We had a fabulous study tour to Dubbo Monday 27th. We sang nursery rhymes most of the way in. First time for some children!

We had our Crunch and Sip at the playground in Victoria Park so it was then a short but interesting walk to inspect the Cenotaph.

Many new plinths have been added to the area and reading all the information was truly thought provoking. The array of knitted poppies was still there like a red carpet. We had lunch at the Japanese Gardens to which we will have to return as more time was needed to fully appreciate the wonder of the garden.

Then it was off to the Conservatorium for DRUMMING with Dale. Everyone’s face lit up when they started drumming. Pear, apple, apple, pear was our first rhythm from Africa. We will continue our lessons through video conferencing with another face to face lesson later in the term.

Crunch and Sip has really taken a huge leap forward thanks to the generosity of Woolworths. Each week we are given a box of fruit and vegetables some of which the children are learning to like. Clearly fruit will be important part of our drumming success!

Everyone is really looking forward to NAPLAN in Week 4. Our Year 3 and 5 students will be delighted with the opportunity this will give them to really show off and do their wonderful work.

Everyone is registered for the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Great excitement as the first entries in their log books have been entered! This will continue for 10 weeks. Staff has registered as well. So the challenge is on for all.

Active After School Communities has been replaced with Sport in Schools which again gives us the opportunity to employ experts in a wide variety of sports. We will certainly be keen to provide the children with the best we can.

Playgroup is back in action with the ever inventive Mrs Gorrie. Any pre-schooler who will be attend Goolma Public is most welcome along with mum or dad of course. This is on Wednesday morning 9:30 until 11:00 when we all have recess together.

As a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school we will resume cooking our lunch on Fridays. There is a tiny cost to help provide the ingredients we can’t grow. We are becoming jolly good at cooking and eating an increasing diverse menu. Our table always looks beautiful with enticing food to be devoured using our best manners of course.

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OUR EXCURSIONS

During Term 1 we travelled to Mudgee for swimming lessons every week. This is us on the bus waiting for Mrs Charlton. Our swimming lessons worked because Goolma School were winners at the Small School Swimming Carnival!!!

On the 9th March we travelled to Ulan to visit The Life Education Van. A great day was had by the staff and student. We participated in Grasshopper Soccer with the other small schools that attended on the day. The children had a great time making friends with students from the different schools.

Our excursions don’t always have to leave the school grounds. Here we have 2 very busy students seeing how many tiny tomatoes they can collect.

WELCOME

NEW KINDY

Goolma has one new Kindergarten student that started this year. Her name is Stevie and she is a lovely likeable student. She always walks in the front gate with a huge smile on her face.

We would like to welcome a new family to the school. The boys Zeke and Ashton have settled in well at school. The other children welcomed them and showed them around the school and the grounds.

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On Friday’s we have a Healthy Canteen Day that consists of food that we have picked from our own garden. We all get to help measure ingredients organise and cook what we are going to eat for lunch. We talk about healthier food choices and how good they are for us.

This is us having our lunch sitting under our new gunyah with Mrs Cooney in the background, admiring the new pond that she and all her fellow helpers helped dig and put in place before the holidays.

We started drumming lessons with Dale last week. The children along with the teachers really got into the groove of beating and tapping to the music.

Very pleased with the job of digging the hole where the new pond is going.
CONDOLENCES
We extend our sincere sympathy for the loss of Bernadette to the Knowles and Doherty Families and their extended family and friends.

PLAYGROUP
Mrs Gorrie holds Playgroup at the School every Wednesday starting at 9.30 to 11.00 then we join with the students for morning tea. Lachlan and Cooper painted a picture for their mother’s for Mother’s Day.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is done every week so every child at the school is eligible to Bank.

Services will be held at St Mark’s Goolma on 2nd Sunday every month at 11.30

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