

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

**A reminder that Prep students have a rest day and do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.*

Next Week

- Sun 18th Feb. School Families Fun Day at Goornong Pool
Mon 19th Feb. School Council
Tues 20th Feb. Playgroup @ The School, 10am-12non
FOTS Meeting, 2.30pm
Fri 23rd Feb. MARC Library
School Council Nominations Close, 4pm

Term One

- Fri 2nd Mar. Cluster Swim Carnival, Rochester, Gr. 3-6s
Wed 7th Mar. Preps first Wednesday at school
Fri 9th Mar. MARC Library
Mon 12th Mar. Public Holiday
Mon 19th Mar. School Council AGM
Fri 23rd Mar. MARC Library
Mon 26th Mar. Grade Six leaders excursion to Melbourne
Wed 28th Mar. School Photos
Thurs 29th Mar. Last day of Term One, 2.15pm dismissal
Fri 30th Mar. Good Friday

2018 Term Dates

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| 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 |

Welcome Back to School BBQ

Goornong Primary School invites all of our families and members of our school community to a **'Welcome Back to School BBQ'** at the Goornong Swimming Pool.



Sunday 18th February, 12noon—2pm.

Free Sausage Sizzle Provided.

Drinks available for purchase from the pool kiosk.

Please join us for a fun afternoon and to mingle with new and existing families of our school.

Please note that those who do not hold a valid Pool Membership will be asked to pay for pool entry admission—adults \$4, child (under 16yo) \$3, family \$10, non-Swimmers & children under 3yo free.

*To assist with catering, we ask that families please RSVP by returning the form attached to today's newsletter.

Goornong Playgroup



Our school invites all members of the Goornong community with young children to a playgroup session at the school.

Tuesday 20th February

10am—12noon

Please come along and meet other people in the area who have young children; and also use some of your local school's facilities.

Morning tea will be provided for both parents and children.

We hope to see you there!

Principal's Report

WELCOME NEW STUDENT

A warm welcome to Tavian (Grade Six) who began at our school this week. We wish you a successful final year of your primary schooling at Goornong PS Tavian!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Well done to our Grade Six students who presented their School Captain speeches on this morning. I was very impressed with the quality of the speeches and the effort that the students had put into preparing them.

I am pleased to announce that Matthew and Jazmin have been elected as our School Captains for 2018, following a vote by their peers. Our School Captains will be greatly supported by Rhylee, Morgan, Molly, Taylah and Tavian who are also members of the Student Leadership Group.

As I said to the students, leaders are defined by their actions rather than the title they hold. I encourage each of our Grade Six students to be excellent role-models and to demonstrate our school's values on a daily basis. I look forward to working with our Student Leadership Group throughout 2018.

We will have a special assembly to present our Grade Six students with their badges in a few weeks—further details to come!

2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS OPEN!

School Council Elections take place in Term One every year. This year, we have a number of vacancies for Parent Representative positions. As such, we seek nominations from parents to fill these vacancies.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please see Jason at the school for a nomination form. Nominations close at 4pm next Friday 23rd February.

Nomination and Election Time Frame

Friday February 16th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 23rd	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed...	
Friday March 2nd	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 9th	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 13th	Declaration of election results.
Monday March 19th	School Council AGM & first meeting of new school council.

We encourage parents to consider nominating for School Council. It is a great way to make a contribution to the development and direction of our school. We meet in the evening on the third Monday of each month at the school. Current School Councillors include Danielle Donnelly, Felicity Johnson and Tim McCrohan.

If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please feel free to contact Jason or one of our current School Councillors.

The first meeting of our current School Council is on Monday 19th February at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

GRADE THREE-SIX SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Campaspe Cluster Grade Three-Six Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 2nd March at the Rochester Swimming Pool. This day will see our Grade Three-Six students compete in various events against students from the other Cluster Schools.

The purpose of the day is fun and participation and the events are designed to cater for the various levels of swimming ability amongst the students. Students are not asked to compete in events that are beyond their swimming ability or confidence level. Events range from walking races across the shallow end of the pool to freestyle races the length of the pool and students participate in the events that are at their swimming level.

Swimming carnival day is always a great day and parents are encouraged to come along and support (feel free to bring a deck chair or picnic rug to sit on). The first events are at 10am with the day usually finished by 2.00pm.

Permission Forms for the Swimming Carnival are attached to today's newsletter.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL—EVERY DAY COUNTS!

The Education Department's motto is that *Every Day Counts*, as there is strong link between consistent attendance at school and a child's social and academic development.

We understand that there are times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill.

Attendance patterns are established early—a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school creates habits which can be very difficult to break.

At our school, we encourage parents to return an absent note or contact their child's teacher when an absence occurs.

We also encourage parents to meet with their child's teacher if they are having attendance issues so we can work together to get your child to school each day.

With approximately 200 days in the school year, our goal is to achieve an average of under 10 absence days per student. As was the case last year, in 2018 we will be presenting awards at the end of each term to those students who achieve 100% attendance.

Principal's Report Continued

MORNING READING

It has been wonderful to see many parents coming into the school and helping with reading of a morning, particularly in the Grade Prep-Two learning space - the teacher's certainly appreciate this support!

Morning reading is a special tradition at Goornong PS and happens between 8.30am—9.00am every day. During this time parents are invited to come into their child's learning space and listen to their child and others' children read.

We would love to have more parents coming into the Grade Three-Six learning space during morning reading so please feel free to do so if you are available.

Please note that parents do require a Working With Children Check card to help with morning reading.

We also remind parents (and students) that no one should be arriving at the school prior to 8.30am.

GRADE FOUR-FIVE WOORABINDA CAMP

For our Grade Four & Five families, please find accompanying today's newsletter information and an Expression of Interest for a camp opportunity that your child may be interested in - the Woorabinda Camp.

PERSONAL PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. As such students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Jason Cox
Principal

FOTS News

FOTS Meeting

Our first Friends Of The School meeting for 2018 will be held on Tuesday 20 February at 2.30pm at the school. Come along for a chat and afternoon tea while we start planning for the upcoming year. There will be a play area for the kids set up if you have little ones so bring them along. We hope to see some new faces there and everyone is welcome. For more information call Glenyce on 0408697384.

Easter Raffle

It's Nearly School Holidays and that means Easter Raffle time.....

If all families could please make a small donation towards the Easter Raffle hampers by Friday 16th March that would be appreciated.

We are looking for items such as - books, small games, easter eggs, biscuits/ chips, coloring books or pencils all things that would make great additions to our hamper.

Donations can be left on the back bench in the staffroom.

Tickets for the raffle will be attached to the next newsletter

Thank you.



Weekly Awards

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



<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Values	Lucy O	Charlie A
P-2 Literacy	Saanvi P	Ted C
P-2 Maths	Jesse C	Ellsie T
3-6 Values	Charlie C	Beau C
3-6 Literacy	Rhylee C	Cooper S
3-6 Maths	Alliera N	Bethany G
Principal's	Beau C	Taylah V

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

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

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. Parents who do not hold a valid card will not be able to participate in school activities such as morning reading, attending excursions or volunteering at sports days.

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!



BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER

A reminder for our school community that our school is included on the Bushfire At Risk Register, as set by the Education Department, for the 2017-2018 Summer. This means that our school is required to close on days declared as Code Red in the Northern Country Bureau of Meteorology district.

Code Red days are announced by the Emergency Management Commissioner of Victoria no later than 1.00pm on the day preceding the Code Red day. Once a Code Red day is announced, our school will notify all families that the school will be closed.

Food Allergies

We wish to inform 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.

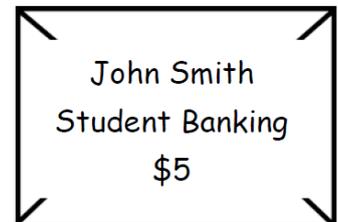
A promotional advertisement for 'Coles Sports for Schools 2018'. The background is dark blue with a large white number '4' and stars. In the top left, there is a circular logo with 'coles SPORTS for SCHOOLS 2018' and icons of a runner and a tennis player. The main text reads 'SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING' in large white letters. Below this, two athletes are featured: a male athlete in a grey singlet with 'coles BOLT' on it, and a female athlete in a grey singlet with 'coles PEARSON' on it. They are holding various sports equipment including tennis rackets and a tennis ball. The 'coles' logo is in the bottom right corner. At the bottom, a white text box contains the message: 'We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.'

Student Banking at Goornong PS

Goornong Primary School offers student banking through the Elmore and District Bendigo Bank branch. Student banking is a great way to teach children about saving money. Parents are able to open an account for their child at the Elmore Branch. Once the child's account is open families are able to follow the instructions below to make deposits into their child's account.



1. When you wish to make a deposit, simply insert the money and your passbook, into a clearly labelled and sealed envelope.



2. Place the envelope into the School Banking box in the staffroom at school.
3. On Tuesday, the school will take the deposits from the box and deposit them into each student's bank account. Please make sure you have made your deposit by 9.00am.
4. Passbooks will be returned to students on the Friday following Tuesday collection.

The next collection of student banking deposits is on...

Tuesday 20th February, 2018

Community News

Religious Instruction

Judith Mann will be again running Catholic Education Lessons at the Rec Reserve Pavilion on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm-4.00pm beginning Monday 5th March.

These sessions are funded by the Parish so no charge to families.

Please contact Judith Mann on 5432 6000 if you have any questions or to register your interest.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Expressions of interest are being sought for the following Sacraments. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th March at 6.30pm at Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, Elmore. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd June at 6.30pm mass. A meeting leading up to this will be held on Thursday 19th April @ 10.30am in the Chevalier Centre at OLSH School. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr Caldwell or Liz Trewick at OLSH.



EPSOM FC'S FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH AT 3:30PM – 5:30PM

- For all present, past and future players, aged 5 years to 16 years.
- Come to Epsom FC's family fun day at Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve.
- PLENTY OF SOCCER ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!
- Meet our Junior coordinators; get all the information you need, for the upcoming 2018 season.
- Our sponsor Sportspower will have samples for players to view and order.
- Epsom FC merchandise will be available.

Email the coordinators juniors@epsomfc.com.au for more information.



ARE YOUR KIDS INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOCCER?

COME TO OUR FAMILY FUN DAY!

MEET OUR JUNIOR COORDINATORS

FIND OUT ALL INFORMATION FOR THE 2018 SEASON

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Is your child keen to play footy??

[Runnymede Junior Football Club is having a Under 12 and Under 14 Registration Night](#)

When – Friday 23rd February 2018

Where – Elmore Football Club

Time – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

BBQ tea will be provided – All boys and girls welcome to come along and register, meet the coaches and fellow players. We are also requesting you bring any old boots, that don't fit that can be reused by other children.

The Runnymede Junior Football Club is made up of kids from the Colbinabbin, Elmore, Goornong and surrounding areas. This year we will enter teams in the under 12 & the under 14 competition to play in the Goulburn Campaspe Junior Football League. Training will alternate between Elmore and Colbinabbin on Wed nights, the majority of the games are played on a Friday night at various locations.

We are also seeking interest in children who would like to play Under 10's

Any queries please contact

Jen Stewart 0408146863 or Bruce Taylor 0411750867



White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Night for season 2018

We welcome all current and new players for 2018 season. Registration night will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on **Wednesday, 21st February 2018, 4.00pm – 6.00pm.**

We will be registering Teams in all junior grades, including U12 & U15 Girls Teams. For further information visit our website, face book or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club

whifclub@gmail.com