

Gulargambone Community News



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K – 6 News

There has been a fair bit happening in the last week and plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. Mr Spora has taken long service leave for this week and I am standing in as principal in his absence. If you have any concerns or issues, please make contact and if I am on class, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Last Wednesday everyone looked beautiful in preparation for our school photos and I am sure everyone who ordered them will be happy with the results when they come back later in the year.

On Thursday last week, Leah, Tasha and myself, accompanied K/1 and the preschool to Emu Logic at Tooraweenah. The weather was shining and the everyone was excited. All the students had the opportunity to feed them through the fence and pat a baby emu. We then travelled onto the park in Tooraweenah where we had a play and a picnic lunch. It was great to be able to spend the day with the preschool students and staff.

We have recently had a school audit completed where an auditor comes in and checks over what we are doing in regards to finance, compliance and WHS. Tammy as our office manager and Ange as the WHS coordinator worked tirelessly to make sure we came away with a pleasing

result. Congratulations and thanks must go to them.

On Tuesday, Years 5&6 will be participating in personal health/development sessions with Liz Bonham. This is a vital service provided by Health and delivered expertly by Liz. This will be Liz's last session at school as she is retiring. We would like to thank Liz for being proactive in ensuring this service and others such as Love Bites (which she ran with secondary last week) are delivered to our students. She has been imparting her wisdom onto our students for many years and we wish her all the best.

In regard to our teachers; all teachers have to undergo an Accreditation during their first few years of teaching. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr Sulter on receiving his accreditation last week. This is a big process which had been hindered by COVID restraints and Mr Sulter should be proud of his achievements. As an ongoing professional development requirement, all teachers are required to maintain their accreditation on a five year cycle. This is something that has only been mandated in the past five years. Mrs Mills has just completed her first period of maintenance. We are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers in our school and their hard work, professionalism and dedication to their students should be

acknowledged. Congratulations Mr Sulter and Mrs Mills.

Please remember to keep making payments for the Melbourne excursion and lunch program, paying regularly will make it much more manageable.

Liz Ede – Assistant Principal

Photos from our Emu Logic Excursion last week.



Secondary Studies Report

Well, we are at the mid-way point of the term in Week 6. A good time to remember that if a student misses one day a week, they miss 8 weeks per year which is more than 2.5 years missed over their school life. Good attendance is the key to future learning and working opportunities.

Thank you to Ian Campbell from Aqualife Industries and Ursula Ryan, Community Engagement Officer for The Flying Doctor Service, for delivering an engaging free two-day Professional Development course for Aquaponics. Missy and Kurt gained

further skills in running our aquaponics system and ideas on how to correct any issues. Our healthy trout should be a good size for the end of year BBQ. Stage 5 and Stage 4 students also had the opportunity to learn how to handle the fish safely, ensuring the fish remain calm as they are weighted and measured. Some of our Stage 5 students showed themselves to be excellent teachers, as they took Stage 4 students through the process, they could have a great career as future teachers!

Stage 5 and 6 students participated in the Love Bites program, conducted by an excellent team of professionals in the health industry. The students received high quality and up-to-date information on respectful relationships. A reminder that if anyone needs help or someone to listen to there are resources available all day, every day, such as;

1800 Respect – 1800 737 732

Kids Helpline – 1800 55 1800

Headspace – 1800 650 890

Year 10 will participate in the Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test in Week 8. This is an interactive and multimedia science test that includes real-world issues and scientific investigations. VALID gives us good information on how our students compare with the overall performance of all students across NSW. Year 8 will sit for VALID in Term 4.

***Ms Ana Robson - Head Teacher
Secondary Studies***

Lunch Program

Menu

Week 6

Monday 22nd August

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Tuesday 23rd August

Mini Pizza & Garlic Bread

Wednesday 24th August

Curried Mince & Rice

Thursday 25th August

Lasagne, Veg & Garlic
Bread

Friday 26th August

Chicken Burgers

Week 7

Monday 29th August

Meatballs & Spaghetti

Tuesday 30th August

Sweet Chilli Chicken

Tender Wraps with cheese
& sour cream

Wednesday 31st August

Roast Beef, Veggies &
Gravy

Thursday 1st September

Curried Sausages & Rice

Friday 2nd September

Party Pies & Sausage
Rolls