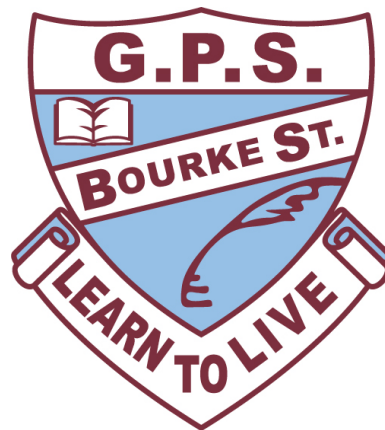


GOULBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL



School Information Booklet

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'Learn to Live'

Goulburn Public School is the oldest public school in Goulburn. It was purchased by the Department of Education in 1868. The site had previously been a private school but sadly none of the original buildings remain today.

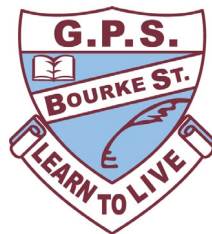
With the introduction of Public Instruction Act of 1880, the number of students at the school increased, peaking above 600 in the early 1970's. When another school was built our enrolment started to decline. Presently our enrolment is around 170 which allow us the benefits of being a small school where there is an opportunity for the students, staff, and parents to know each other.

The school caters for the individual needs of students, through comprehensive teaching and learning programs developed by the teachers following NSW Department of Education guidelines. These programs are supported by the Learning and Support (L&S) Teacher.

At Goulburn Public School, we believe students need to acquire an all-round education involving academic, social, environmental, spiritual and physical growth. Teachers and staff aim to ensure a nurturing and caring environment where students work at their individual level.



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STAFF for 2023

Miss Kim Smith	Acting Principal
Miss Mikhala Wiggins	Acting Assistant Principal K-2, Class Teacher 1/2 Jackson
Mr Jeremy White	Assistant Principal 3-6, Class Teacher 5/6-Poidevin
Ms Amy Roberson	Acting Assistant Principal Support, Class Teacher K-6 Cole
Mrs Siobhan Maloy	Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs Samantha Smith	Learning Support Teacher
Ms Amy Roberson	Acting Assistant Principal, Support Unit
	Class Teacher K-6 Deakin
Miss Taylah Spillane	Class Teacher K-Hume
Mr Ben Harrdence	Class Teacher 1/2-Belmore
Mrs Stefanie Fitzgerald	Class Teacher 3/4-Franklin
Mrs Sarah Munro	Class Teacher 3/4-Parkes
Mr Neil Waterman	Class Teacher 5/6-Taylor
Mrs Mary-Jane Morris	Class Teacher K-6-Cole
Mrs Norma Lang	Librarian Teacher
Mr Anthony Hooper	RFF Teacher
Mrs Donna Twigg	Class Teacher
Mrs Katie Latham	Business Manager
Mrs Julie Baragry	School Administrative Officer
Mr Mitchell Atkinson	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Susan Feld	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Tammy Diamond	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Stephanie Lewis	School Learning Support Officer
Miss Ella Smith	School Learning Support Officer
Mr Andrew Webster	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Kylie McMorro	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Saara Habil	School Wellbeing Nurse
Mrs Sharni McGee	School Counsellor
Mr Neville Robertson	General Assistant
Miss Tegan Johnson	Local Facilitator – Schools as Community Centre

Artistic Performances

From time to time the school will elect to attend or host visits from various performers which may include drama, dance, music/song, language, poetry, environmental studies, science, sport etc. Parents will be informed of these events and a fee to cover costs may be imposed. This information will be made available to parents.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held weekly on a Wednesday at 2.00pm in the school library. Assemblies alternate between K-2 and 3-6 and whole school assemblies Weeks 5 and 10. At assembly the principal addresses the students, class merit awards, level system awards and any special achievements are presented, announcements made, and, on occasion, items performed. Parents and friends are invited to attend these assemblies.

In addition, special assemblies are conducted during the year. Information will be provided about these through the newsletter.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important to ensure satisfactory progress is being made in all aspects of school development. If your child is absent an explanatory note should be sent to school giving the reason for the absence. Parents may wish to phone this information to the school, but a written explanation is preferred.

Late arrivals

If your child arrives late to school, you will need to present to the front office to sign in and receive a late slip. This is recorded as a partial absence.

Early Departures

Students are expected to leave school promptly at the end of the school day. If your child needs to leave school early, parents/caregivers must go to the school office to collect their child and receive an early departure slip.

Attendance records are monitored on a regular basis by Department of Education Home School Liaison Officer, investigates unexplained absences and liaise with families to overcome this problem.

Bell Times

School Commences	9:10am
Recess	11:10am to 11:35am
Lunch	1:05pm to 1:40pm
School Concludes	2:55pm

Playground supervision is provided from 8:40am, students should not arrive at school before 8:40am, as they will be unsupervised.

Book Club

Students are offered the opportunity to purchase well graded books of good value twice a Term. Book Club catalogues are sent home and orders are to be placed using the Scholastic LOOP ordering App.

Breakfast Club

We have a breakfast club operating five mornings per week between 8:30am-9:10 am. Cereal, toast, and milk (and sometimes juice) are provided free of charge to any student. It is a great social gathering in our breakfast club room every morning. A permission note is provided on enrolment. Please inform the school if your child has any allergies to foods. Students are not able to attend without parental permission. Breakfast Club is supported by the Schools as Community Centre.

Canteen/Lunch Orders

We have a school canteen operating five days per week. Students place their lunch order in the box outside the canteen. Our school operates under the "Healthy Canteen Policy". Please do not give your children too much money to spend as lost money can cause a lot of problems. \$1.00 is plenty for a K-2 child at recess.

Curriculum

Key Learning Areas (KLAs) for K– 6 are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- History/Geography
- Creative & Practical Arts
- Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Enrolment

Enrolment forms are available at the beginning of Term 3 for new Kindergarten students. Enrolments are also available online, visit our school website and click on the Enrolment tab. Students may enrol in kindergarten if they turn five years of age on or before July 31 in that year.

Documentation providing proof of age, such as a birth certificate, is required on enrolment. Proof of immunisation is also required. Students transferring from other schools can enrol at any time. Transferring student's parents must have an interview with the principal prior to enrolment.

Excursions

Our school participates in various school outings as to enrich a child's learning experiences. These excursions may be part of a whole school activity or in smaller group situations.

General School Contributions

Goulburn Public School ask for a general contribution of \$25.00 per student and this amount is capped at \$50.00 per family if they have two or more students at the school.

Hats – No hat, play in the shade

In accordance with Cancer Council guidelines, students are encouraged to wear broad brimmed hats (maroon) or the reversible school hat with your child's house colour, when outside during Terms 1 and 4. These are available from the school. The school has a **'No Hat – Play in the Shade'** policy in effect during these terms to restrict exposure to sunlight. As a further preventative measure, the use of sunscreen (SPF 30) is encouraged. Students are encouraged to continue wearing their hats during Terms 2 and 3.

Homework/Home Reading Scheme

The individual teacher sets homework on a regular basis. It is intended that completing set tasks at home will help develop more effective work habit skills. Homework may vary in nature but an expectation that students read at home exists across all grades.

Infectious Diseases

From time-to-time infectious diseases become evident in schools. The school will follow procedures as set by the Department of Education in dealing with such an outbreak. Information sought upon enrolment as to the immunisation status of students being enrolled is used in circumstances such as this.

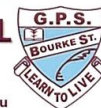
Kindergarten Orientation Program

A Kindergarten Orientation Program is conducted for students enrolling the following year. This involves the students attending school for 4 sessions in November/December from 9:30am to 2:30pm. During this time the students will become used to the formal routine of the school day and the teachers are able to assess the student's readiness for the following Kindergarten year. A parent information session is held during the Orientation sessions and will outline school requirements, general school information. Uniforms will be available to purchase on this day.



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Learning and Support Teacher (L&ST)

Goulburn Public School has access to a Support Teacher. Students experiencing a learning difficulty will be supported through individual programs, team teaching and small group work. These students really benefit from working in a one-to-one situation.

Level Award System

We have an award system which students strive to achieve.

Students receive blue achievement awards and when they have received 10 they will receive an Honour Ribbon. After receiving honour ribbons they will earn Certificate of Excellence, Pennant of Achievement with the highest award being a Banner of Achievement which is received after students receive 9 honour ribbons.

Library

Each class has a library session every week. Students can borrow two books (if no books are overdue) from the library provided they have a durable library bag in which to transport these books. Library bags will be provided at no cost to each child in kindergarten. Students need to make sure that books are treated with respect.

Medication

If students require medication during school hours parents must sign a permission to administer medication form. Our School Learning Support Officers or office staff will administer the medication. No medication is to be kept in a child's bag. Please bring medication to the Office in the morning and do not send medication to school with your child.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

All families within our school are encouraged to contact the school at any time during the school year to arrange an appointment to discuss their child's progress. Teachers welcome discussion with parents in the interest of the students. The best time for an interview is generally after school, however where this is not convenient attempts will be made to arrange a mutually acceptable time.

PBL

PBL is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It was developed in America approximately 20 years ago and is now being implemented in DoE regions across NSW. Goulburn Public School started implementing the program in 2017 across the whole school and have already experienced fantastic results. PBL is not a curriculum but rather a set of systems and practices. It has been driven and monitored by Goulburn Public School staff, led by the school PBL Team. It is data based and focuses on monitoring and rewarding positive playground behaviours. These positive behaviours are identified and critically taught in line with Goulburn Public School's core values. PBL is about preventing unwanted behaviours and being proactive about teaching, and students learning about acceptable playground practices.

Each class at Goulburn Public School are having explicit lessons taught about the correct behaviours in each area of the school. Students are then positively rewarded with 'green grins' for exhibiting the correct behaviour. This promotes positive feelings and thoughts about their behaviour rather than focusing on student's 'unwanted' behaviours.

Below are our core expectations and our school mascot Puppa-roo.



P&C Association

The Goulburn Public School P&C Association meets once a month at the school. Please check your newsletter for dates and times. All members of our school community are encouraged to attend these meetings.

P&C fundraising activities include Mother and Father's Day stalls, pie drives, barbeques etc. Your support of these events is encouraged and appreciated. Follow the Goulburn Public School P&C on Facebook to stay up to date.

End of Year Presentation

Our annual end of year presentation is held in December each year. Prizes and presentations are awarded to students on this day. The school receives valuable donations to support this activity and to help recognise the achievements of students from within our school.

Requirements

All students are required to have a bag suitable for library books and readers. Pencils, pens, books, erasers, and rulers are supplied for students in Years K – 6. However, students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring their own to school, but please ensure that they are all labelled.

School as Community Centre (SACC)

Goulburn Public School is a School as Community Centre. Under this program our school is promoted as being a place where our community meets for various programs, with our school and community forming very positive links with one another.

Our school has a fulltime local facilitator who works with the local communities, families, and service providers to develop and implement initiatives in response to specific needs.

This program is a wonderful joint-agencies initiative and continues to build strong partnerships with the wider school community.

School Counsellor

Help is available for problems or concerns that you may have about the development of your child. Our School Counsellor is at school on Tuesdays, talking to students referred by teachers for assessment of learning difficulties, behaviour and/or social adjustment problems. Parents are sent a note to be signed so that the school counsellor can work with their child. The counsellor contacts parents after pupil assessment. Parents can call the counsellor if they have concerns with their children.

School Newsletter & Communication

Our school produces a fortnightly newsletter online. This newsletter aims to promote school activities and student achievements along with providing information about coming events or activities. Please download the Audiri app and 'like us' on our Facebook page *Goulburn Public School – Official Site*, so you can keep up with what is happening in our school.

School Uniform

Goulburn Public school colours are Light Blue, Navy and Maroon.

Summer Boys

School Polo Shirt
Navy Shorts
White Socks
Black Shoes
School Hat
Sport Shirt

Summer Girls

School Polo Shirt
Navy Skorts
Dress
White Socks
Black Shoes
School Hat
Sport Shirt

Winter

School Polo Shirt
Navy pants
Black Shoes
Maroon Polo Fleece
Maroon Wind Jacket

Our School P&C runs the uniform shop and uniforms are available for purchase at the school on Thursday mornings from 8:45am to 9:15am. Alternatively, you can complete an order form and leave it at the office with the correct money, or payment to the P&C bank account, and the orders will be filled and sent home with your child.

Non-Uniform (Mufti) Days – these are days held throughout the year, often in association with minor fundraising activities, particularly for charities. Information about these days is provided when known.



Summer Uniform

Winter Uniform



Sports Uniform

School Photographs

School photographs are arranged each year and families are given the opportunity to purchase these if they so wish.

Scripture

Goulburn Public School provides the opportunity for your child to attend religious education lessons provided by visiting lay teachers from different Christian denominations and churches each Thursday. Participation forms are available upon enrolment.

Student Clothing and Property

Make sure all articles, especially lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, jumpers, and jackets are clearly and permanently labelled. Students are to leave toys, jewellery, and personal items at home. They can be easily damaged or lost. NO responsibility can be taken for loss of or damage to personal toys, books, trinkets, etc. brought to school. Children in K – 2 are discouraged from bringing “special” playthings to school. Make sure your child’s schoolbag is easily recognisable and labelled with their name. Every effort is made to return any ‘lost’ property to its owner. Dangerous items such as pocket-knives **MUST NOT** be brought to school.

Sport and PE

Students have sport on Friday. All students take part in fitness/skills sessions each day. These activities form part of our PE/Health/PD program of which all students are required to participate.

All students from K – 6 participate in School Cross Country and Athletics Carnival. Years 3 – 6 also participate in the Swimming carnival. Students in Years 3 – 6 also participate in several sporting activities in the Goulburn District.

Student Reports

Written student reports are mailed home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. These reports provide an indication of student achievement as assessed and noted by the classroom teacher.

Please, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our school for any additional information on Ph: (02) 4821 2827.



**We warmly welcome your child to our
wonderful school**

Goulburn Public School Song

*Bourke Street, Oh Bourke Street,
You've stood since 1868,
Teaching and training the young of the town.
You're the oldest and proudest in the whole of Goulburn.
Here's to dear Bourke Street,
The best of them all!
Cherish and honour this school of beauty,
Uphold its honour for evermore,
It's a great place to learn
and an honour to have been there,
Let's hear it now for our old primary school.
Bourke Street, Oh Bourke Street,
You've taught and found so many things,
Taught the best scholars and found that you are,
The best loved, the most loved,
The greatest school of Goulburn,
Let's get together, keep up the good work.
Cherish and honour this school of beauty,
Uphold its honour for evermore,
It's a great place to learn
And an honour to have been there,
Let's hear it now for our old primary school.*

*Written by: Lisbeth Shelley (Vice Captain, 1974)
Sung to the tune of Waltzing Matilda*