

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

Tues 5th June Playgroup Session at the School, 10-12.
Wed 6th June Gym Program
Fri 8th June Student-Free Day

Term Two

Mon 11th June Public Holiday
Wed 13th June Gym Program
Pie Drive Orders Due
Thurs 14th June Parent Info Session, 5.30pm
Fri 15th June MARC Library
Mon 18th June School Council
Wed 20th June Gym Program
Fri 22nd June Pyjama Dress-Up Day
Fri 29th June MARC Library
Crazy Hair Day
Last day of Term Two

2018 Term Dates

Mon 16th Apr—Fri 29th June	Term Two
Mon 16th July—Fri 21st Sept	Term Three
Mon 8th Oct—Fri 21st Dec	Term Four

Gastroenteritis

We have been notified of reported cases of Gastroenteritis at some schools in the Bendigo area. We have had some possible reported cases at Goornong PS.

Gastroenteritis is a short-term illness triggered by the infection and inflammation of the digestive system. Symptoms can include abdominal cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting.

We ask parents to be aware of the symptoms and exclude their child from school for at least 48 hours after the last loose bowel motion.

To prevent the spread of gastro at school we ask the students to wash their hands with soapy water after going to the toilet and prior to eating; and to not share food or drink bottles.

Goornong Primary School PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

For prospective parents, including those with students beginning Prep in 2019.



If you have a child beginning Prep in 2019, or are considering enrolling your child at our school for 2019, please join us at our Information Evening.

When: **Thursday 14th June, 2018**

Time: **5.30pm-6.30pm**

Where: **Goornong Primary School**



Goornong Playgroup

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

Tuesday 5th June, 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

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

What a fabulous morning it was last Thursday! Without doubt, Special Person's Day is the best day of the school year! Thank you to all parents and special friends who visited our school, including those who travelled long distances. It was a pleasure to see smiles on our students faces as they engaged in their learning with their parents and special friends.

Thanks to the FOTS for coordinating the morning tea and to all families who provided a plate to share—your support is much appreciated!

2018 SCHOOL CAMPS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS

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 2018.

Grade Three-Four Camp

Destination: Camp Curumbene, Corop.

Date: Wed 15th—Fri 17th August.

Approx. Cost: \$ 190.

Grade Five-Six Camp

Destination: Burnside Camp, Anglesea.

Dates: Tues 4th—Fri 7th December.

Approx. Cost: \$ 415—\$ 453, depending on whether the child elects to do surfing whilst on 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. Further details of these camps and an Expression of Interest form to be returned to the school are attached to today's newsletter.

CHANGE TO PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Following a recent review of our school's reporting and parent-teacher-student conference cycle, we have decided to hold the second round of parent-teacher-student conferences towards the end of Term Three this year, rather than towards the end of Term Two. This will ensure that there is a formal conversation between teachers and parents regarding student progress in each of the two school semesters, rather than both rounds of parent-teacher-student conferences occurring in Semester One. Thus, the cycle will now be...

Term One Parent-teacher-student conferences.

Term Two Semester One student reports sent home.

Term Three Parent-teacher-student conferences.

Term Four Semester Two student reports sent home.

Of course, parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher at any time throughout the school year should they wish to discuss their child's progress at school. We encourage parents to take this opportunity should they have any queries regarding their child's report.

The Semester One student reports will be sent home on Friday 29th June.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the School Council meeting on Monday 21st May the school's Medication Distribution Policy and Student Attendance Policy were reviewed and approved as part of the school's three-year policy review cycle. There were no changes to the Medication Distribution Policy. Please see the section below for some updated information relating to the Student Attendance Policy.

Also at the meeting, councillors discussed where money raised from fundraising throughout 2018 would be allocated. Council has decided to investigate two projects to improve our school's facilities. The first is the creation of an outdoor learning space which would provide outdoor seating for the students at playtime and lunchtime, as well as a space for outdoor learning and classes to take place (such as Garden Science). The second project discussed was covering the tiger turf with a roof to provide protection from the weather. Council will keep our school community updated with the progress towards achieving these projects.

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 18th June at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE—NOTIFYING OF ABSENCES

We wish to congratulate our parent community who are very reliable at notifying the school when their child is absent from school. This is important as the school is required to maintain a record of the reason when a student is absent from school. Parents are able to notify the school by either contacting their child's teacher or submitting an Absentee Form in the eForms section of the school App. We ask that parents do this prior to, or on the day of the absence. Please note that the school will endeavour to contact parents where a student is absent from school and no reason has been provided by the parent.

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Principal's Report Continued

HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Head Lice inspections will be conducted at the school this coming Tuesday 5th June. These take place sporadically throughout the school year as part of our school's Head Lice Management Policy. Inspections are conducted by parent volunteers who are approved by School Council and have undergone head lice inspector training.

Following the inspections on Tuesday, parents will receive a letter detailing the outcome of their child's inspection. When a child is found to have live lice during the inspection, it is Education Department policy that the parents are contacted and the child collected from school.

Parents can help to minimise the spread of head lice at our school by completing the following steps:

1. Inspect your children's hair on a regular basis (once per week).
2. Inform the school whenever lice are detected. Notification can then be made to all parents via the newsletter.
3. Get appropriate treatment from the chemist or local council. Parents are advised that not all treatments available are totally effective. Some kill the live lice but not the eggs. If unsure check with your pharmacist.
4. Tie back long hair as loose hair increases the risk of the transfer of lice from one head to another.

Managing the risk of head lice in schools is the responsibility of all parents and I thank our community for their continued vigilance with this.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Indianna A who has progressed to the Regional Cross Country to be held in St Arnaud on 5th June. Indianna came 7th in her race at the Campaspe Division Cross Country last week. Good luck Indianna!

STUDENT-FREE DAY— FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

A reminder that next Friday 8th June is a Student-Free day. Students are not required at school on this day. The teachers will be using this day as a report writing day.

Quote of the Week

"You should never count your chickens before they've hatched—but it's a lot easier. - P.K. Shaw

Jason Cox
Principal

HIGH FIVES

A high five this week to Glenyce, Melinda and the entire FOTS team for their help on Special Person's Day. Many hands make light work and your support and help on the day is much appreciated.



A high five also to those guests who provided a plate for morning tea.

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		Ellsie T
P-2 Literacy	There are no awards this week as there was no assembly due to the Grade 3-6 Winter Sports excursion.	Jaxson R
P-2 Maths		Saanvi P
3-6 Values		Amelia H
3-6 Literacy		Teagan F
3-6 Maths		Bailey A
Principal's		Bree T

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday the 29th June

THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET CRAZY AT

Goornong P.S

*All donations are sent directly to Cystic Fibrosis Victoria!



FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION..



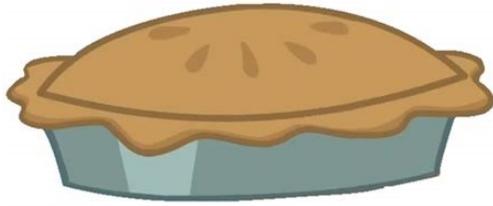
..COME TO SCHOOL WITH CRAZY HAIR



#CRAZYHAIRDAY

FOTS News

A reminder to families that pie drive orders are due by Wednesday 13th June.



PJ or ONESIE Day

Friday 22nd June
Come dressed in your favourite PJ's or Onesie.



Please bring shoes to wear outside

-Grade 6 Leadership Team

MARC MONTHLY!

June

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

It is terrific to see so many students participating in the challenge this year. The list of books in the challenge (which can be found on the website) is exhaustive, many of which I have in the truck.

'More than 2.5 million young Victorians have read more than 45 million books since the Challenge launched in 2005 – enough books to fill almost 11 Olympic-sized swimming pools.'

What I have read....



This series is brought to us by local author Katrina Nanestad. Blue is trying to get the school newspaper up and running with the 'help' of her school friends. There are lots of laughs along the way. These books are written in diary format and have a distinctive Australian feel.



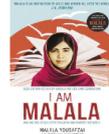
Oh my, what a glorious book. This is the first novel Peter Carnavas has written and it has made the CBCA shortlist. It is about Olive, her Dad and his great big sadness which shows up as an elephant. I read it in one sitting and it will be replaying in my mind for quite some time.



This book has been co-written by 2 well respected children's authors. It is a tale of friendship and magic. It's been 5 years since Livy has visited her grandmother in Australia and she realises she has forgotten something really important; the creature in her cupboard who is wearing a chicken suit. A fabulous journey ensues!



Some of the NEW BOOKS in the truck...



And lots more!

Term 2's focus is 'Shaping students into empathetic people'.



Room on Our Rock is an exquisitely executed book. The story uses seals to explain the plight of refugees. When reading the book from front to back the message is one of rejection and exclusion. What makes the book truly unique is that it can be read back to front; giving us a story of hope and inclusion. Students discussed their knowledge of refugees and also ways in which we can make anyone new feel happy and included.



Drawnward is also palindromic in it's style. The words in the text can be used in both a positive and negative way. The main character goes from a sense of hopelessness to one of hope. We discussed situations which could be viewed as either negative or positive (eg. A rainy day, a broken cup).

Oh my what a wonderful 2 days I had in Geelong! On Friday May 18th a group of 10 MARC teachers met at Geelong College to learn from and share with Jo Panckridge who is a teacher librarian in the junior school as well as a Book Week judge. She discussed library projects she has taught and gave us all many ideas to bring back to our schools.



On Saturday May 19th I was lucky enough to attend the CBCA state conference at Deakin University. Morris Gleitzman was the keynote speaker (and yes, I have included a sneaky photo with him!). He speaks with such passion for books and stories and the value of reading with and to our children. Boori Monty Prior, Sue Lawson, Lance Balchin, Ann James, Anna Walker, Nicki Greenberg and Claire Saxby also presented. We participated in both 'lectures' and workshop activities. (The cardboard bear in the truck was made in Anna Walker's workshop!) I think everyone who attended has come away with a renewed sense of excitement and possibility!

Happy reading, Mrs G



Special Person's Day 2018

