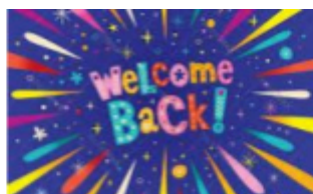




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January 31st 2024 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL TEAM 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, present and emerging.



Thought of the Week

"A smile is the universal welcome."

Welcome

We are so excited to be welcoming you all back to school after the break. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces as the Grade 1 to 6 children returned to school. One of the children was certain her hand was about to drop off as she had written so much already. And this one child was not the exception. Rather, she was the norm as we walked around classrooms and saw so many children enjoying their learning together. The learning is not just about the 3R's (Reading wRiting, and aRithmetic) but also the social and emotional learning. The kindness shown by our existing students to the new children is something that is always so heartening. A great first day at Golden square Primary School!

2024 Calendar



Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29th January	30th January	31st January	1st February	2nd February
	Staff return to work.	Grade 1 to 6 Parent/Carer Information & Communication meetings. Prep children testing by appointment.	Grade 1 to 6 children first day of school. Prep children testing by appointment.	Prep children testing by appointment.	Prep children's first day of school. 2:45 pm - Student led assembly (Prep children will not be in attendance)
Week 2	5th February	6th February	7th February	8th February	9th February
			Prep children rest day.		2:45 pm - Student led assembly
Week 3	12th February	13th February	14th February	15th February	16th February
	Grade 3-6 Swimming	Grade 3-6 Swimming	Prep children rest day. Grade 3-6 Swimming	Grade 3-6 Swimming	Grade 3-6 Swimming
Week 4	19th February	20th February	21st February	22nd February	23rd February
			Prep children rest day.		Grade 3-6 Swimming Sports Day
Week 5	26th February	27th February	28th February	29th February	1st March
			Prep children rest day		
Week 6	4th March	5th March	6th March	7th March	8th March
Week 7	11th March	12th March	13th March	14th March	15th March
	Labour Day Public Holiday				
Week 8	18th March	19th March	20th March	21st March	22nd March
					Student Free Day (tbc)
Week 9	25th March	26th March	27th March	28th March	Good Friday
				2:30 pm finish Last day of Term	

Our Maggie

After having time away from school, I just forgot what school sounds like, and smells like. Ms Miller has taken me into some classrooms so I could say hello. I let her know after a while that I was ready to go back for a rest. It was lovely to be patted by such kind children; I felt very safe and hope they did, too.



Mr Manuel will be sending out information around me to families so that you can alert us to any concerns your child may have when I am around. I won't take it personally and know that relationships need to be respectful.

On Tuesday, while many of you were meeting your teachers, I had my first haircut; Ms Miller has been calling it my '*back to school hair cut*'. I must admit I was looking very shaggy and this new haircut is a lot cooler. The children who have been patting me today have all commented on just how soft I am. I think the groomer did a good job.



Please don't forget those important reminders about helping me feel safe when I am at school. They are:

1. We say hello to the person, not to the dog!
2. We give lots of space when we pass the dog!
3. We keep moving - or keep on with our learning (we don't stand around and stare)

Have a *rufftacular* week everyone.

Camp Australia

Here at Golden square Primary School, we have a partnership with Camp Australia. They are the providers of both Before and After School Care along with a school holiday program, which is generally run in our school stadium. On Student Free Days, see the above article, Camp Australia provide care here on site. This can be really helpful for families who are needing care for children on these days.

Please see our school website for details, and also a newsletter article from Camp Australia at the end of this newsletter for details on how to register. There are also information sessions being held which you may like to attend.

Student Free Days for 2024

This year, schools are provided with five student free days. These days are used for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting.

The dates that we have scheduled into our calendar are as follows:

- Monday 29th January (day already occurred)
- Friday 8th March (still to be approved by School Council)
- Friday 31st May
- Friday 2nd August (still to be approved by School Council)
- Friday 8th November

We have included the two dates still to be approved by School Council to give as much advance notice as possible.

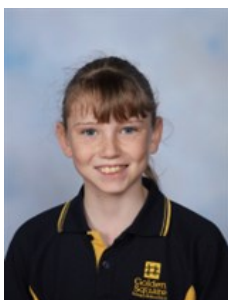
2024 School Captains

For those people who are new to the school, or for those that may have missed the last newsletter of the year, please meet our 2024 School Captains and School Vice-Captains. You will get the opportunity to learn more about them in the upcoming weeks.

- **School Captains**

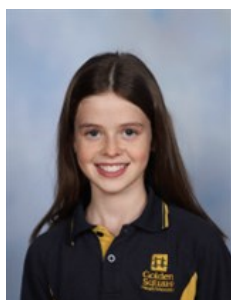


Emily H



Lilly N

- **School Vice-Captains**



Maya G



Charlotte S

Health Care Plans, Asthma Plans, and ASCIA Action Plans (Anaphylaxis)

A student health support plan is required for students who:

- need medical or health-related support at school
- Have a health care need or condition that may impact the student at school
- Have health care need or condition that may impact their engagement and participation in education.

Common conditions that children enrolled with us have are: asthma, diabetes, and anaphylaxis.

For children with asthma, we require a current **Asthma Action Plan** which is a plan written by the child's doctor. This plan is a guide on how to manage your child's asthma, and what to do if your child has a flare-up or asthma attack. Asthma Australia recommends that children with asthma should visit their doctor for a review

at least every six months and more frequently depending on other factors. Please [visit their website](#) for further information.

For children diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, we are required to have a current individual **Diabetes Management Plan** and a current **Diabetes Action Plan** that has been completed by the child's treating medical team.

For children with asthma and diabetes, a Student Health Support Plan will be developed in consultation with the parents or carers, and where appropriate, with the child's treating medical team using the above mentioned plans.

For children who are diagnosed by a medical practitioner as being at risk of suffering from an anaphylactic reaction, we must be provided with an **ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis** which is completed by the child's medical practitioner. The **ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis** must include an up-to-date photo when provided to us. An annual meeting will be held by the school with the parents/guardians of the child and at this meeting an **Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan** will then be written.

If your child has been recently diagnosed with any of these conditions and you have not notified us, please make contact so we can work as one to support your child to be cared for appropriately in the school environment.

Zooper Dooper Sales

Zooper Doopers will be on sale on Thursdays at lunchtime during Term 1 and starting tomorrow. These sell for \$1.00 each and your child will need a coin(s) to pay for these.

SunSmart

We are all aware of the importance of being sun smart and at Golden Square Primary School we require children to wear broad brimmed hats when out in the yard. These hats can be purchased from Lowes at Lansell Square. Naming this piece of uniform is vital as they can be misplaced. If your child is not wearing an appropriate broad brimmed hat, they will be asked to sit in a particular shaded area. If you are a family who is requiring support with purchasing this, or any other uniform piece, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Playground Supervision Times

School grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:35 am until 3:30 pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Before and after school (from 8:35 am to 9:00 am and from 3:15pm to 3:30 pm), staff will supervise Maple and MacKenzie Street West gates and the Bike Shed gate. From 8:45 to 9:00 am, additional supervision will be provided in the Maple Area (area around Maple building including turf and basketball court) and Laurel Area (area around Laurel building including oval and P/1 playground).

The supervision provided after school is aimed at supporting the children to exit the school grounds safely. Any child remaining on school grounds after the 3:15 pm bell to play within the grounds, must be accompanied and supervised by a nominated parent or carer. Staff on gate duty will finish their duty 15 minutes after the end of day bell; usually 3:30 pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity). This means that parent and carers should not allow their children to attend the school outside of these hours.

If you are requiring supervision of your children outside of these hours, you are able to contact Camp Australia to discuss the enrolment of your child in their Before and After School Care program. Please go to [our website article](#) or see their item in our newsletter below for further details.

Welcome to Your OSHC by Camp Australia.

A fun, social space for your child to grow.



Your OSHC.

Embrace the benefits of OSHC in 2024

Welcome to Term 1, 2024 and a big Happy New Year from all of us here at Camp Australia! Children are at the heart of everything we do, and our focus is helping them grow, learn and have fun. Through tailored experiences that nurture their passions, your child will embark on a journey that ignites their imagination and showcases their unique talents.



OSHC Information Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about Your OSHC Before and After School Care, Rocketeers Extraordinary Holiday Programs, our inclusive CARE program, and everything else in between. From registration and bookings to billing and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), the 2024 Info Sessions will cover everything families need to know about their journey with Camp Australia.

Session 1: 13 February 2024, 7:00pm AEDT

Session 2: 15 February 2024, 12:30pm AEDT
campaustalia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

Register your child for Your OSHC

Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. By registering now, it gives you the freedom to book whenever you want!

Register now for peace of mind later!

pp.campaustalia.com.au

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A wide variety of experiences



Cooking



Active Play



Art & Craft



Mindfulness



Group Games



Lots more!

Benefits of OSHC



For parents and families:

- ✓ Peace of mind, knowing your child is socialising and having fun!
- ✓ Convenient location
- ✓ Child Care Subsidy enabled so eligible families can save money!

For children:

- ✓ Builds confidence
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Explore new activities
- ✓ Learn through self-directed fun

Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.

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