

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

Next Week

Mon 4th Dec. School Council
 Tues 5th Dec. **Little Learners Program, 10.30-12.30pm**
 Grade 6 Graduation Orders Due
 Fri 8th Dec. MARC Library

Week Beginning Mon 11th Dec

Tues 12th Dec. Orientation Day
Little Learners Program, 9.00am-12.00pm
 Payment for Swim Program Due
 Grade 6 Graduation Dinner, Drovers Arms
 Wed 13th Dec. **Swimming Program**
 Thurs 14th Dec. **Swimming Program**
 Fri 15th Dec. Excursion to Bendigo East Pool, P-6
 Final Newsletter for 2017

Term Four

Mon 18th Dec. **Swimming Program**
 Tues 19th Dec. **Swimming Program**
 Wed 20th Dec. **Swimming Program**
 Thurs 21st Dec. Christmas Concert, 6.15pm at The Hall
 Fri 22nd Dec. Last day of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal

Term One, 2018

Mon 29th Jan Collect supplies and pay fees, 10am-2pm
 Tues 30th Jan First day of school for all students.

2018 Term Dates

Tues 30th Jan—Thurs 29th Mar	Term One
Mon 16th Apr—Fri 29th June	Term Two
Mon 16th July—Fri 21st Sept	Term Three
Mon 8th Oct—Fri 21st Dec	Term Four

FOTS News

End-of-Year Raffle

Raffle books for this year's raffle were sent home last week. Thank you to those who have already sold tickets.

GOORNONG PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5
 DRAWN AT THE CONCERT **ON 21ST DECEMBER**

CHECK OUT OUR PRIZES



1ST PRIZE Dewalt Impact Drill Set Valued at \$399.	2ND PRIZE Makita Tool Bag Tool pack \$20 Coles Myer gift card	3RD PRIZE METAL SCREEN \$50 WOOLWORTH GIFT CARD
4TH PRIZE \$100 Bendigo Animal Hospital Voucher	5TH PRIZE \$100 BUNNINGS VOUCHERS	6TH PRIZE BRIDGEWARD GROVE HAMPER \$40 GALICIA SPANISH RESTAURANT MEAL VOUCHER
7TH PRIZE Smiggles Glow in the Dark Headphones & 2 Star Cinemas vouchers	8TH PRIZE GRIT SCOOTER	9TH PRIZE 20Kg Bag Working Dog Food \$20 Coles Myer Gift Card

PLEASE SELL BOTH SIDES OF TICKET BOOK & INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN NOTIFY THE WINNERS. PLEASE RETURN TICKETS & MONEY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone that donated to this raffle

Bunnings BBQ

We are doing a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 16th December at the Bunnings Store in Epsom. Thanks to those who have already put their name on the roster at the school office. We still have two shifts from 12.00pm-4.30pm to fill.

Principal's Report

"Holly snapping duck poop Batman!" exclaimed Mr Cox as he looked at the calendar and realised there are only three weeks of school left in 2017. Please note that the final newsletter for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 15th December.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

This week Jordan (Grade 3) and Taylah (Grade 5) began at our school. We welcome Jordan, Taylah and family into our school community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The final School Council meeting for 2017 is this coming Monday 4th December, beginning at 6.30pm. Council packs have been sent home with the students today.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION DINNER

A reminder for our Grade Six parents that this year's Graduation Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday 12th December at the Drovers Arms Hotel. Graduation Order Forms are due back to the school this coming Tuesday 5th December.

ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day is on Tuesday 12th December. This is an important day in the school calendar as it provides a valuable opportunity for students to get used to new schools, new classrooms, new teachers and new peers.

On this day, all students will move up to their 2018 Grade level. Our Little Learner's will become Preps for the morning and our Grade Sixes will go to their secondary school. This year's Grade Twos will 'move up' to Grade Three and spend the day in the Grade Three-Six classroom.

I do ask that if our Grade Six students are intending to travel on the secondary school bus on this day, that parents 'touch base' with the bus driver prior to the day as a courtesy and to ensure there is no confusion.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any further questions regarding Orientation Day.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Please find accompanying today's newsletter a permission note and details of our Swimming Program, which begins on Wednesday 13th December.

STUDENT REPORTS AND LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Reports and Learning Journals will be sent home with the students on Friday 15th December.

Savannah's Joke of the Week

Q: When is a piece of wood like a king?

A: When it's a ruler!

Jason Cox

Principal

WHOLE-SCHOOL EXCURSION TO BENDIGO

This year's Whole-School Excursion is to Bendigo on Friday 15th December. We will be departing the school at 10.00am and heading to the Bendigo East Swimming Pool where we will have a free swim and lunch before heading to Lake Weeroona. Our Whole-School Excursion is always a nice way to celebrate the completion of a busy and successful year for all students and staff. A permission form is attached to today's newsletter.

10.00am Depart Goornong PS

10.30am—1.30pm Bendigo East Pool

1.40pm—2.40pm Lake Weeroona.

3.10pm Arrive back at Goornong PS.

Students will need a backpack with their bathers, rashy, towel, hats, drink bottle, snacks & fruit and lunch. We will take a cool esky for students to store their lunch boxes if they so wish! Please note that students are required to wear school uniform on this day (no thongs please) and must have a sunsmart wide-brimmed hat and a rashy (which covers shoulders and stomach) for sun protection when swimming.

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Christmas Concert

This year's Concert will be held on Thursday 21st December, beginning at 6.15pm at the Goornong Memorial Hall. *Students are required to arrive at 6.00pm.*

A reminder that the Concert is an alcohol-free event.

CONCERT COSTUMES FOR STUDENTS

Students will need to wear these items on the night of the Concert please:

- ◆ Shoes (no thongs! Black footwear is preferred).
- ◆ A plain or Christmas themed red, white or green shirt.
- ◆ Navy blue or black shorts or pants.
- ◆ A Christmas hat if you have one (not essential!)

Weekly Awards

<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Values	Daniel J	Wade N
P-2 Literacy	Harry M & Ash B	Ellsie T
P-2 Maths	Jaxson R	Savannah M
3-6 Values	Matthew L	Tess D & Charlie C
3-6 Literacy	Ruby A	Mitchell W
3-6 Maths	Cooper S	Bailey A
Principal's	Bree T	None.

GOORNONG PS - SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017

Dear Parents,

The Goornong PS Swimming Program is provided by AustSwim trained instructors from the Bendigo Aquatic Centre's School's Swimming Program. The program is based on the *Swim and Survive* course and has a strong focus on aquatic safety. The learning of practical swimming, personal survival and basic rescue skills are all incorporated into the program.

The program runs for five sessions at the Goornong Swimming Pool and begins on Wednesday 13th December. On each day of the Program the students and a teacher will be walking to the Goornong Pool to participate in their session. To run the program effectively and ensure that small groups of students are allocated to each instructor, three separate sessions will be run on each day of the Program. Please see below for the full Program dates and times. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

We are pleased to announce that our school has been successful in getting a grant from the Fosterville Gold Mine to subsidise the cost of this year's Swimming Program. The cost to parents is outlined below and we ask that parents finalise payment by Tuesday 12th December.

Cost per student for Swim Program	\$ 9.50
Cost per student for Pool Entry	\$ 7.50
Total	<u>\$ 17.00</u>

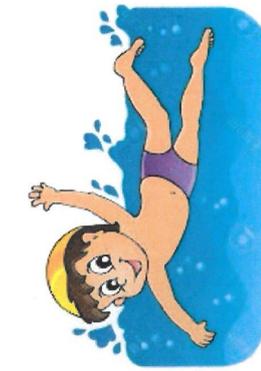
**Please note that students who hold a Goornong Swimming Pool Season Ticket for the 2017-2018 summer are not required to pay the Pool Entry portion.*

Swimming Times

Session 1 Grade Prep - Two 11.30am - 12.15pm	Session 2 Grade Three-Four 12.30pm - 1.15pm	Session 3 Grade Five-Six 1.30pm - 2.15pm
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Program Dates

Wednesday 13 th Dec.	Thursday 14 th Dec.	Monday 18 th Dec.	Tuesday 19 th Dec.	Wednesday 20 th Dec.
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What students will need on each day of the Program.

Students will need a separate swimming bag to take to the pool each day with their swimmers, rashy or t-shirt (which covers shoulders and tummy), towel, dry underwear to change into and drink bottle. Please note that students are required to wear school uniform to and from the pool (no thongs please) and must have a sunsmart wide-brimmed hat for the trip to and from the pool. It is our school's SunSmart policy that students who do not have a rashy or t-shirt are not able to swim (shoulders must be covered!)

Grade Five-Six Canberra Camp

Last week our Grade Five-Six students travelled to Canberra with the Campaspe Cluster schools. Our students had a wonderful time visiting some of the many attractions in our nation's capital, including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, GEO Science Australia, the Royal Australian Mint, the Museum of Australian Democracy and the National Science & Technology Centre (Questacon). Once again it was a pleasure to take our students away on a school camp and we congratulate all students for their behaviour and enthusiasm.

I acknowledge the support of the Australian Government who recognise the importance of young Australians being able to visit our national capital as part of their Civics & Citizenship education. To support families, the Australian Government has contributed \$30 per student towards the cost of the camp under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. This rebate is paid directly to the school and reduced the cost of the camp from \$470 to \$440.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

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

At the School Council meeting on Monday 16th October councillors reviewed our school's Working with Children Check Policy and Procedures. This review came about as a result of recent changes to the *Working with Children Act (2005)*. At Goornong PS we are very fortunate to have parents help out in a range of classroom activities and special events throughout the year. Whilst this is one of the special aspects of our school, it does require that our school's Working with Children Check Policy and Procedures are robust and cater for a range of possible circumstances.

As a result of this review, from 2018 Goornong Primary School asks that all parents have a valid WWCC card. This is to maximise the safety for all students, eliminate any confusion regarding activities that a non-cardholder can and cannot engage in; and to ensure that our school meets the legislation with regards to the *Working with Children Act (2005)*.

The process to apply for a Working with Children Check card is not arduous and the school is able to support parents if necessary. We strongly encourage parents who do not currently have a WWCC card to now begin the process of applying for one in readiness for the start of the 2018 school year. Parents who already hold a valid WWCC card do not need to apply for a new card.

Currently, 22 parents have provided the school with a copy of their WWCC card.

Please feel free to contact the school if you require support or have any questions regarding Working with Children Checks.

We thank our school community for their support!

Community News

White Hills Junior Football Club 2018 season

WHJFC are fielding sides in the BJFL Girls U12 & U15 grades, as well as U9, U10, U12, U14 & U16's. Any new players who are interested in playing football are most welcome, could you please register your interest and age group to the club at whjfcclub@gmail.com or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275.

GOORNONG POOL

Opening Times:

Week days school term: 4 - 7pm

Weekends and school holidays: 2 - 7pm.

Closed: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and

New Years Day.

When predicted temperature is expected to be below 23 degrees.

Membership fees:

Family: \$85

Adult: \$40

Student: \$30 (under 16 years)

Pension \$30.00

These memberships allow entrance to Goornong Pool only.

Daily Admission:

Adult: \$4.00

Child: \$3.00 (under 16)

Family: \$10.00

Non Swimmer: Free

Children under 3: Free



When eating a meal in China, people are expected practice good dining habits. In order to avoid offending diners, here are a few points you should pay attention to:

Seating

The seating arrangement is probably the most important part of Chinese dining etiquette.

Round Table

If round tables are used, the seat facing the entrance is the seat of honor. The seat on the left hand side is the second-most important seat of honor.

Square Table

If there is a seat facing the entrance, then the right hand seat when facing the entrance is for the guest of honor. If there is no seat facing the entrance door, then the right hand seat when facing east is the seat of honor.

Fating

- Let older people eat first, or if you hear an elder say "let's eat", you can start to eat.
- You should pick up your bowl with your thumb on the mouth of the bowl, the first finger, middle finger and the third finger support the bottom of the bowl and palm is empty.
- Do not stick chopsticks vertically into your food when not using them, especially not into rice, as this will make Chinese people think of funerals.

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Today's character is 半 (bàn). It means "half", "in the middle of" and "half past", etc. Please check out the phrases below.

一半 (yí bàn): half
半天 (bàn tiān): half of the day or a long time
半路 (bàn lù): halfway

To write the character "半", you need to follow Chinese character order rule #3.

Rule #3 For strokes that cut across many other strokes, they are often written last. The vertical line in character "半" is written last.



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