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## May 21st 2025 Newsletter

### WEEKLY NEWS

*Respect, Resilience, Achievement & Community*

***We would like to pay our respect to the Dja Dja Wurrung people. The Traditional Custodians of this Land on which we gather today and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.***



## Thought of the Week

"The most beautiful thing in the world is when your soul is singing with joy"

## School Calendar

Our school calendar is included in our newsletter to provide you with an overview of key dates that you need to know. Dates will be added to this as they may not all be known at the same time so please keep an eye out for any changes. New additions after this week will be highlighted in the week they are added.

## 2025 Calendar



### TERM 2 2025

Week 5	19th May	20th May	21st May	22nd May	23rd May
	Education Week				
			Student led tours 9:00 am to 10:00 am Information Evening 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm		
Week 6	26th May	27th May	28th May	29th May	30th May
				Pizza Day Lunch	Student Free Day Assessment and Reporting
Week 7	2nd June	3rd June	4th June	5th June	6th June
			Gr 3/4 Billabong Ranch Camp	Gr 3/4 Billabong Ranch Camp	Gr 3/4 Billabong Ranch Camp
Week 8	9th June	10th June	11th June	12th June	13th June
	King's Birthday - Public Holiday				
Week 9	16th June	17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June
			VSSS rehearsal at GSPS 11:30 - 1:30		
Week 10	23rd June	24th June	25th June	26th June	27th June
Week 11	30th June	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July
				Learning Conversations commencing after school.	Learning Conversations - Students only attend for Learning Conversation

## Student Awards

### Values Awards

Class	Student	Reason
Prep/1 Powell	Dacre C	For always being super helpful and so kind to others, wonderful, Dacre!
Prep/1 Lowndes	Sonny N	For persisting with challenging tasks and having a positive attitude. Keep it up, Sonny!
Prep/1 O'Grady	Momina R	For always being ready to learn and trying her best.
2 Amraoui/McMillin	April McD	For always showing kindness, care and respect to everyone around her. April is a wonderful helper in our classroom and a shining example of how to treat others. Well done!
2 Hendy	Sadie D	For demonstrating community values by modelling the school expectations at all times with a big smile on her face. You are a superstar, Sadie!
3/4 Osborne/Waterworth	Cooper W	For being ready with his learning materials at the beginning of each session.
3/4 Mogyorossy	Oscar S	For being such a kind and supportive classmate to your peers, we are very lucky to have you as part of the GSPS community.
3/4 Widdows	Noah S	For making sensible choices and following instructions during Respectful Relationships. Keep up the great work, Noah!
3/4 Golding	Oliver B	For having his learning materials ready and trying his personal best in all learning areas.
5/6 Dean	Darcy T	For applying himself in learning tasks and giving everything his best effort. Well done, Darcy!
5/6 Friswell	Nevaeh W	For always being ready to learn by staying focused and engaged in all classroom activities.
5/6 Williamson	Marley B-D	For being kind, caring and thinking of others.

### Maths Awards

Class	Student	Reason
Prep/1 Powell	Myles G	For making connections between number pairs to 10 and number pairs to 20! Well done, Myles!
Prep/1 Lowndes	Grace O	For working hard to compare the lengths of different objects. Great job, Grace!
Prep/1 O'Grady	Isabella McC	For quickly and confidently completing addition problems.
2 Amraoui/McMillin	Vivienne B	For working incredibly hard in our Shapes topic, learning new words and definitions and showing great persistence in every Maths lesson. Keep up the amazing effort, Vivienne!
2 Hendy	Arabella C	For taking your time when reading and responding to Maths

		equations. Well done, Bella!
3/4 Osborne/Waterworth	Saylah Q	For demonstrating growth in her ability to make different money amounts and calculate change to the nearest 5c.
3/4 Mogyorossy	Asher C	For confidently applying his number sense strategies during our daily Number Talks.
3/4 Widdows	Victoria C T	For using number lines to model finding change from given amounts when dealing with money. Well done, Vickie.
3/4 Golding	Rouan N	For always being ready to learn and challenging himself in all areas of Mathematics.
5/6 Dean	Finn M	For always being ready to learn and sharing his knowledge of decimals in maths. Well done, Finn!
5/6 Friswell	Hei Nay P	For her growing confidence in sharing her strategies and answers during whole-class and small group activities.
5/6 Williamson	Henry M	For showing confidence in his mathematic ability and demonstrating great skills.

## SWPBS Awards

**These students have earned 30 SWPBS stickers for being safe, being respectful and being a learner. Well done.**

- Maggie
- Sophia R
- Eh Lar S
- Hei Nay P
- Bonnie C
- Mckenna B
- Ellie V
- Lilah G
- Sophie L
- Dacre C
- Allira W
- Isla A
- Hunter W
- Violet C-K
- Nicola P
- Hunter W

**These students have earned 60 SWPBS stickers for being safe, being respectful and being a learner. Well done.**

- Myles G
- Samuel K
- Lar Tar K
- Elise B
- Brantley D
- Mighel G
- Zahli S M
- Kenzie E
- Ezra W
- Scarlett W
- Seth B
- Matilda C
- Cooper W
- Ava McM
- Isabelle S
- Kobi D
- Charlotte T O

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- Sadie D
- Kazim U

## National Simultaneous Storytime - May 21st

Today our school proudly participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This is a free, fun, online event that promotes the value of reading and literacy. Each year, an Australian children's book is chosen to be read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, homes and bookshops all over Australia. At 12pm all students at Golden Square Primary joined with over 2,000,000 participants from across Australia and New Zealand to read this year's chosen book, *The Truck Cat*, written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. Together we celebrated the joy of reading by taking part in this nationwide event.

## Building Works

Our school has received approval for some building works to occur. These building works were identified as part of what is known as the *Rolling Facilities Evaluation*. All government schools across the state participate in this evaluation once every five years.

Two pieces of the work will be very noticeable to you all. The first being the replacement of the deck along the Maple street side of the buildings directly outside Mrs O'Grady and Mrs Tomlinson's Prep/1 classrooms and also directly outside Mrs Hendy and Miss Amraoui's Grade 2 classrooms. The deck is being replaced due to the surface being quite slippery and it has rightly been identified as a hazard.

The second piece of work is the replacement of some of the facade of the building which has been damaged by birds who have pecked holes in it to nest. The area where the current wooden facade is damaged will be replaced by the same corrugated steel that is used in the upper half of the Maple Street building (Grade 2 and Grade 5/6) end of the school. Some of the wooden facade will remain in place.

We will be communicating with you all as we have dates planned for this work as there will be some fencing off of areas at different times. The inconvenience for short periods of time will be tolerable knowing that our school is being made safer and necessary repairs being undertaken to help maintain the beautiful school building that our Golden Square community is rightfully proud of.

## Our Grade 3/4 Choir

A very enthusiastic group of children who come together as our school choir, performed for us at the school today in front of their proud parents and other family members. They performed two songs; one a welcoming themed African song, and the second a song about reading.

The children at Golden Square Primary School are very fortunate to have the opportunities to learn from our wonderful Performing Arts teacher in their regular weekly class as well as have additional opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities such as the choir and performing in Melbourne at the State Schools Spectacular.

We hope those in attendance enjoyed the performance and extend our appreciation to you for bringing your children back to school at this later time slot.

## Breakfast Club

Do you ever find yourself busy in the morning trying to get everyone organised for the start of another busy day? And do you know that breakfast is an important meal for us all to help us have the energy to learn, laugh and play?

Our school offers breakfast to children in the morning before the commencement of classes from 8:45 am to 9:00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Regardless of whether your child has already had breakfast or not, they are welcome to come and say hello to the staff in the wellbeing hub and grab something that will help keep those rumbling stomachs at bay while they engage in important learning.

## Second Hand Uniforms

The weather is certainly becoming cooler with frosts on the oval on occasion this week. As you pull out the children's uniform from your cupboards and find that those clothes that fitted last year have all of a sudden become too small, please bring them into the school where we can organise them to be reused by another member of our school community. The rack is in the foyer outside of the office and the uniform pieces are free to any family. We ask that only items with our school logo on them are shared. A great way for our community to support each other and to reduce waste that is harmful to our environment.



## Book Club LOOP

Issue 4 of Book Club will be arriving to all classrooms this week. Here's how it works:

1. Your child will bring home their Book Club catalogue from school.
2. Browse the pages with your child and help them choose books that suit their age and interests.
3. Order online via Book Club [LOOP](#).
4. The books are delivered back to your child's classroom where the teacher will hand them out to very excited students!

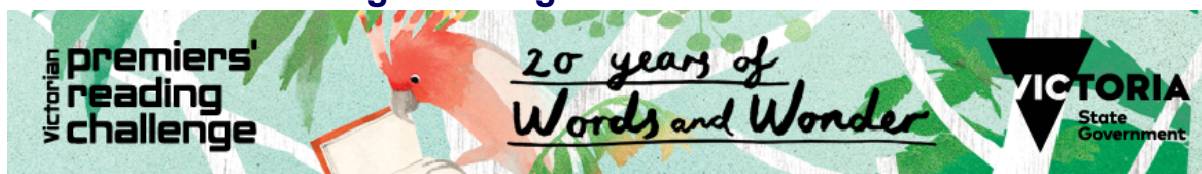
It is easy to order! The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or by using the **LOOP app**, which can be downloaded from the App Store. A reminder that only online payments are accepted, **we can no longer accept cash. Orders are due Thursday 14th March by 9am.**

If you get stuck and need help, simply call Scholastic Book Club friendly customer service team on 1800 021 233 between the hours of 8:30am to 5pm or phone/email the school and I will be more than happy to help.

Happy reading!

Claire Osborne, Library coordinator

## Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to these students who have already reached, and have kept reading beyond, their goal for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. You're reading superstars!

Matilda C L5

Ava M L8

Andry J P M7

We would like to announce some of the **prizes** that your child and their class can win when they successfully complete the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) at Golden Square Primary.

The **first student to complete the challenge for their class** will receive a book from our book prize pool, which includes titles such as ...Zoo Crew, Inflatables, The Puppy Place series, Pig the Pug and more!



The **first class in each level (Prep/1, 2, 3/4 and 5/6) to have every student complete the challenge** will receive a **Zooper Dooper!**

**All students** who complete the challenge by the end date, September 8th, will receive a Premiers' Reading Challenge sticker and a Premiers' Reading Challenge certificate of completion signed by the Victorian Premier.

All students have received their username and passcodes to access the PRC Website, <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>, and log their reading. A reminder that students in grades Prep to 2 are challenged to read and record 30 books, while students in grades 3 to 6 are challenged to read and record 15 books. If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact Claire Osborne [claire.osborne@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:claire.osborne@education.vic.gov.au) or Melinda Waterworth [melinda.waterworth@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melinda.waterworth@education.vic.gov.au).

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# 2025 Active Living CENSUS

Live in Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Loddon, Macedon Ranges or Mount Alexander Shire?  
We're calling on **YOU** to have your say!

## What is the Active Living Census?

The ALC is a community survey that asks about:

- ✓ Physical activity participation
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable consumption
- ✓ Barriers to being healthy and active

## Why does your voice matter?

Your input will help guide decisions about programs, recreation spaces, and services in your community. Whether you're active or not, it's your chance to shape the health and wellbeing of your community – and it only takes 15-20 minutes.

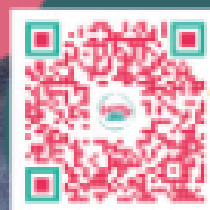
## Participate, don't wait!

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- ✓ WIN your share of \$10,000 in prizes!
- ✓ Open to everyone! No matter your health or activity level, we want to hear from you

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