

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

- Mon 19th Mar. School Council AGM
Parent-Teacher-Conferences, Gr 3-6 only
Tues 20th Mar. Playgroup @ School, 10am—12noon
Parent-Teacher-Conferences, Gr 3-6

Term One

- Fri 23rd Mar. MARC Library
Mon 26th Mar. Grade Six leaders excursion to Melbourne
Tues 27th Mar. Hot Chip Orders Due
Wed 28th Mar. School Photos
Prep Health Questionnaires Due
Thurs 29th Mar. Program Supplies portion of Student
Contributions due—\$100
Last day of Term One, 2.15pm dismissal
Good Friday
Fri 30th Mar.

Term Two

- Mon 16th Apr. First day of Term Two
Wed 18th Apr. Cluster Cross Country at Elmore
Tues 15th May NAPLAN Testing, Years Three & Five
Wed 16th May NAPLAN Testing, Years Three & Five
Thurs 17th May NAPLAN Testing, Years Three & Five
Fri 18th May Cluster Winter Sports Carnival at
Colbinabbin
Thurs 24th May Special Person's Day
Wed 30th May Gym Program
Wed 6th June Gym Program
Mon 11th June Public Holiday
Wed 13th June Gym Program
Wed 20th June Gym Program
Fri 29th June Last day of Term Two

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 |



Mr Cox with our 2018 Student Leadership Group, from left to right—Morgan, Rhylee, school captains Matthew & Jazmin, Taylah and Molly.



Goornong Playgroup

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

Tuesday 20th March

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP EXCURSION

On Monday 26th March the Grade Six students will travel to Melbourne by train for the 'Inspire' Young Leaders Conference at the Exhibition Centre. Our student leaders will join approximately 3000 primary school student leaders from across Victoria to listen to guest speakers and celebrities share their stories of leadership and inspiration.

For our Grade Six families, please find attached to today's newsletter further details and a permission form for this excursion.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 28th March and Photo Order envelopes have been sent home with today's newsletter.

As has been the case the previous two years, this year's school photos will be provided in digital format, with the exception of class photos. This gives parents the flexibility to choose the size and quantity of the photos they wish to print. Parents will receive their ordered photos on a CD, which can then be taken to a photo print kiosk for printing. Please feel free to see Tymika if you require clarification of the packages available on the envelope.

School photo day is always a very special day in our calendar, with the photos taken on the day providing families with memories that can be passed on to future generations. In the past, our families have been very good at ensuring that students attend school in correct school uniform on photo day. Again, we ask for the support of parents with this to ensure that our photos are of the highest quality. In particular, I draw parents attention to the following points in our uniform policy:

- ◆ Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- ◆ Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- ◆ The wearing of visible under-garments such as colourful long-sleeve shirts under a short-sleeve shirt or leggings/tights under shorts, skirts or dresses is not permitted, with the exception of those in the colours navy blue or maroon.
- ◆ Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- ◆ Shoulder length hair or longer needs to be tied back.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Thank you to those parents (and students) who were able to attend the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences this week. It was a pleasure for the teachers to have the conversation with parents about the successes, challenges and progress of the students.

Please note that the online booking system is now closed. However, parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher should they wish to make a time next week for a conference.

Each year we offer formal Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences in Term One and again towards the end of Term Two. However, parents are encouraged to make an appointment to talk to their child's teacher at any time should they have any questions or concerns. We find that by communicating and working together when issues arise we are able to achieve the best result for the child.

PREP HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

For our Prep parents, accompanying today's newsletter is the Prep Health Questionnaire. This is a questionnaire that is conducted annually with parents of Prep students prior to the school nurse conducting health checks. Further information about the health checks is attached with the questionnaire. We ask that the questionnaires please be returned to the school by Wednesday 28th March. The School Nurse will be visiting our school to conduct the health checks with the Prep students early in Term Two. We will notify you once a date is confirmed. If you are the parent of a student in Prep and did not receive your health questionnaire or have any questions please see Mrs Wickham at the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The first meeting of our new School Council will be held this coming Monday 19th March at 7pm. Packs have been sent home with the children of our School Councillors today in readiness for Monday evening.

Quote of the Week

Jones' Law—The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on.

- Rossiter.

Jason Cox

Principal

ART SMOCKS

A reminder to families to please send in Art Smocks for their children. If you require a new Art Smock they are available for purchase from the office for \$15.

Respectful Relationships Program

Start early 
Respectful relationships for life

This year our school is implementing the Respectful Relationships Program into our weekly timetable. The Program forms part of the *Health and Personal & Social Capabilities* domains of the Victorian Curriculum and aims to promote resilience, wellbeing and positive social skills amongst all students. It also aligns closely with our *Student Engagement & Well-being Policy*.

The program develops effective life skills for students, including understanding and managing themselves, their relationships, learning and work. Statistics indicate that efforts to promote social and emotional skills and positive gender norms in children and young people have improved health related outcomes and wellbeing. It also reduces antisocial behaviour, including engagement in gender-based violence.

The program covers eight topics – Emotional Literacy, Personal Strengths, Positive Coping, Problem Solving, Stress Management, Help Seeking, Gender Identity and Positive Gender Relations.

During class the students will be participating in lessons and activities that provide opportunities for them to;

- recognise and regulate emotions
- develop empathy for others
- understand relationships
- working effectively in teams
- handle challenging situations constructively; and
- develop leadership skills.

We encourage parents to talk with their child about the activities they have been doing at school with regards to respectful relationships. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs Wickham

Respectful Relationships Coordinator

Grade Three-Six Classroom Dojo



Over the coming weeks we will be implementing an exciting new program into the Grade Three-Six Learning Space.

The Class Dojo Program is aimed at supporting students and teachers to create a safe, supportive and happy classroom community by recognising and celebrating positive behaviour on a consistent basis.

The program is facilitated by the teachers through an online hub where students are allocated points for demonstrating positive behaviour in the classroom and in their approach to their schoolwork. The program is framed around our school's values—care, teamwork, honesty and respect and these will form the bases for the positive behaviours that the students will be striving for and that the teachers will recognise.

The students will be creating their own avatar as part of the program and throughout the week the class will login to the secure Grade Three-Six online hub to keep track of their progress and the rewards they have earned. Students who have earned points for demonstrating positive behaviours will be rewarded through special responsibilities or opportunities within the school.

Miss Mac and Mrs Patton.

FOTS News

Easter Raffle

Thank you to those who have donated goods for our Easter Raffle—your support is greatly appreciated!

Raffle tickets and money are due back at the school by Monday 26th March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 28th March at a special assembly at 3.00pm.

Our prizes include 3 hampers full of special Easter treats. Perfect to enjoy over the school holidays.



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 | Ted C | Ash B |
| P-2 Literacy | Ellsie T | Jackson K |
| P-2 Maths | Charlie A | Harry M |
| 3-6 Values | Taylah V | Lillie M |
| 3-6 Literacy | Mitchell W | Bailey A |
| 3-6 Maths | Taylah V | Mitchell W |
| Principal's | Sienna N | Jordan V |

Story Box Library

Goornong PS recently subscribed to the Story Box Library which provides staff and students with access to online Australian stories read by a range of storytellers.

Each story is accompanied by classroom notes, comprehension questions and tasks related to other curriculum areas.

Our subscription enables staff and students to access this program both at school and home. Students may wish to access the Story Box Library at home and share stories with their family members. If so, the login details are below.

<http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/schools>

User name: GoornongPS

Password: 1598

We do ask that families do not share these login details with people outside of their immediate family.



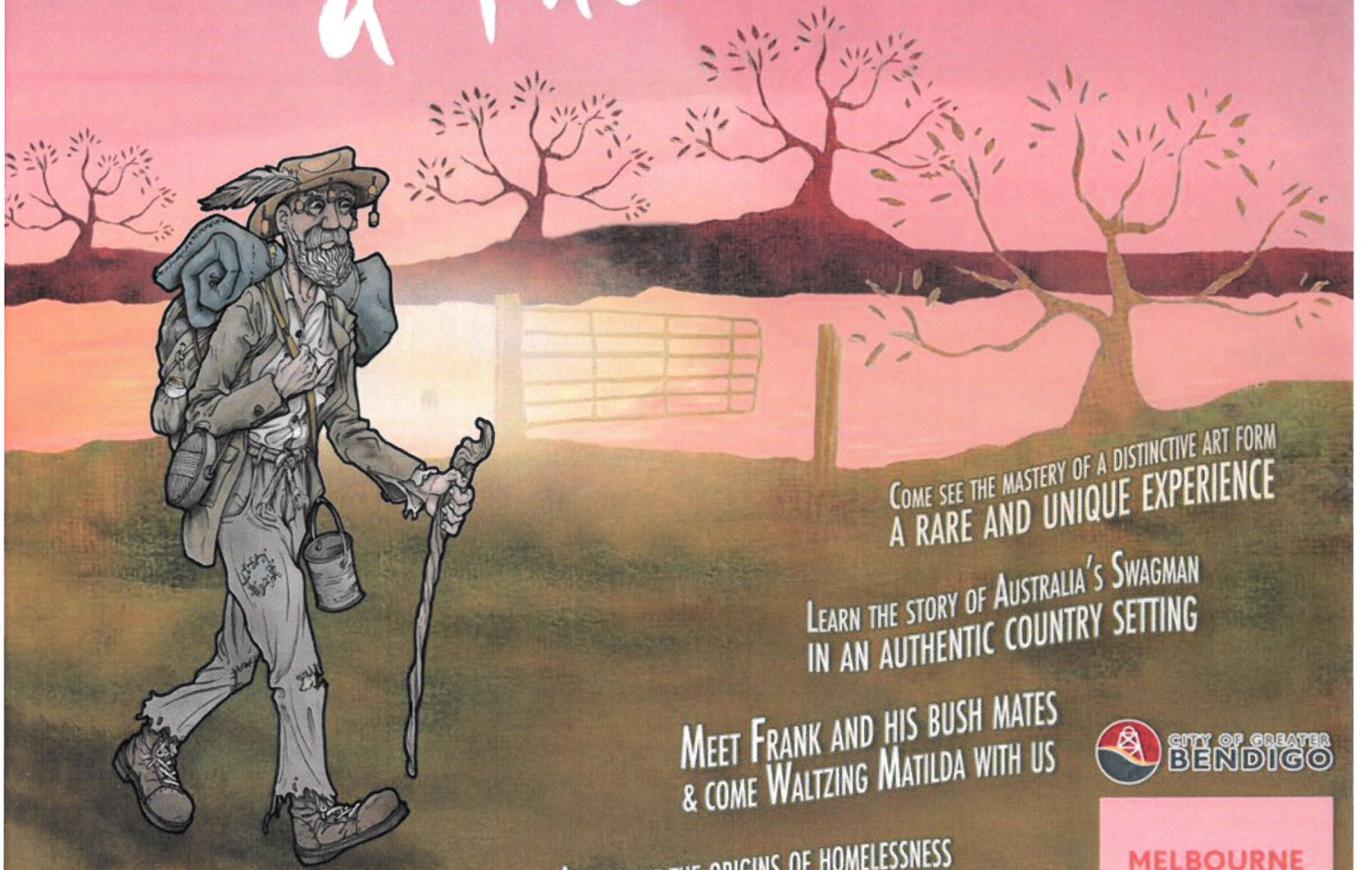
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



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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.

SWAGS, SNAGS & TUCKER BAGS



COME SEE THE MASTERY OF A DISTINCTIVE ART FORM
A RARE AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

LEARN THE STORY OF AUSTRALIA'S SWAGMAN
IN AN AUTHENTIC COUNTRY SETTING

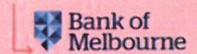
MEET FRANK AND HIS BUSH MATES
& COME WALTZING MATILDA WITH US

APPRECIATE THE ORIGINS OF HOMELESSNESS
& THE RELEVANCE FOR TODAY



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