

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 Two

Mon 16th Apr.	First day of Term Two
Wed 18th Apr.	Cluster Cross Country at Elmore
Mon 23rd Apr.	Rochester SC Parent Information Session
Mon 30th May	School Council
Tues 1st May	Playgroup at the School, 10am-12noon
Fri 4th May	School Photos
Wed 9th May	Bendigo 7-10 State Secondary Schools Parent Information Evenings
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

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

Dogs on School Grounds

Of late we have noticed lots of dog poo on the school grounds. We wish to remind members of the Goornong Community that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time.

FOTS News

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle was drawn on Wednesday afternoon at a special assembly and the winners were:

First Prize— Nadia Johns

Second prize— Billie Read

Third Prize— Rohan Whatley

Fourth Prize— Barry Clay

Fifth Prize— Ellsie Tuohey

A massive thank you to all families that donated goods for the raffle prizes and sold tickets. The raffle raised \$536.10 - a fantastic achievement!

Weekly Awards

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



<u>Award</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Values	Saanvi
P-2 Literacy	Jesse
P-2 Maths	Jaxson
3-6 Values	Rhylee
3-6 Literacy	Morgan
3-6 Maths	Alliera & Sienna
Principal's	-

Principal's Report

Today was the last day of Term One—how quickly the first nine weeks of the school year have disappeared! I wish all students, parents and staff a safe and enjoyable school holiday period—Happy Easter!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Unfortunately, the school photos had to be cancelled yesterday as the photographer was unwell. The school photos will now take place on Friday 4th May. All order forms that have been submitted will remain valid. Parents who did not submit an order form for the first photo day are welcome to do so for the new photo day.

SCHOOL CLEANER

I wish to announce to our school community that Les Varker will be finishing up as our school's cleaner at the end of Term One. Les has done a wonderful job as our school's cleaner for the past seven years. His dedication and level of pride in his work ensured that our school was clean and tidy for each and every school day—something the teachers and students really appreciated!

I sincerely thank Les for his efforts and wish him all the best. Les will be continuing in his role as our school's groundskeeper.

The school is currently in the process of procuring a new cleaning contractor to begin in Term Two.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our School Council AGM on Monday 19th March the 2017 Annual Report was presented and office bearers were elected. A copy of the Annual Report is available on the school website.

I would like to introduce our School Council for 2018:

Danielle Donnelly, President & Parent Member

Jamie Tuohey, Vice-President & Community Member

Felicity Johnson, Secretary & Parent Member

Matthew Ayres, Parent Member

Daneeta Ede, Parent Member

Rachel Mill, Parent Member

Stephen Filbey Parent Member

Tim McCrohan, Community Member

Ben Matthews, Parent Member

Jason Cox, Executive Officer

Sheridan Patton, DEECD Member

Please note that the next meeting of our School Council will now be held on Monday 30th April. The meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd April has been cancelled.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Each year our school participates in the Campaspe Cluster Cross Country run. This year's event will be held at the Elmore Field Days site on the first Wednesday of Term Two (18th April) and is for all students in Years Prep-Six.

On the day, students are split into three age groups according to their age at 31st December this year. Five, six and seven year olds will run a 1km course; eight, nine and ten year olds a 2km course; and 11 & 12 year olds a 3km course. The approximate program for the day is:

11.15am Depart Goornong PS on the bus.

12.15pm 5,6,7yo 1km Race.

12.40pm 8,9,10yo 2km Race.

1.20pm 11,12,13yo 3km Race.

2.00pm Presentations.

2.30pm Depart for Goornong PS.

The Cluster Cross Country is always an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to seeing many parents at the venue to cheer our students along.

Please find attached to today's newsletter a permission form for this excursion, to be completed and returned to the school.

STUDENT LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Learning Journals are sent home at the end of each school term. These include work that the students has completed throughout the course of the term in class. The Term One Learning Journals have been sent home with the students today.

HATS

Thank you to all parents and students who have supported our SunSmart Policy throughout Term One. It has been wonderful to see everyone so well-organised each school day. Today we have asked all students to take their hats home so they can be washed and kept safe ready to bring back to school in Term Four.

HIGH FIVES

As we finish another busy school term, I wish to take this opportunity to give a high five to our dedicated staff team. Once again, you have all worked tirelessly to ensure that our students are provided with a high quality education. Your enthusiasm and commitment to your role can never be questioned. I thank you all for keeping at the forefront of your minds our purpose—the social, emotional and academic development of the students. Enjoy the Easter break!



Principal's Report Continued

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. Over the first nine weeks of the school year our school is averaging 2.4 days absent per student. This is a fabulous result and means we are on track to achieve our goal of averaging less than 10 days absent per student for the year.

Well done to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance in Term One—Lucy O, Jackson K, Harry M, Charlie A, Luke P, Daniel J, Savannah M, Mitchell W and Tess D.

Well done to our Preps who have missed the least number of days on average!

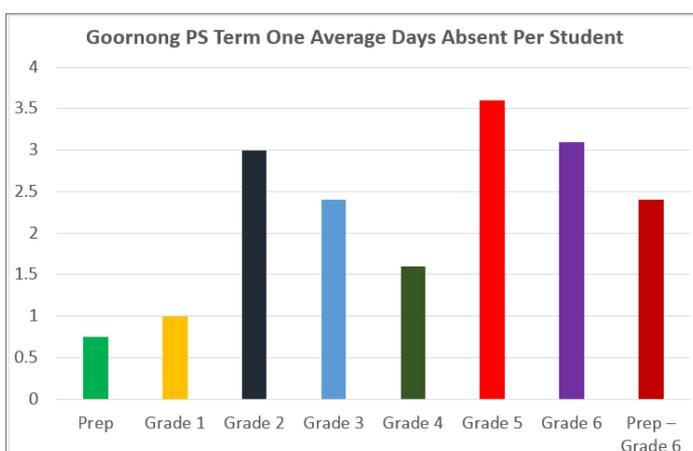
The Education Department's motto is that *Every Day Counts*, as there is strong link between consistent attendance at school and a child's social and academic development.

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 very 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.



WOORABINDA CAMP

For our four students who are attending Woorabinda Camp this year, attached to today's newsletter is a letter with further details of the camp, including the departure time and pick-up location. A reminder that this camp runs from 23rd April—27th April.

TERM ONE KIWANIS CLUB AWARD

Our school is pleased to continue its 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 Ted C (Grade One) who is the Term One recipient of the Kiwanis Club Award.

Quote of the Week

Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down.

- William Winans.

Jason Cox

Principal

GRADE SIX LEADERSHIP EXCURSION

On Monday our Student leadership Group travelled by train to Melbourne for the National Young Leaders' Conference. The students were joined by about 3,000 other primary student leaders and listened to a number of guest speakers, including magician Costantino, musician Harrison Craig; and John Coutis, an inspirational speaker who was born with a disability that rendered him a double amputee.

The day focussed on identifying things that are in your control, identifying things that are out of your control; and taking responsibility for your own actions. Our students found the day highly rewarding and are looking forward to putting into place the key messages from the day back at Goornong PS.



Playgroup Session at the School

A big thank you to those parents and children who came along to the playgroup session at the school last week. We had the largest attendance to date with 11 children from eight different families coming along and it was a pleasure to meet some new parents and their children who were attending our playgroup for the first time.

The next session of the Goornong Playgroup will be held at the school on Tuesday 1st May from 10am–12noon. Once again, we invite all community members with young children to come along. Morning tea will be provided for parents and a fruit platter for the children. We hope to see you there!



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING

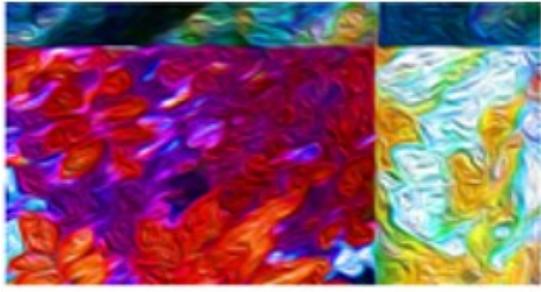
We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

Yesterday we had Goornong community member Dawn Darcy visit our school in support of the World's Greatest Shave. The World's Greatest Shave is the Leukaemia Foundation's biggest fundraising event and we were delighted to have Dawn involve our school in her fundraising efforts in support of this great cause.



So far we have collected over 21,400 vouchers!!! A fantastic effort! We will be sending in our vouchers on Friday 20th April. Please ensure your vouchers are in the collection box before then,

Community News



Rochester

Secondary College

invites

2019 Prospective
Students & Families

on

Monday 23rd April

at

6:30pm

Information Evening



Centres close to Goornong include
Elmore, Colbinabbin, Rochester &
Huntly.

PARENTS

NAB AFL Auskick is the best fun kids can have being active!

In weekly sessions kids explore the world of AFL, building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting.

PLUS Each participant will receive an awesome benefits pack full of gear when they join.

CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

TO REGISTER FOR NAB AFL AUSKICK, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS ONLINE:

- 1 Visit play.afl/auskick
- 2 Enter your school into the centre locator
- 3 Select the centre you would like to attend
- 4 Complete the registration process



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