

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

Fri 10th Feb. First Friday afternoon assembly

Term One

Wed 15th Feb. Student Leadership Group speeches, 9am

Fri 17th Feb. MARC Library

Mon 20th Feb. School Council

Wed 1st Mar. Preps first Wednesday at school

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

Mon 13th Mar. Labour Day Public Holiday

Fri 17th Mar. MARC Library

Mon 20th Mar. School Council AGM

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

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.

Assembly

There are two assemblies each week at Goornong PS. The first is at 11.30am on Monday mornings where the students and teachers sing the National Anthem and are filled in on upcoming events for the week.

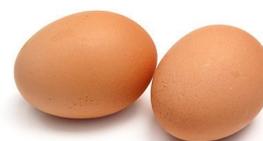
The second is on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm. This assembly is hosted by our Student Leadership Group and is where student awards are presented.

Parents are most welcome to attend both assemblies!

Please note the first Friday afternoon assembly will be on Friday 10th Feb at 3.00pm.

WANTED: Egg Cartons. Our school chooks have been very busy laying eggs and we have run out of egg cartons. If you have any that are no longer needed at home can you please drop them into the office.

Thankyou



Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2017 school year! I trust that all students, parents, staff and members of our school community enjoyed a relaxing holidays with family friends.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our 2017 Preps—Flynn, Ted, Saanvi, Harry, Charlie and Ash. Welcome also to Luke (Grade 2), Will (Grade 3), Bailey (Grade 3) and Taneeka (Grade 5) who are also beginning at Goornong PS in 2017. We wish all of you many successes during your time at Goornong PS.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

This year we welcome five new families to our school community. We look forward to a building a strong partnership with you all and supporting your children to achieve their best. We understand that starting at a new school may be daunting so please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been wonderful to see all students proudly wearing the Goornong PS uniform over the first few days of the new school year. Thank you to all parents and students who have supported our uniform policy.

A copy of our Uniform Policy is available on our website.

HATS AT SCHOOL

Well done to those students who have been organised with their hat for the first two days of school! A reminder that hats need to be worn during Terms One and Four as part of our school's SunSmart Policy. Please ensure that your child has a navy blue wide-brimmed hat to wear at school. Students who do not have a hat are asked to play in the shade on the veranda during playtime and lunchtime.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Each year our Grade Six students are able to nominate for the position of School Captain. At Goornong PS we have a boy School Captain and a girl School Captain who are elected through a vote by the other students. Those candidates not elected School Captain become members of our Student Leadership Group.

This year's candidates will be presenting their speeches at a special assembly at 9.00am on Wednesday 15th February. Parents are invited to attend!

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

From time to time parents may have a question or concern

regarding their child's time at school. We find that effective communication between home and school and vice versa ensures that we are all on the same page with regards to any issues relating to your child. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment to see their child's teacher or the school principal if they have a concern or have received a report from their child. This way we can work together to clarify any issues and achieve the best outcome for your child.

We do ask that parents be aware that in the morning prior to school is a busy time with teachers getting organised for the day ahead and listening to students read. As such, this is not always the best time for an effective conversation to take place.

2017 SCHOOL STAFF TEAM

- ◆ Jason Cox—Principal & Grade Five-Six Maths Teacher.
- ◆ Elaine Wickham—Grade P-2 Teacher & Art Teacher.
- ◆ Sheridan Patton—Grade Three-Six Teacher.
- ◆ Georgia Mulqueen—Integration Aide.
- ◆ Tymika Weppner—Business Manager.
- ◆ Felicity Johnson—Garden Science Program.
- ◆ Penelope Somerville—Music Teacher.
- ◆ Yuling Wu—Chinese Teacher.
- ◆ Sue Gentry—MARC Library Teacher.
- ◆ Judith Mann—Catholic Religious Instruction.
- ◆ Ailene O'Sullivan—Catholic Religious Instruction.
- ◆ Joy Porter—Special Religious Instruction.
- ◆ Les Varker—Cleaner & Groundskeeper.

BUSINESS MANAGER DAYS

Please note that our Business Manager, Tymika, works every Tuesday and Wednesday and on alternate Fridays. We encourage parents to contact the school on Tymika's work days with any financial or administration queries as the reception desk is unattended on the days that Tymika does not work.

SCHOOL FEES AND COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES

A big thank you to those parents and students who came into the school on Monday to collect the school supplies and pay a portion of the fees—your support with this is greatly appreciated!

For those families who are yet to pay the initial portion of fees, we ask that you please make arrangements with Tymika.

An envelope accompanies today's newsletter with some forms that need to be returned to the school. We apologise for the paperwork but this is necessary at the beginning of the school year. **(Continued over page.)**

Principal's Report Continued

BIKES AT SCHOOL

It is wonderful to see so many students riding their bikes to and from school. For the safety of others, we do ask that students walk their bike when on school grounds. Bikes need to be stored at the bike rack in the shelter shed.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF

We remind parents that students are not to arrive at school prior to 8.30am, as we are not able to meet our duty of care with regards to supervision prior to this time.

SCHOOL PICK-UP

3.15pm can be very busy as the students head home after a day at school. To meet our duty of care we allocate a staff member to be on duty at the 'bus gate' on Langdon Street and another staff member to be on duty at the main entrance on Grant Street.

To ensure that students are safe at this busy time, we ask that parents please meet their child on the school side of Grant Street at the main entrance when collecting their child from school and then walk with them if needing to cross the road. Grant Street is very busy with lots of cars taking off and this will help to ensure that everyone gets home safely after school.

FRESH FRUIT AT SCHOOL

The school day can be very long for some students and as such, our school offers a short break during class time where the students may eat some fresh fruit. This break is usually at about 10am and runs for about seven minutes. In this time students are able to eat fresh fruit such as apples, bananas, grapes or carrots.

We do ask that parents send only fresh fruit which their child is able to eat promptly during the fruit break. Other foods such as chips and processed fruits can be eaten at playtime.

In the past we have found that some students have used the fruit break as an opportunity to delay returning to their schoolwork. As such, once the fruit break is finished we ask students to place any unfinished fruit in their lunchbox, which can then be finished at playtime.

LUNCH ORDERS

Monday is lunch order day. A lunch order list is included with today's newsletter. 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). We collect all lunch orders at school on Monday mornings and take them to the shop.

ELMORE FIELD DAYS FUNDRAISER 2016

During the holidays our school received a cheque for \$1,215 from the Elmore Field Days Catering Committee. This is our dividend from the supply of volunteers during last year's Field Days. I wish to thank all those members of our school community who volunteered their time to support this significant fundraiser for our school. A big thank you also to Daniel Donnelly who coordinated the roster on behalf of our school—well done all involved!

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 2016-2017 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.

HIGH FIVES

A high five to Mrs Johnson and family who looked after the chooks over the Summer Holidays—thanks heaps!

Thanks also to our cleaner and groundskeeper, Les Varker, who has once again put in a power of work to ensure the buildings and grounds were neat and tidy for our return to school.



Quote of the Week

"When you wake up at 6 in the morning, you close your eyes for 5 minutes and it's already 6:45. When you're at work and it's 2:30, you close your eyes for 5 minutes and it's 2:31."

Jason Cox
Principal

Community News

Runnymede Junior Football Club—Season 2017

AGM Monday 6th February 7.30pm

Vic Hotel – Elmore

ALL POSITIONS OPEN – ALL WELCOME



Dea. Brown

Secretary – Runnymede Junior Football Club

The Bendigo Reads website is for families with young children. Find out more at:

www.bendigoreads.com.au

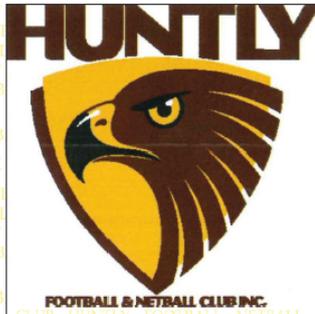
- Local early literacy programs
- Fun ways to learn through reading, talking, singing and playing
- Long term benefits of supporting your child's early literacy and language development
- Speech Pathology Drop-in clinics – where to go if you are worried about your child's language development.



Communities for Children: Language & Literacy Project

White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Night for season 2017

We welcome all current and new players for 2017 season. Registration night will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on **Wednesday, 22nd February 2017, 4.00pm – 6.00pm**. We will be registering Teams in all junior grades. For further information visit our website or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club whjclub@gmail.com



HUNTLY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Affiliated with the Bendigo Junior Football League

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION DAY
for U14, U12, U10, U9 and Youth Girls

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2017
4PM TO 6PM

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
HUNTLY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB ROOMS
GUNGURRU RD HUNTLY

For further information contact
MATTHEW FORSTER (HFNC JUNIOR CHAIRPERSON)
0400 998 411

Coaches for age groups below with DOB Requirements
Under 17's – Matt Jefferies
Under 14's – Garth Edwards – 01.01.03 – 31.12.05 Inclusive
Under 12's – Reagan Stroud – 01.01.05 – 31.12.07 Inclusive
Under 10's – Adam Dunstone – 01.01.07 – 31.12.08 Inclusive
Under 9's – PJ Garley – 01.01.08 – 30.04.10 Inclusive
Youth Girls – Chelsea Reeves – 01.01.98 – 31.12.03 Inclusive



**IF YOU ONLY DO ONE
THING THIS FIRE SEASON**

**Speak to CFA Thursday
16th February in GOORNONG**

What: Free Fire Ready Safety Information Session
Where: Fire Station – 32 Bagshot Street, Goornong
When: 7:00PM to 8:00PM Thursday 16th February 2017

Find out: Must-have fire information for this season

For more information:
Contact CFA Office (1800 820 118)

Don't understand English?
Require an AUSLAN interpreter?
Need assistance to access the venue?

Let us know and we'll do our best to help.

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.
FireReady

cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings

Weeroona College Second-Hand Uniforms For Sale

- ◆ Dress (size 8).
- ◆ Skirt (size 10).
- ◆ 3 x Polo Shirts (extra small).
- ◆ 2 x Polar Fleece Jumpers (size 12).
- ◆ 2 x Rugby Windcheaters (1 extra small & 1 large).
- ◆ Navy Shorts (size 12).
- ◆ PE Polo Shirt (size 12).

Contact Goornong Primary School if interested.



2017 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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*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.