

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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"Learning for the future in a caring rural setting."

Please note that the school newsletter is uploaded to the school's website. Copies of past newsletters are also available!

Dates to Remember

In the lead-up to the cross country event we will be practising our long distance running at the Recreation Reserve. We ask that all students please wear/bring appropriate footwear for running from Mon 24th April—Friday 28th April.

Next Week

Mon 24th Apr. ANZAC Service at School, 9.00am
Tues 25th Apr. ANZAC Day
Fri 28 Apr. MARC Library

Week beginning Monday 1st May

Mon 1st May Cluster Cross Country at Elmore (Gr. P-6)
School Council Meeting

Term Two

9th—11th May NAPLAN Testing (Grades 3 and 5)
Fri 12th May MARC Library
Sun 14th May Mother's Day
Fri 19th May Cluster Winter Sports at Colbo (Gr. 3-6)
Mon 22nd May Student-Free Day
Wed 24th May Gym Program
Thurs 25th May Special Person's Day
Fri 26th May MARC Library
Friday 2nd June Science Excursion to Elmore (Gr. P-6)
Mon 5th June Student-Free Day
Wed 7th June Gym Program
Fri 9th June MARC Library
Mon 12th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 14th June Gym Program
Mon 19th June School Council Meeting
Wed 21st June Gym Program
Fri 23rd June MARC Library
Fri 30th June Last day of Term Two

2017 Term Dates

Tues 18th April—Fri 30th June Term Two
Mon 17th July—Fri 22nd Sept. Term Three
Mon 9th Oct.—Fri 22nd Dec. Term Four

Change to newsletter publication

This term the school newsletter will be published on a fortnightly basis, rather than weekly. The dates for the Term Two newsletters will be:

Friday 21st April	Friday 2nd June
Friday 5th May	Friday 16th June
Friday 19th May	Friday 30th June

This Week's Awards

P-2: Values Award—Ellsie
Literacy—Flynn
Maths—Savannah
3-6: Values Award—Ruby
Literacy—Teagan
Maths—Ella
Principal's Award—Daniel



Awards are presented each Friday at the 3pm Assembly.

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**ANZAC Day
Remembrance Service**



**Monday 24th April beginning at 9.00am
at Goornong Primary School**

***Parents and members of the Goornong
community are invited to attend.***

***This short ANZAC Day service will be run
by our Student Leadership Group.***

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Two of the 2017 school year. I trust that all students, parents and staff had a safe and enjoyable break over the Easter period—I hope the Easter Bunny was generous to you all!

As is evident in the Dates to Remember section of today's newsletter, Term Two promises to be a very busy and exciting Term at Goornong PS, with many events and activities taking place.

FAREWELL MRS MULQUEEN

Yesterday we farewelled Mrs Mulqueen who is leaving Goornong PS to take up a full-time position elsewhere. Mrs Mulqueen has been a valuable member of our staff team for the past three years working as an Integration Aide in both the Prep-Two and Three-Six classrooms. Mrs Mulqueen's work has been greatly appreciated by the students and teachers alike and she will certainly be missed. We congratulate Mrs Mulqueen on her new position and wish her the very best!

WELCOME MISS MAC

We welcome Miss Mac to our staff team who will be beginning as an Integration Aide in the Grade Three-Six classroom next week. Miss Mac is in the final year of her teaching degree at La Trobe University in Bendigo and has been volunteering at our school on Wednesdays since the beginning of the year.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

This coming Monday 24th April at 9.00am our Student Leadership Group will be running a short ANZAC Day Service at the school. We invite parents and members of our school community to attend.

Our School Captains, Jimmy and Ruby, will also be joining me at the Goornong Community ANZAC Day Service on Tuesday 25th April to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community in memory of all those who lost their lives at war.

HATS

At the end of Term One hats were sent home so they can be washed and kept safe ready to bring back to school in Term Four.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

As was messaged to councillors earlier this week, the next meeting of our School Council is now on Monday 1st May at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm. The meeting scheduled for Monday 15th May has been cancelled. I apologise for any inconvenience this change has caused.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Each year our school participates in the Campaspe Cluster Cross Country run. This year's event will be held at the Elmore Field Days site on Monday 1st May and is for all students in Years Prep-Six.

As a school, we will be travelling by bus, departing at 11.15am and returning by 3.15pm.

On the day, students are split into three age groups according to their age at 31st December this year. Five, six and seven year olds will run a 1km course; eight, nine and ten year olds a 2km course; and 11 & 12 year olds a 3km course.

The Cluster Cross Country is always an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to seeing many parents at the venue to cheer our students along.

Please find attached to today's newsletter a permission form for this excursion, to be completed and returned to the school.

Also attached to the newsletter is a permission form so we can go across to the Recreation Reserve a couple of times next week to practice for the Cross Country.

PARTNERSHIP WITH KIWANIS CLUB

Our school is pleased to have formed a partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo. Kiwanis is a world wide service organisation of men and women who want to improve their communities, including providing assistance to young people. Each term one student receives an award in recognition of their efforts and citizenship within our school community.

Previous winners of the award include Keira L, Mitchell W, Bree T and Molly E.

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the award for Term One is Flynn C (Prep). Well done Flynn!

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Accompanying today's newsletter is a letter regarding the provision of Religious Instruction at Goornong PS. I encourage all families to read this letter, particularly those with children who have participated in RE in the past or were considering doing so in 2017. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information or clarification around the details of this letter.

Quote of the Week

"I met a man with a dollar. We exchanged dollars and we still each had a dollar.

I met a man with an idea. We exchanged ideas and we now each have two ideas."

Jason Cox
Principal

Food Allergies

We wish to remind parents that this year we have a number of students enrolled at our school with nut allergies. Whilst there is no specific ban on particular food items we encourage all parents to be thoughtful about the sandwich fillings and snack products packed in lunchboxes.

Peanuts and peanut additives have the potential to cause severe and life-threatening anaphylactic reactions in allergic students. Even mild allergic reactions can cause swelling of the face, vomiting and hives.

Parents should be aware that allergic reactions can be brought on through skin contact (such as leaning in peanut butter that is on the table), not just through ingestion.

We ask parents to be mindful of this when packing their child's lunchbox.

We also wish to make parents aware that the sharing of food is not permitted at school and that students should only eat food items provided from their home—please do not send along food to be shared with other students!

We thank parents for their support with this.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

A reminder of our school's policy regarding Working with Children Checks.

All school staff such as teachers, relief teachers and support staff are required to have a Working with Children Check as part of their employment and our school maintains a register to ensure that staff WWCCs are up to date.

There are also instances where volunteers such as parent and community helpers are required to have a WWCC. These include situations where volunteers have direct contact with students from our school and where there may not be a teacher present. As such, we require parents/volunteers attending camps or excursions to have a WWCC. Please note that parents helping with morning reading are not required to have a WWCC.

Key considerations for School Council in establishing our WWCC policy are to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students who attend our school; and to ensure that our school's procedures continue to meet the current legislation.

The process to obtain a Working with Children Check is quite simple and there is no cost to applicants. It involves completing an online form and then attending an Australia Post outlet to lodge the form.

We encourage parents who may wish to help out with excursions (such as the Prep-Two excursion later in the year) to contact Tymika who will be happy to help with the application process. Tymika is able to sit with parents at a school computer and complete the process.

A copy of our WWCC policy is available on the school website or from the office on request.

Please feel free to come and see Jason if you have any further questions.

Community News

RETURNED and SERVICES LEAGUE
Elmore Sub-Branch

Goornong Service



**ANZAC DAY
COMMEMORATION CEREMONY
Goornong Soldiers Memorial Hall
10.00am Tuesday 25 April 2017**

Returned and ex service personnel are requested to wear their medals.

Members of the public will be invited to lay floral tributes.

LEST WE FORGET

The Service will be followed by Morning tea
(Please bring a plate to share, if you are able to.)

State Schools are Great Schools!

Year 7 Information Evenings at the following Colleges
Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm:

- Crusoe College**
Contact: 5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au
- Eaglehawk Secondary College**
Contact: 5446 8099
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au
- Weeroona**
Contact: 5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au
- Bendigo South East**
Contact: 5443 4522
bse.vic.edu.au
- Kalianna School**
Contact: 5442 1311
kalianna.vic.edu.au