

GOOLMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

From the Principal

We hope you enjoy our newsletter, as it clearly shows what an amazing start to 2023 the students at Goolma Public School have had. Some of the wonderful activities and events have included: swim scheme, new eco-schools initiatives, a visit from Healthy Harold in the Life Education van, and regular music, cooking, gardening, and bike repairs groups every Friday. In the final week before the Autumn holidays, we are heading to our good friends at Cassilis Public School for the Cross Country Carnival, as well as Ballimore Public School for the Easter Hat Parade.

All that and I haven't even mentioned the incredible learning that happens in the classroom every single day! Our fantastic teacher Miss Sanders has been working on narrative writing with all our students and their outstanding published stories are included in this newsletter. Happy reading!

Finally, I'd like to thank Miss Bess Sanders for stepping into my Principal role for the remainder of the year while I travel around our great country with my family. Miss Sanders will continue to be the main classroom teacher, in addition to taking on Principal responsibilities, and we all know what a great job she will do. We welcome back Mrs Kirkwood and Miss Irwin for the remainder of the year to also help out.

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter break.

Mr Matt Ferrie





Dates to Remember

04.04.2023	Cross Country Cassilis
05.04.2023	Easter Hat Parade at Ballimore
06.04.2023	End Term 1
25.04.2023	ANZAC Day
26.04.2023	Term 2 Resume



Message from Miss Sanders

We have had such a wonderful start to the year. All our students have settled well back into their learning routines and have enjoyed reconnecting with their peers.

The implementation of the new K-2 Units of work is going well with students engaging with different narrative texts for English and exploring numbers and patterns in Mathematics. Enjoy a sample of their writing on the next few pages.

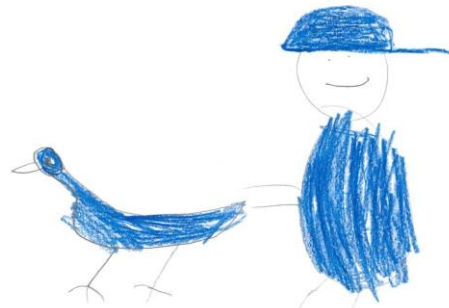
I am honoured to be taking on the Teaching Principal role while Matt is on leave.

Enjoy your Easter Break and I look forward to seeing you all next Term!

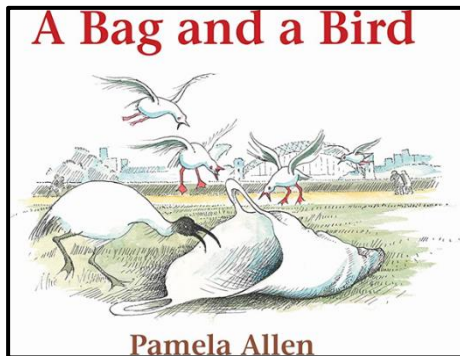
HENRY GREAT FROSTBITE CHASE

On Friday Frostbite the goose chased Harry while he was doing bike repairs in the shed. The goose bit Harry on the bottom because he slapped him. The goose chased Miss Butler around the classroom. Next the goose chased Noah into the sandpit. In the sandpit the goose laid an egg so I slapped Frostbite. The goose ate Harry's favourite goldfish because he was being mean. Then the goose bit Parker on the head before he flew onto the bus. The goose decided to poo on the custom bus because he was feeling cheeky. "I am going to kill you!" I said. After that the goose ran off to the cola area where I found him being bitten by Harry's snake. We could not save poor Frostbite.

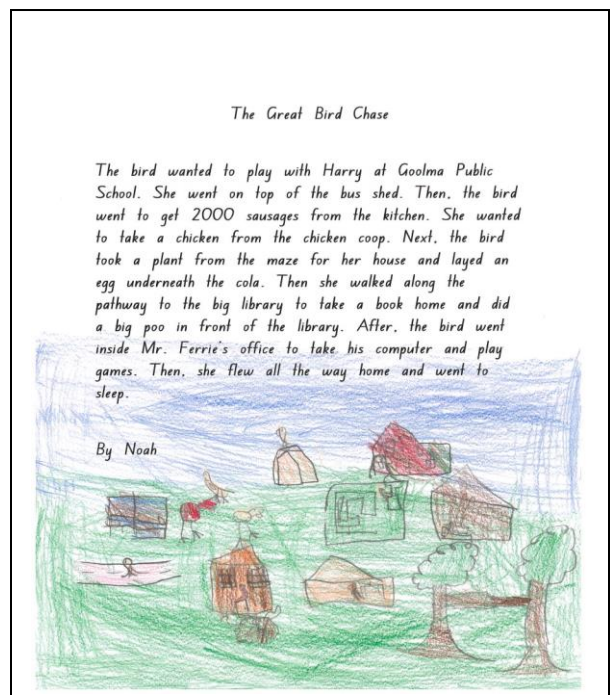
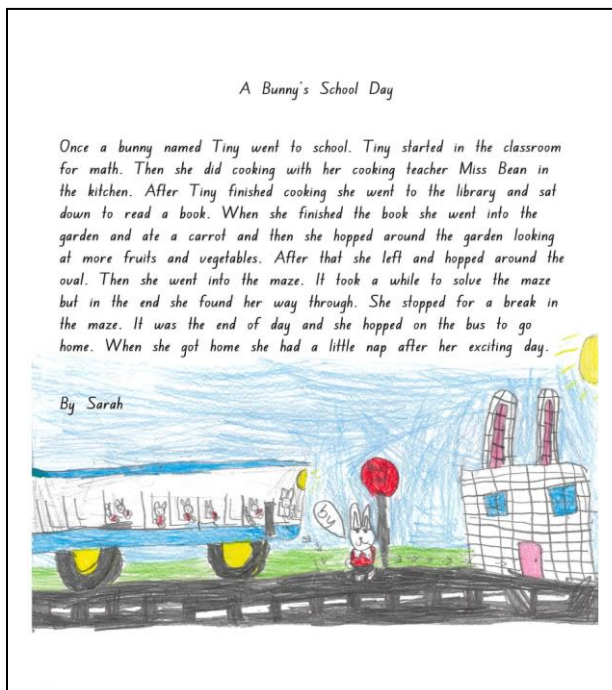
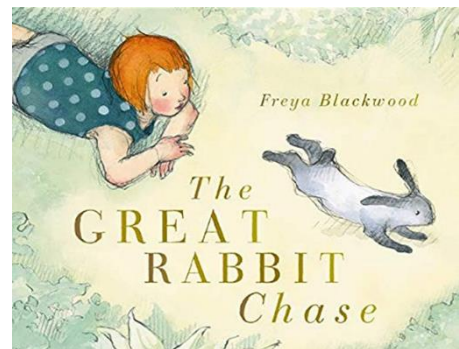
By Henry



Narrative Journey



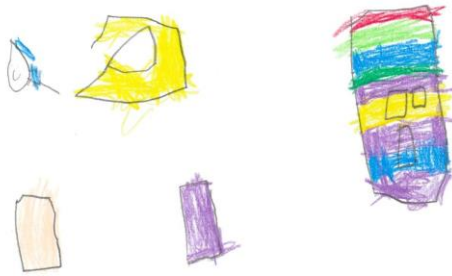
For the last few weeks of this term we have been focusing on narrative journeys. Our two focus texts were *A Bag and A Bird* by Pamela Allen and *The Great Rabbit Chase* by Freya Blackwood. These texts were used to investigate how students can make their writing more interesting by using noun groups, verb groups, adjectives, and prepositional phrases. To complete the unit of work the students had to plan a journey around the school that their character would follow before writing their narrative.



Hannah's Story

Cutie walked around the whole maze.
Then she walked past the classroom on her way to the chicken coop.
Later she played in the sandpit before going home into the maze.

By Hannah



Parker's Story: Dove the Chicken.

Dove flapped over the bike shed and landed on the ramp.
Next, she laid an egg in the drawer of Miss Sanders' desk, then quickly hid in Parker's red tub and had a drink from his water bottle.
Later, she hopped around the sandpit until she finally had a sleep in Henry's shoes.

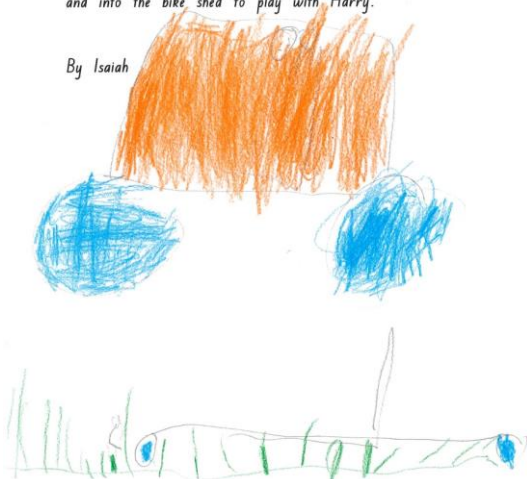
By Parker.



Tiger's Journey

Tiger is a black pig. He was sleeping in the maze at school. He woke up and ran past the oval. Next, he went along the path and went into the bus shed. After, Tiger jumped through the window into the kitchen and cooked chicken. Then, he went past Mr Ferrie's office and into the bike shed to play with Harry.

By Isaiah



Carpie Boy's Journey

Carpie Boy is a blue snake. Carpie boy was sleeping in the maze at my big school. He woke up and slithered past the classroom. Next, he went through the chicken pen fence and along the path to the kitchen. After, Carpie Boy went around Mr Ferrie's office and onto the equipment. Then, he went past the trees and into the sports shed to sleep.

By Harry

