Star Cheerleading!

January 7th and 14th 5-5.30pm
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Available position on all teams

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PM or email us to book your spot
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Community News

Modbury Junior Football Club

www.playhq.com

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2025

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First 4 sessions free. Try before you join.

Call Shaun 0412 857 097