

# 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

### Term Three

15th—17th Aug.	Grade Three-Four Curumbene Camp
Mon 20th Aug.	School Council
Fri 24th Aug.	Book Week Dress Up Day
Fri 31st Aug.	Athletics Carnival, Bendigo Gr 3-6s
Tues 4th Sept.	Playgroup Session @School, 10am-12pm.
Fri 7th Sept.	MARC Library
Fri 21st Sept.	MARC Library
	Last day of Term Three, 2.15pm dismissal

### 2018 Term Dates

Mon 16th July—Fri 21st Sept	Term Three
Mon 8th Oct—Fri 21st Dec	Term Four



**Our Book Week dress-up day is on Friday 24th August. On this day students (and parents) are encouraged to dress up in a costume related to this year's theme—**  
*Find Your Treasure.*  
**We will be having a parade at the school at 9am on our Book Week day.**

## Weekly Awards

Awards are presented each week at the 3pm Friday assembly. Parents are welcome to attend!



Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Values		Saanvi P
P-2 Literacy	There were no awards presented this week as there was no assembly due to the Science Day excursion.	Harry M
P-2 Maths		Wade N
3-6 Values		Jazmin F
3-6 Literacy		Tess D
3-6 Maths		Daniel J
Principal's		Charlie C

## FOTS NEWS

### Elmore Field Days & Bunnings BBQ volunteers

2018 will again see Goornong Primary School participate in the Elmore Field Days Catering Committee. This activity is always a great way to raise funds for our school. The Elmore Field Days will be ran on Tuesday 2nd October, Wednesday 3rd October & Thursday 4th October. We are seeking volunteers to fill shifts on all of the above days.

Another great fundraiser for our school has been the Bunnings BBQ. We will be holding the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 26th August and are again seeking volunteers to help out on the day.

During 2017 these 2 fundraisers alone raised \$2,657.35.

If you are able to help out with either or both fundraisers for 2018, please put your name on the rosters on the front desk at the office.

# Principal's Report

## GRADE THREE-FOUR CURUMBENE CAMP

Next week our Grade Three-Four students head to Camp Curumbene. The camp runs from Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th August and sees our students join with the other Campaspe Cluster schools to participate in a range of outdoor and team-building activities, including canoeing, abseiling, low ropes course, flying fox, climbing walls and kite making.

The confirmed cost of the camp is \$227 per student. Thank you to those families that have already finalised payment. If you haven't already done so, we ask that you please contact Danica in the office.

## STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Earlier this year students in Grades Four, Five and Six completed the annual *Student Attitudes to School Survey*. This is an annual survey set by the Education Department which provides valuable feedback to schools about the students' perceptions of their school. The students complete the survey online and are asked to respond to a number of questions with either strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree or strongly disagree.

At Goornong PS, we use these results as one of multiple sources of feedback to direct future planning and school improvement. As has been the case over recent years, our schools results in 2018 are generally very positive. A summary of the results is below.

### **Positives**

- ◆ 97% of students felt that the behaviour of others does not impact on their learning.
- ◆ 94% gave a positive response for their sense of safety at our school.
- ◆ 100% of students gave a positive response with regards to the teachers setting expectations for their learning.
- ◆ 94% of students gave a positive response for confidence in their learning.
- ◆ 100% gave a positive response for a sense of inclusion at Goornong PS.

### **Areas for Improvement**

- ◆ 9% of students gave a neutral response for whether they were stimulated by the learning at Goornong PS.
- ◆ 9% of students gave a neutral response when asked about their feeling of connectedness and sense of belonging to the school community.

## CHANGE TO LITERACY BLOCK TIMETABLE

The Literacy Block occurs each morning between 9.00am-11.00am and is where the students work on their reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary and language skills. Following an internal review of the structure of our Literacy Block, we have made a change to the timetabling of the Words Their Way spelling program. Students will now complete the Words Their Way program in their own homeroom classroom. This will ensure that the classroom teachers are better able to follow-up with the students in their homeroom classes to implement the strategies being learnt during WTW into their writing. The purpose of learning spelling strategies, rules and structures is to be able to apply these into our writing and this change will better enable the school to support our students with this outcome. The students will continue to work on spelling sorts and words at their learning level and will continue to be able to practice these words at home.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year our school conducts a survey of families as one of multiple sources of feedback that our school uses to direct future planning and school improvement. This year the Parent Opinion Survey is being conducted online. I ask that families please find accompanying today's newsletter an invitation to complete the survey, including details on how to complete it and a unique survey login.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Our Term Three Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held during the last two of August.

These are an opportunity for parents to find out about how their child is progressing socially, academically and behaviourally at school.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend the conference, we do encourage students, particularly in the Grade Three-Six class, to be involved as this ensures that parents, students and teachers are all on the same page as to the successes and challenges for the student. We are able to excuse the student from a period of the conference if necessary.

Once again, we are using an online booking system for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. Please find over the page information detailing how parents are able to book a time for their Parent-Teacher-Student Conference.

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# Principal's Report Continued

## MORNING READING

A big thank you to those parents who have been consistently coming into the school of a morning to help out with morning reading—your support is greatly appreciated! Whilst we have had many parents helping in the Prep-Two learning space, we would love to have more parents coming into the Grade Three-Six learning space.

## YEAR 7 PLACEMENT LETTERS

Each of our Grade Six families will have received a letter in the past week detailing secondary school placements for Year 7 in 2019. If you did not receive this letter please contact the school. Families are welcome to contact me should they have any questions.

## BENDIGO HEALTH DENTAL CHECKS

For those students who had a dental screening a few weeks ago, you should receive a report in the post soon outlining the findings of the screening.

## LUNCH ORDERS

An up-to-date copy of the lunch order list is attached to today's newsletter.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 20th August at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

**Jason Cox**

**Principal**

The school is looking for a capable individual to complete some small plastering and painting repairs. If you are able to assist please give Jason a call at the school. Thank you.

## *How to Book a Parent-Teacher-Student Conference*

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are held twice a year, in March and again in August.

These are an opportunity for parents to talk to their child's teacher/s about how their child is progressing socially, academically and behaviourally following the first few weeks of school. It is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions or raise any concerns they may have.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend the conference, we do encourage students in the Grade Three-Six class to be involved as this ensures that parents, students and teachers are all on the same page as to the successes and challenges for the student.

Please contact your child's teacher if there is not a time available that suits you and they will be happy to make an alternative arrangement.

### **Option 1 – Takes 2 minutes!**

- 1) Go to [www.goornongps.vic.edu.au](http://www.goornongps.vic.edu.au) and click on the School Interviews link.
- 2) Click on **Make a Booking**, enter the event code **en7gp** and click 'Go'.
- 3) Enter your details (your name, your child's name & your email address).
- 4) Select the teacher/s you wish to see.
- 5) Select an available time for your Parent-Teacher-Student Conference.
- 6) Click 'Finish' and you're done! A confirmation email will be sent to you.

### **Option 2**

- 1) Contact Danica in person or by phone on Tuesday or Friday and Danica will complete the online booking for you.

Whichever booking method is used, parents are reminded to take note of their booking time for their Parent-Teacher-Student Conference.

***Please note that bookings are now open and need to be made by 9.00am on Monday 20th August.***

***The following times are available for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences:***

(Each conference is for 15 minutes).

**Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Timetable**

	Tues 21st Aug	Wed 22nd Aug	Thurs 23rd Aug	Wed 29th Aug	Thurs 30th Aug
<b>Grade P-2</b>	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	Not available.	Not available.
<b>Grade 3-4</b>	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm
<b>Grade 5-6</b>	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm

## Indigenous Culture Activities

On Tuesday we were visited by local Koorie Education Support Officers who ran some indigenous culture activities with our students. The purpose of the day was for our students to learn about the culture and way of life of aboriginal people. Throughout the day the students participated in a range of activities including listening to stories of aboriginal culture, making emu callers, cooking Johnny cakes and playing indigenous games.



## Science Day

Today our students travelled to Elmore Primary School to participate in the annual Campaspe Cluster Science Day.



# 2018 Goornong Primary School

## Lunch Order Items

### White rolls, sandwiches or wraps.

Buttered	\$1.50
Vegemite	\$2.00
Ham, Chicken, Cheese or Egg.	\$3.50
(2 serves eg - ham and cheese in one sandwich)	\$4.00)
Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber)	\$4.00
Ham, Chicken or Cheese and Salad	\$4.50
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber, Beetroot	\$0.50ea
Salad Plate	\$4.50

\*Sandwiches can be toasted on request (at no extra cost)\*

### Hot Food

Meat Pie (Gillies)	\$3.75
Cornish Pastie	\$3.75
Sausage Roll	\$3.20
Sauce - Tomato	\$0.20
BBQ	\$0.30
Hot Dog (can have Tomato Sauce or Mustard)	\$3.50
-with cheese	\$4.00
Steamed Dim Sims (with or without Soy Sauce)	\$1.00
Chicken Schnitzel Wrap (includes 2 strips of hot chicken schnitzel, Cheese, Mayo and your choice of two salads) TOASTED	\$6.00

### Drinks

Golden Circle Juice (Pineapple 250ml)	\$1.20
Extra Juicy Pop Top (Apple or Orange or Apple/Blackcurrant 250ml)	\$1.50
V8 Juice           Tropical (300ml)	\$3.00
Milk – Nippy's (Chocolate or Honeycomb or Strawberry 375ml)	\$3.00
A Bottle of Water (600ml) (cold)	\$1.00

Juices are as close to 100% juice we can source and the milks are reduced fat.

Juice boxes can be ordered frozen.

Zing (frozen yoghurt based ice confection)	\$0.80
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REMEMBER - **Monday** is lunch order day!

To place a lunch order, write the student's name, their order and the total cost on an envelope and place the money inside (correct change is appreciated). The school collect all lunch orders at school on Monday mornings and take them to the shop.

\*Parents can call the Goornong General Store (5432 2203) if children forget their lunch.

A sandwich can be provided and paid for the next day.