

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

Term Three

Mon 16th July First day of Term Three
 Fri 27th July MARC Library
 Tues 7th Aug. Indigenous Culture Incursion
 Playgroup, 10am-12noon
 Fri 10th Aug. MARC Library
 15th—17th Aug. Grade Three-Four Curumbene Camp
 Mon 20th Aug. School Council
 Fri 24th Aug. Book Week Dress Up Day
 Fri 31st Aug. Athletics Carnival, Bendigo Gr 3-6s
 Fri 7th Sept. MARC Library
 Fri 21st Sept. MARC Library
 Last day of Term Three, 2.15pm dismissal

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

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all those who supported Crazy Hair Day today. We were able to raise \$74 for cystic fibrosis.



Weekly Awards

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



| Award | This Week | Last Week |
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| P-2 Values | | Ash B |
| P-2 Literacy | There are no awards this week as there was no Friday afternoon assembly. | Marli O |
| P-2 Maths | | Harry M |
| 3-6 Values | | Tom E |
| 3-6 Literacy | | Natalie R |
| 3-6 Maths | | No award |
| Principal's | | Amelia M |

Principal's Report

Today was the last day of Term Two. I wish all students, parents, staff and members of our school community a safe and enjoyable mid-year holidays.

I will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of Term Three. During this period, Elaine Wickham will be the Acting Principal of Goornong PS and a relief teacher, Mr Kevin Jardine, will be backfilling most of my classes. Please feel free to contact Elaine during the first two weeks of next term if necessary.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION

I am pleased to announce that our wonderful Business Manager, Tymika, and her husband Jake, are expecting their third child in August. As such, Tymika will be on maternity leave for the second half of the school year, beginning in the third week of Term Three. We wish Tymika, Jake and family all the best!

GRADE THREE-FOUR CAMP—CONFIRMED COST

I wish to notify our Grade Three-Four families that the final cost of the Curumbene Camp has been confirmed at \$227 per student. This is more than the approximate cost of \$190 which we had communicated to families. Our school always endeavours to give families plenty of notice of upcoming camps and an approximate cost. However, the final cost of a camp is never able to be locked in until the number of students attending across our six Cluster schools is confirmed. We encourage families to contact Tymika should payment for camp be an issue as there may be supports available to ensure that all students are able to attend camp.

Further details of the camp will be sent home next Term.

TERM TWO KIWANIS CLUB AWARD

Our school is pleased to have formed a partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo. Kiwanis is a world wide service organisation of men and women who want to improve their communities, including providing assistance to young people. Each term one student receives an award in recognition of their efforts and citizenship within our school community.

Congratulations to Bethany G (Grade Five) who is the Term Two recipient of the Kiwanis Club Award.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the most recent school council meeting on 18th June council reviewed and approved the school's Headlice Management Policy as part of our three-year policy review cycle. No changes were made to the policy that was already in place.

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 20th August at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

STUDENT REPORTS, PHOTOS & LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Reports, Learning Journals and School Photos have been sent home with the students today.

We hope that parents and family members alike enjoy looking at these over the school holidays. A reminder that Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held next term.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL—EVERY DAY COUNTS

I wish to congratulate our parents for their efforts to ensure that their children attend school as often as possible. As of Tuesday (26th June) there had been 94 days of school and our school was averaging 6.45 days absent per student. Whilst this is a good result, it does mean that we are tracking to exceed our goal of 10 days absent per student for the year.

Well done to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance in Term Two—Lucy Oberin, Daniel Jackson, Tom Ede, Mitchell Warren, Tess Donnelly, Matthew Long, Alliera Nelson, Sienna Nelson, Jaxson Read, Jesse Cowan.

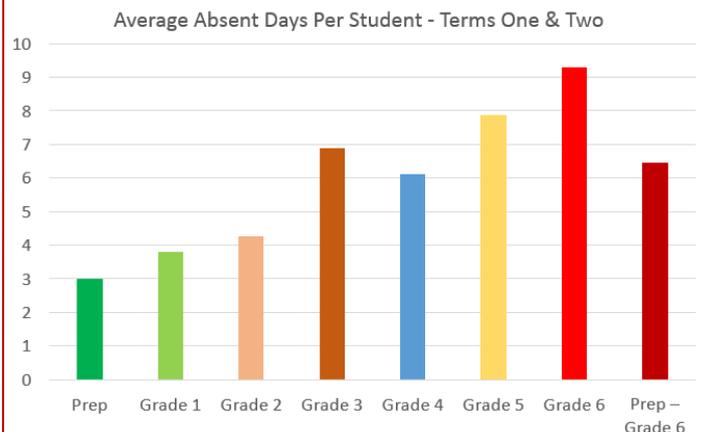
The Education Department's motto is that *Every Day Counts*, as there is strong link between consistent attendance at school and a child's social and academic development.

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 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.



Jason Cox

Principal