

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE



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Googong Learning in Action

Learning at The Anglican School Googong is about providing opportunities for the children to make meaning for themselves. In doing so, they'll begin to understand how they learn and through this they will become more confident learners. Through wide reading, purposeful play, self-discovery, connections with community members, trips to places of interest, and the relationships with teachers, the school is creating a sense of purpose in their learning. Their learning isn't isolated – rather, it's integrated and relevant.

In recent weeks, Year 1 and 2 students have been discovering what makes Googong a sustainable town. They've explored how the stormwater is managed and have had visits from town



planners and Queanbeyan City Council to help them discover for themselves what is special about the town they live in. During one of the visits from Council, the students walked around Googong to see sustainable practices in place, and they learned how sustainability is an important of our township.

The school continues to make the most of Googong's facilities. On Thursday 4 June, the recently opened John Caragh Park was host to the students' first ever Cross-country Carnival. The day saw students compete over distances ranging from 550 metres to 1600 metres based on their age. The mission of the Anglican School Googong is to provide 'a place where children know and discover, understand and dream and grow in faith'.

To find out more, come to the school's open day or follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/GoogongLearning) or Facebook (facebook.com/GoogongSchool).

OPEN DAY

The next open day will be held on Wednesday 5 August from 9.30am – 11.00am. Principal Ian Hewitt and his team would love to see you so stop by and experience The Anglican School Googong for yourself.

For full details see: GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au



A MESSAGE FROM GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Despite the winter freeze, development at Googong has been proceeding at a pretty hot pace over the past few months.

Subdivision Stage 4A (56 lots) was completed and registered in April. Subdivision Stages 4B (82 lots) and 3B2 (95 lots) work has been completed and registration is pending Council approval.

This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 735 and works are underway on a further 440 lots in Stages 5A, 5B, 6A, 6D and Neighbourhood 1B Stages 1 & 2.

Work is proceeding well on the first Stage of the townships Water Recycling Plant. The Contractor, John Holland, has all but completed the work and is expected to commence the final commissioning phase in August and be treating wastewater from occupied homes by September.

Beltana Park is now under the ongoing landscape management control of the Googong Joint Management Committee, a partnership between Queanbeyan City Council and Googong. This partnership is an ongoing commitment for both and will ensure the landscapes at Googong are well maintained into the future.

In Spring 2015 the temporary stormwater controls in place at Beltana Park will be removed so that the final design intent can be realised. This will be a significant milestone in the life of Beltana Park as it will allow the wetland ecosystem to properly establish and mature and significantly reduce the extent of the periodic flooding.

Rockley Oval will have its first use by the Queanbeyan Tiger Juniors on 15 August 2015 when their under 8 teams will host a round of matches from 2.30pm. October will also see the popular Tigers Auskick programme come to Googong.

John Caragh Park is now complete and ready for residents to enjoy.

Construction of the upgrade to the intersection of Googong Road with Old Cooma Road has recently been completed and the feedback from drivers on the improvement to safety has been very positive.

MALCOLM LESLIE
PROJECT DIRECTOR



FIRE SAFETY IS YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE?

House fires can cause serious injury or death, and can destroy your most cherished possessions and home.

The area of the house where most fires occur is the kitchen, followed by the lounge and bedrooms.

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR FAMILY THE BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVING A HOUSE FIRE?

1. Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly. Change the battery at least once every 12 months.
2. Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
3. Have a written escape plan in case of fire, and practice it regularly with all house-hold occupants. Remember once you get out stay out and dial Triple Zero (000). More information can be found on the NSW RFS website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
4. Ensure that keys to all locked windows and doors are accessible in case you need to escape.

Simple home fire safety tips you should follow are:

- Never ever leave cooking unattended.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off at the power point when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed. Never leave candles or any other open flames unattended.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- Remember that smoke from a fire will make you confused and that you cannot see in smoke.
- When asleep you will not smell smoke and it will in fact put you into a deeper sleep.

MORE INFORMATION?

Website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Twitter: @JerraCreek – @RFSLakeGeorge – @NSWRFS

Your local fire control centre: 02 6128 0600

Apps: search for 'Fires Near Me' and 'My Fire Plan'

Neighbourhood Watch

If you are a person interested in your local community and keen to make a difference in your neighbourhood or street, then we invite you join the Googong Neighbourhood Watch.

We are inviting and encouraging Googong residents to attend a local Neighbourhood Watch meeting and consider participation in the Program. The Program facilitates and supports safer communities through negotiation and exchange of information. It achieves this by promoting crime prevention, quality of life and social inclusion. Neighbourhood Watch is about removing or reducing the opportunity to commit crime, reducing victimisation and strengthening communities and commodities against crime.

If you are interested in becoming part of the program and/or committee, please contact your **Community Manager, Samantha Remmers** for further information. Samantha can be contacted via email community@googong.net



KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Local Neighbourhood Watch meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at Club Googong. Help make a difference in Googong, by promoting crime prevention, quality of life and social inclusion.

NEXT MEETING
7PM TUESDAY 4 AUGUST
AT CLUB GOOGONG



QUEANBEYAN FAMILY DAY CARE

Queanbeyan Family Day Care is actively recruiting educators in the Googong area. If you are passionate about working with children in your own home, contact us on **6285 6253** or info.fdc@qcc.nsw.gov.au.

The scheme also has some vacancies for children in the Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra areas and may be able to help with your childcare needs.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Plans are well underway for the Googong Community Garden, which will be a beautiful addition to the township.

Community Gardening brings benefits to individuals, neighborhoods, communities and the cities they are part of.

The community garden's creation and success comes down to the involvement and commitment of the community.

If you are interested in seeing the plans and/or expressing interest, please contact **Samantha Remmers** – community@googong.net



Join us for Playgroup

We meet every Thursday morning from 10am to 11am at The Anglican School Googong (during school term).

Come and meet other local parents and children in a relaxed environment.

(no RSVP necessary)



YMCA – POOL AND GYM

WATERWORKS CLASS

Low-moderate intensity 45 minute group exercise class. Benefits include weight loss, muscle strengthening, aerobic conditioning and improvement in general health and wellbeing.

Mondays at 10am and Wednesdays at 9.30am (\$5 per class)

Bookings essential – contact the YMCA to book your place on **6181 0391** or via email admin.googong@ymca.org.au



POOL AND GYM OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 6:30am – 6:30pm
Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Have you moved into your home at Googong?

If you have recently made the move into your new home at Googong, don't forget to let our Community Manager, **Samantha**, know so that she can give you your welcome pack and gift.

Contact her via email at community@googong.net or by calling her on **1300 446 646**.

You don't even need to make the trip to Club Googong, she will come to you! You can also drop in to see her in the Googong Sales office from Tuesday to Friday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Flying High IN THE GOOGONG SKY

11am to 2pm Sunday, 16 August 2015

Bring the kids and your kites along for a FREE fun day of kite flying at Rockley Oval in Googong. There'll be some amazing BIG kites on show, including a whale, cat, teddy bear and grub!

Why not bring a picnic to make the most of the day? The Lions Club will be hosting a community BBQ and Yellow Belly Cafe will have coffee and hot chocolates to warm you up. There is a playground that suits kids through to early teens – so there's plenty to keep the whole family active!

Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends along and enjoy a great day out with the family.

Auskick at Rockley Oval

Ages: 4 to 9

Time: 10.00am to 11.00am

Date: Sunday 11 October (for 6 weeks)

Cost: \$65 for new registrations

For more information please contact **Lynne McKenzie** qtigers.junior@tigersclub.com.au



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