

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 Two

Mon 17th Apr.	Easter Monday
Tues 18th Apr.	First day of Term Two
Tues 25th Apr.	ANZAC Day
Fri 28 Apr.	MARC Library
Mon 1st May	Cluster Cross Country at Elmore (Gr. P-6)
9th—11th May	NAPLAN Testing (Grades 3 and 5)
Fri 12th May	MARC Library
Sun 14th May	Mother's Day
Mon 15th May	School Council Meeting
Fri 19th May	Cluster Winter Sports at Colbo (Gr. 3-6)
Mon 22nd May	Student-Free Day
Wed 24th May	Gym Program
Thurs 25th May	Special Person's Day
Fri 26th May	MARC Library
Friday 2nd June	Science Excursion to Elmore (Gr. P-6)
Mon 5th June	Student-Free Day
Wed 7th June	Gym Program
Fri 9th June	MARC Library
Mon 12th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 14th June	Gym Program
Mon 19th June	School Council Meeting
Wed 21st June	Gym Program
Fri 23rd June	MARC Library
Fri 30th June	Last day of Term Two

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

FOTS NEWS

Thank you to those who were able to attend our meeting on Tuesday afternoon; and to those who put in an apology. As always, new members and ideas are always welcome. In Term two we have Mother's Day gifts and a Winter Warmer raffle as possible activities for our team.

After four years leading our school's fundraising activities, Jamie has decided to step aside as leader of the FOTS team. Thanks to Danielle who has volunteered to step up as leader of the team from Term Two.

Easter Raffle

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

First Prize— Jos O'Shea



Second prize— Donnelly family



Third Prize— Patrick Ayres



Fourth Prize— Bethany Garratt



A massive thank you to all families that donated goods for the raffle prizes and sold tickets. The raffle raised \$595 - a fantastic achievement!

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

School photos were taken on Tuesday and it was a pleasure to see all students presented so immaculately. Thanks to all parents for their efforts ensuring that the students attended in school uniform. It is anticipated that school photos / CDs will be available sometime in Term Two for those who put in an order.

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. Can these please then be returned in Term Two.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 15th May at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.



HIGH FIVE

This week I am giving out a 'high ten' such is the contribution the recipient has made to our school.

Jamie T has been the leader of the FOTS team since the group was established four years ago. During that time our school has experienced great success with regards to fundraising and this has enabled us to achieve some significant projects such as the new kitchen, resurfacing of the oval and the new playground. Indeed, through the work of Jamie and her FOTS team our school has raised in excess of \$25,000 over the past four years—a wonderful achievement!

As Jamie has decided to step aside as leader of the FOTS, I thank her for her efforts over the past four years on behalf of our entire school community!

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 8 weeks of the school year our school is averaging 1.3 days absent per student. This is a fabulous result and means we are well 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—Ellsie, Daniel, Beau, Luke, Alliera, Savannah, Will, Mitchell, Tess, Sienna, Teagan, Jazmin, Taneeka, Jai and Ruby.

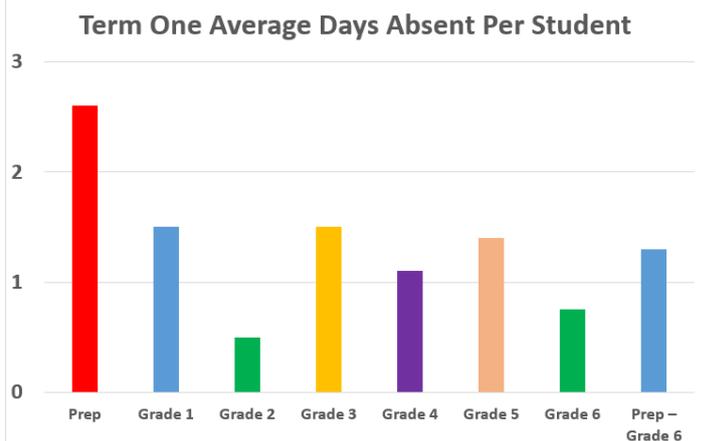
The Education Department's motto is that *Every Day Counts*, as there is strong link between consistent attendance at school and a child's social and academic development.

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.



Quote of the Week

Knowing what's right doesn't mean much if you don't do what's right."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Jason Cox

Principal

WRITING MORNING WITH PARENTS

A big thank you to those parents that were able to join us on Wednesday morning to assist with writing.

It was a pleasure to see parents and students working together to develop their descriptive writing plans.

Well done to Mrs Wickham and Mrs Patton for their efforts coordinating the morning.



GRADE SIX LEADERSHIP EXCURSION

On Monday our Student leadership Group travelled by train to Melbourne for the Inspiration Young Leaders Conference. The students listened to a number of guest speakers, including astronaut Josh Richards, author Mat Cosgrove and young adventurer Jade Hameister. The day focussed on overcoming challenges, taking opportunities and working collaboratively with others to achieve your goals and to help lead others.

A big thank you to Daneeta, Danielle and Karen who came along and assisted with this excursion.



9am to 3pm



VICTORIA

Holiday

PROGRAMS

**5-8
YEARS**
Footy Fun Day

**9-12
YEARS**
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SESSION DETAILS

Wednesday 5th April

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Harry Trott Oval, Neale St, Bendigo

9AM - 3PM
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