

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

*\*A reminder that Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.*

### Next Week

Mon 20th Feb. School Council

### Term One

Wed 1st Mar. Preps first Wednesday at school

Thurs 2nd Mar. MARC Library

Fri 3rd Mar. Campaspe Cluster Swimming Carnival, (Grade Three-Six, Rochester).

Mon 13th Mar. Labour Day Public Holiday

Fri 17th Mar. MARC Library

Mon 20th Mar. School Council AGM

Mon 27th Mar. Gr. 6 Leadership Excursion to Melbourne

Tues 28th Mar. School Photos

Fri 31st Mar. MARC Library

Last day of Term One, 2.15pm dismissal

### 2017 Term Dates

Tues 31st Jan— Fri 31st March Term One

Tues 18th April—Fri 30th June Term Two

Mon 17th July—Fri 22nd Sept. Term Three

Mon 9th Oct.—Fri 22nd Dec. Term Four

## Weekly Awards

P-2: Values Award— Luke

Literacy— Alliera & Kahlia

Maths— Lillie

3-6: Values Award— Matthew

Literacy— Thomas

Maths— Natalie

Awards are presented each Friday at assembly at 3.00pm.



Congratulations to Ruby and Jimmy who have been elected school captains for 2017; and to Molly and Jai who are members of our Student Leadership Group.

# Principal's Report

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Well done to all of our Grade Six students who presented their School Captain speeches on Wednesday 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 Jimmy and Ruby have been elected as our School Captains for 2017, following a vote by their peers. Our School Captains will be greatly supported by Jai and Molly who are also members of the Student Leadership Group.

As I said to the students on Wednesday, 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 2017.

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

## SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Some parents have asked me about what days our specialist subjects are on. Below is a summary of our timetable for Term one.

A typical day at Goornong PS looks something like this:

Our specialist subjects are on the following days.

- ◆ Garden Science / Cooking—Mondays.
- ◆ Chinese—Tuesdays.
- ◆ Art (Prep-Two) - Tuesdays.
- ◆ Art (Three-Six) - Thursdays.
- ◆ Music—Fridays.
- ◆ MARC Library—every second Friday.

8.30am - 9.00am	Arrive at school and classroom reading.
9.00am - 9.25am	Word Their Way
9.25am - 11.00am	Literacy.
11.00am - 11.30am	Recess.
11.30am - 12.30pm	Numeracy
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Specialist subjects
1.30pm - 2.15pm	Lunch.
2.15pm - 3.15pm	Specialist subjects

## GRADE THREE-SIX SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Campaspe Cluster Grade Three-Six Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 3rd 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.

## 2017 SCHOOL CAMPS

School camps provide a wonderful opportunity for students to gain new experiences, as well as building resilience and teamwork. Our school combines with schools from the Campaspe Small Schools Cluster for all camps. This gives our students the opportunity to meet and make friends with students from other schools. The following camps will be offered in 2017.

### ***Grade Three-Four Camp***

Destination: Billabong Ranch, Echuca.

Dates: Wed 13th—Fri 15th September.

Approx. Cost: \$ 180.

### ***Grade Five-Six Camp***

Destination: Canberra

Dates: Mon 20th—Fri 24th November.

Approx. Cost: \$ 400

An Expression of Interest Form and further details will be sent home closer to the date of each camp. Please note that these are approximate costs for a student to attend the camps. The final cost will be confirmed closer to the date of the camp.

## Principal's Report Continued

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A reminder that nominations for Parent Representative positions on our school council close at 4pm today.

#### Nomination and Election Time Frame

Friday February 10th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 17th	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed:	
Friday February 24th	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 3rd	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 6th	Declaration of election results.
Monday March 20th	School Council AGM & first meeting of new school council.

The first school council meeting for 2017 is this coming Monday 20th February beginning at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm. Packs have been sent home with the students today for our School Councillors. Please note that this is the final meeting for our current School Council, with the first meeting of our new School Council on Monday 20th March.

### PREP HEALTH CHECKS

Yesterday the school nurse visited to conduct health checks on the Prep students. Thank you to the prep parents who returned the Health Questionnaire in readiness for yesterday's checks. Following the health checks the school nurse will have contacted parents if there were any concerns identified from the assessment. A letter and summary of findings from the assessments will also be posted to all prep parents in the coming days.

### GRADE SIX SHIRTS

For our Grade Six parents, please find accompanying today's newsletter a page detailing this year's Grade Six shirts design and costs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

### Quote of the Week

"Any fool can know. The point is to understand."

- Albert Einstein

**Jason Cox**

**Principal**

### HIGH FIVE



A high five this week to all those parents who have been able to visit the learning spaces in the morning and/or come along to assembly. It is wonderful to see so many parents coming into the school and this is certainly valued by the students and staff.

Parents are invited to come into both learning spaces between 8.30am—9.00am and listen to their's and other children read.

### 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.

### Bring News Day

At present Prep 1/2 students will again have their news day on Tuesday. Students are encouraged to bring along an item to share or have something to speak about. This is a component of our Oral Language program. It encourages and promotes speaking before an audience in an audible voice as well as developing and strengthening questioning and listening skills.

### ART

Just a friendly reminder that all students need an Art smock to use during Art, this can simply be an old oversized shirt or a more protective smock which is available for purchase at school. Thank you to the families that have already done this.

### COOKING CLASS

With much excitement the students spent their cooking class creating fruit kebabs topped with yoghurt. Guided by the My Plate program we discussed the importance of fresh fruit and dairy in our diet. A high five to all the students for showing great organisational skills, working well as a team and following all health and safety systems that have been put in place.

Felicity Johnson



### Community News

***Is your child in Grade Three or above and wants to play footy??***

***Runnymede Junior Football Club***

***Under 12 and Under 14 Registration Night***

***When – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017***

***Where – Colbinabbin Swimming Pool***

***Time – 5.00pm – 7.00pm***

***BBQ tea will be provided – All boys and girls welcome to come along.***

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 take place in both Elmore and Colbinabbin and majority of the games are played on Friday night. All are welcome.

Any queries please contact;

Dea Brown 0418 333 177 or David Trewick 0425 710 481



# Family Fun Day in Goornong

**Saturday March 4, 4pm – 8pm**  
**Goornong Recreation Reserve**

This is a **FREE** event covered by the funds from the Goornong and District Community Group closure.

Lots of fun activities will be held. Pool will be open until 7pm. Roast and salads provided.

For catering purpose  
**please RSVP by February 20**  
to [goornongcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:goornongcommunity@outlook.com) or phone or text Narelle on 0414 446 646.



For more information please contact Lyn Talbot at the City of Greater Bendigo on 5434 6028 or [StrategyUnit@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:StrategyUnit@bendigo.vic.gov.au)



## Seeking Primary Grade Netball Players!

We are looking for primary age netballers grades 4 to 6 to join our team at Elmore Football Netball Club.

- We encourage a strong sense of belonging and team work, children will make friends for life.
- We aim to help children develop their netball skills in a positive and fun learning environment.

First training on Wednesday 22nd of March at 4:30pm

**HOPETO SEEYOU THERE!**

For registration or any questions please contact Primary Grade Coach, Sheryn McCormick on 0437322452

**Fun**  
*Participation*

**Inclusion**

**Equality**

**Community**



**Keep Kids Healthy, Active and Happy!**