

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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**"Learning for the future in a caring rural setting."**

Please note that each Friday the school newsletter is uploaded to the school's website.  
Copies of past newsletters are also available!

## Dates to Remember

### Term One

Mon 13th Mar.	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 14th Mar.	Parent-Teacher-Student-Conferences
Wed 15th Mar.	Parent-Teacher-Student-Conferences
Thurs 16th Mar.	Parent-Teacher-Student-Conferences
Fri 17th Mar.	MARC Library
Mon 20th Mar.	School Council AGM
Mon 27th Mar.	Gr. 6 Leadership Excursion to Melbourne
Tues 28th Mar.	School Photos
Fri 31st Mar.	MARC Library
	Last day of Term One, 2.15pm dismissal

### 2017 Term Dates

Tues 31st Jan— Fri 31st March	Term One
Tues 18th April—Fri 30th June	Term Two
Mon 17th July—Fri 22nd Sept.	Term Three
Mon 9th Oct.—Fri 22nd Dec.	Term Four

## Weekly Awards

*No awards were presented today as the Grade Three-Six class were on excursion at their Swimming Carnival.*

*The next award's assembly will be next Friday  
10th March at 3.00pm.*

## FOTS NEWS

FOTS will be holding a BBQ Fundraiser at the Rodwell's Auction of the Cowan's property. If anyone is interested in helping out on the day or is interested in joining our wonderful FOTS team, please contact Jamie on 0409 141 584 .



# Principal's Report

## PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Thank you to those parents who have used the Online Booking System to book their Parent-Teacher-Student Conference. As of yesterday 23 of our 41 students had a time booked for their Conference.

A reminder that the first Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences for 2017 will be held after school on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th (Grade Three-Six only) and Thursday 16th March. 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.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend the conference, we do encourage students, particularly 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.

Once again we are using an online booking system for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. Detailing on how to book your Parent-Teacher-Student Conference accompanied last week's newsletter. If you need assistance in booking a time please contact Tymika on Tuesday or Wednesday.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder that the first meeting of our new School Council is the Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th March at 7pm, followed by a normal council meeting. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm on this evening.

## Quote of the Week

*"A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success."*

**Jason Cox**

**Principal**

## Prep/1/2 News Day

Due to changes in this year's timetable the students in P/1/2 will now be having Bring News Day and Art on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays.

Apologies for any inconveniences.

Mrs Wickham, Prep-Two Teacher

## Bike Riders

It is fabulous to see many students riding to school over the first few weeks of the school year—on many days we have upwards of 15 students riding to and from school.

To ensure the safety of the bike riders and reduce the congestion at the main entrance on Grant Street, we have asked the bike riders who need to head east along Grant Street after school to exit the school via the gate at the north-eastern corner of the school grounds (near the big green tank).



The following information, sourced from [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au) and [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au), may also be of interest for parents seeking further information to support their child to ride safely to and from school:

- ◆ Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles to and from school.
- ◆ Due to cognitive development, children should not ride on the road accompanied by an adult until around the age of 10.
- ◆ Like young drivers, children need plenty of supervised practice before gaining their independence on a bicycle.
- ◆ In order to ride safely in traffic a bike rider needs to be able to manage all the following simultaneously.
  - ⇒ Control the bike on different road surfaces.
  - ⇒ Be able to deal with obstacles safely.
  - ⇒ Be aware of and predict the traffic movement around them.
  - ⇒ Understand the road rules that apply both to bike riders and drivers.
  - ⇒ Make safe, split-second decisions.

At Goornong PS we run the Bike Education program for students in Grades Three-Six in October each year. This Program teaches students to manage the above points and thus be able to ride safely on the road. The Bike Education Program is specifically for students aged 9-13 years, as it is at this age that children have the cognitive capacity to manage the skills required for riding safely on the road.



# Family Fun Day in Goornong

**Saturday March 4, 4pm - 8pm**  
**Goornong Recreation Reserve**

This is a **FREE** event covered by the funds from the Goornong and District Community Group closure.

Lots of fun activities will be held. Pool will be open until 7pm. Roast and salads provided.

For catering purpose  
please **RSVP by February 20**  
to [goornongcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:goornongcommunity@outlook.com) or phone or text  
Narelle on 0414 446 646.



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