

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

- Fri 2nd Mar. Cluster Swim Carnival, Rochester, Gr. 3-6s
Wed 7th Mar. Preps first Wednesday at school
Fri 9th Mar. MARC Library
Assembly & Student Leaders badge presentation, 3pm.

Term One

- Mon 12th Mar. Public Holiday
Tues 13th Mar. Parent-Teacher-Conferences
Thurs 15th Mar. Parent-Teacher-Conferences
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 only
Fri 23rd Mar. MARC Library
Mon 26th Mar. Grade Six leaders excursion to Melbourne
Wed 28th Mar. School Photos
Thurs 29th Mar. Last day of Term One, 2.15pm dismissal
Fri 30th Mar. Good Friday

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 |

Weekly Awards

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



Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Values	No awards this week.	Jaxson R
P-2 Literacy		Marli O
P-2 Maths		Harry M
3-6 Values		Molly A
3-6 Literacy		Daniel J
3-6 Maths		Amelia M
Principal's		Marli O

FOTS News

Easter Raffle

It's Nearly School Holidays and that means Easter Raffle time.....

Attached to today's newsletter are raffle tickets. We ask that you share these around to your family and friends to help raise money for our school.

If all families could please make a small donation towards the Easter Raffle hampers by Friday 16th March that would be appreciated.

We are looking for items such as - books, small games, easter eggs, biscuits/chips, coloring books or pencils all things that would make great additions to our hamper.

Donations can be left on the back bench in the staffroom.

Thank you.



Principal's Report

STUDENT LEADERS BADGE PRESENTATION

At next Friday afternoon's assembly on 9th March our School Captains and members of the Student Leadership Group will be presented with their 2018 leadership badges. Parents and family members are invited to attend.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are held twice a year, in March and again in June.

The first Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences for 2018 will be held after school on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th March (all grade levels); and Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th March (Grade 3-6s only).

These are an opportunity for parents to talk to their child's teacher/s about how their child is progressing socially, academically and behaviourally following the first few weeks of school. It is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions or raise any concerns they may have.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend the conference, we do encourage students in the Grade Three-Six class to be involved as this ensures that parents, students and teachers are all on the same page as to the learning goals of the student for the first semester.

At Goornong PS we use an online booking system for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. Please find in today's newsletter a page detailing how to book your Parent-Teacher-Student Conference at a time that suits you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At our most recent meeting on Monday 19th February School Council reviewed and approved three policies as part of the school's three-year policy review cycle. The policies approved were the Uniform Policy, Incursions Policy and the Bullying & Harassment Policy. Council were unanimous that all three policies were meeting the needs of our school community and as such no significant changes were made. A copy of all schools policies is available on request from the school office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you to those parents who nominated for a parent-member position on our School Council.

This year we had four vacancies and received four nominations. As such, an election was not required. I would like to welcome Rachael Mill, Stephen Filbey and

Matthew Ayres who are new members to our School Council; and Ben Matthews who is a returning member.

I will be sending out welcome packs to our new and returning School Councillors in the coming weeks, prior to the first meeting of our new School Council on Monday 19th March. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

The first meeting of our new school council is the Annual General Meeting on Monday 19th March, beginning at 7pm.

2018 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 2018.

Grade Three-Four Camp

Destination: Camp Curumbene, Corop

Dates: 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.

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.

Jason Cox

Principal

HIGH FIVES

High fives to the Filbey family for their fantastic efforts with the Coles Sports for School Program so far. The school has already collected over 10,000 vouchers! Most of these have been collected and counted directly because of the dedication of the Filbey family!
Great work Filbeys!



How to Book a Parent-Teacher-Student Conference

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Please contact your child's teacher if there is not a time available that suits you and they will be happy to make an alternative arrangement.

Option 1 – Takes 2 minutes!

- 1) Go to www.goornongps.vic.edu.au and click on the School Interviews link.
- 2) Click on **Make a Booking**, enter the event code **2mt2u** and click 'Go'.
- 3) Enter your details (your name, your child's name & your email address).
- 4) Select the teacher/s you wish to see.
- 5) Select an available time for your Parent-Teacher-Student Conference.
- 6) Click 'Finish' and you're done! A confirmation email will be sent to you.

Option 2

- 1) Contact Tymika in person or by phone on Tuesday or Wednesday and Tymika will complete the online booking for you.

Whichever booking method is used, parents are reminded to take note of their booking time for their Parent-Teacher-Student Conference.

Please note that bookings are now open and need to be made by 3.30pm on Friday 9th March.

The following times are available for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences:

(Each conference is for 15 minutes).

	Tuesday 13th March	Thursday 15th March	Monday 19th March	Tuesday 20th March
Grade Prep-Two	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	Not available.	Not available.
Grade Three-Four	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm
Grade Five-Six	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm	3.30pm—5.30pm

MARC MONTHLY!

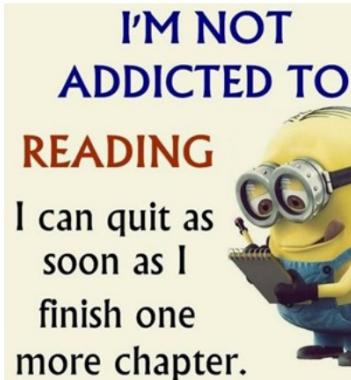
March

What a great start we have had!

All students decorated their library borrowing cards which have been made into lanyards. These will stay at school ready for MARC borrowing each fortnight.

We are looking at 'Australila' as a term 1 topic. What is the history of our National Anthem and what does it actually mean? What are some of our icons and landmarks?

We will read some of our classic Australian picture story books as well as ballads and poems.



What I have read....

 This is a story about a boy called Frankie Fish who gets sent to his grandparents house for the holidays. He ends up having an amazing time travelling adventure with his grandad.

 The first book in a terrific new series for anyone who loves AFLW. Well written and easy to read this is the story of Sarah who has just moved to a new school. She loves surfing but is encouraged to join the Flyers football team.

 Book 7 in the series from Socceroo Tim Cahill. Ricardo is the new kid at school and the new player on the team. He has skills but isn't really a team player. This book is about friendship, sportsmanship and being a team player.

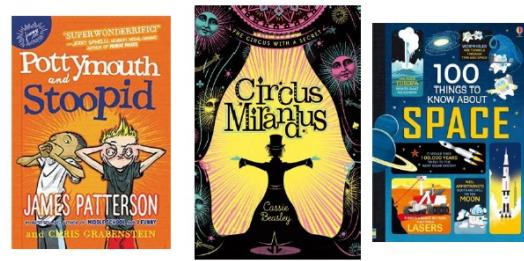
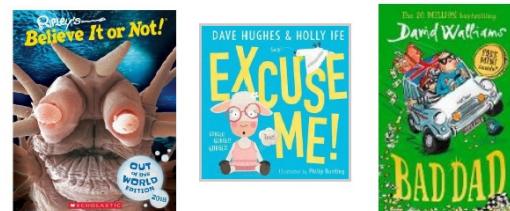


**Goldfields
Libraries**

Goldfields Library holiday program is available online or in branches from March 16th.

There are always fabulous (free!) activities covering a range of ages and interest areas. It's a great way to fill in an empty day during the holidays!

Some of the NEW BOOKS in the truck...



I have been SO impressed with students enthusiasm for borrowing books in the first month of the year. I try to source new books that will match interest areas—if you have any suggestions let me know!

Happy reading, Mrs G



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

A reminder of our school's new policy regarding Working with Children Checks.

From 2018 Goornong Primary School asks that all parents have a valid WWCC card. This is to maximise the safety for all students, eliminate any confusion regarding activities that a non-cardholder can and cannot engage in; and to ensure that our school meets the legislation with regards to the *Working with Children Act (2005)*.

The process to apply for a Working with Children Check card is not arduous and the school is able to support parents if necessary. We strongly encourage parents who do not currently have a WWCC card to now begin the process of applying for one. Parents who do not hold a valid card will not be able to participate in school activities such as morning reading, attending excursions or volunteering at sports days.

Currently, 25 parents have provided the school with a copy of their WWCC card.

Please feel free to contact the school if you require support or have any questions regarding Working with Children Checks.

We thank our school community for their support!

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.



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!

The advertisement features two athletes, Usain Bolt and Anna Pearson, smiling and holding sports equipment (a ball and a racket). The background is blue with white stars. The Coles logo is at the top left, and the text "SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING" is prominently displayed. The bottom right corner has the word "coles" in red.

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.

Community News

Religious Instruction

Judith Mann will be again running Catholic Education Lessons at the Rec Reserve Pavilion on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm-4.00pm beginning Monday 5th March.

These sessions are funded by the Parish so no charge to families.

Please contact Judith Mann on 5432 6000 if you have any questions or to register your interest.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Expressions of interest are being sought for the following Sacraments. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th March at 6.30pm at Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, Elmore. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd June at 6.30pm mass. A meeting leading up to this will be held on Thursday 19th April @ 10.30am in the Chevalier Centre at OLSH School. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr Caldow or Liz Trewick at OLSH.

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

BEST OF BENDIGO BENDIGO

MELBOURNE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY Bank of Melbourne

Backpack Bed for Homeless

TICKETS

BRIDGEWARD GROVE OLIVES & ART 170 ENGLISH'S ROAD, GOORNONG

SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH 12PM - 4PM ADULT - \$35 • CONCESSION/CHILD - \$15 • UNDER 5 - FREE

CONTACT NOW TO MAKE YOUR ADVANCE BOOKING FOR THIS UNIQUE MFWF MARIONETTE EXPERIENCE

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JULIE & PETER HOWARD | T: (03) 5432 2291 | M: 0417 521 409 | E: jp_22@bigpond.com | W: www.bwgrove.com.au



HUNTLY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB IS EXCITED TO BE OFFERING AN UNDER 12 YOUTH GIRLS TEAM THIS 2018 SEASON.

WE STILL REQUIRE A FEW MORE PLAYERS SO PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD, COME ALONG AND LEARN A NEW SPORT AS NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

PLEASE CALL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAIRPERSON MATT FORSTER 0400 998 411

01.01.06 TO 31.12.08 INCLUSIVE – AGE RANGE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE CLUB – PLEASE CONTACT ASAP