

# 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

- Wed 9th May Bendigo 7-10 State Secondary Schools  
Parent Information Evenings.  
\$5 for Mother's Day Gift due.
- Fri 11th May Gr. 6 Application for Year 7 Placement  
Form due back to Goornong PS.
- Sun 13th May Mother's Day

### Term Two

- 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 MARC Library
- Mon 21st May School Council
- Thurs 24th May Special Person's Day
- Fri 25th May MARC Library
- Wed 30th May Gym Program
- Fri 1st June Cluster Winter Sports Carnival at  
Colbinabbin, Grade 3-6s
- Tues 5th June Playgroup Session at the School, 10-12.
- Wed 6th June Gym Program
- Fri 8th June Student-Free Day
- Mon 11th June Public Holiday
- Wed 13th June Gym Program  
Pie Drive Orders Due
- Thurs 14th June 2019 Parent Info Session, 5.30pm
- Fri 15th June MARC Library
- Mon 18th June School Council
- Wed 20th June Gym Program
- Fri 29th June MARC Library  
Last day of Term Two

### 2018 Term Dates

- 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!



<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>P-2 Values</b>	Wade N	Jackson K
<b>P-2 Literacy</b>	Lucy O	Harry M
<b>P-2 Maths</b>	Marli O & Ted C	Ash B
<b>3-6 Values</b>	Will P	Sienna N
<b>3-6 Literacy</b>	Bree T	Tom E
<b>3-6 Maths</b>	Savannah M	Tess D
<b>Principal's</b>	Luke P	Jackson K



The staff and students of Goornong Primary  
School would like to invite  
Parents, Grandparents and all members of our  
school community to our

## *Special Person's Day*

Thursday 24th May, 2018

10.00am—11.00am: Classrooms Open

Come into our learning spaces and participate in  
learning activities and games with the students.

11.00am—11.30am: Morning Tea

We kindly ask that each family please bring a  
plate to share—thank you!

We hope to see you there!

# Principal's Report

## NAPLAN ASSESSMENT—GRADES THREE AND FIVE

In two weeks time our Grade Threes and Fives will complete the NAPLAN tests. These tests are completed by all Year Three, Five, Seven and Nine students across Australia. There are four tests which the students complete—Reading, Writing, Spelling & Grammar and Mathematics. Individual student results from these tests are provided to the school later in the year and are available to parents.

All tests are conducted in the morning on the following days:

Tuesday 15th May—Writing and Language Conventions.

Wednesday 16th May—Reading.

Thursday 17th May—Mathematics.

As a school we are often asked by parents what they can do to ensure their child does well on the NAPLAN tests. The tests are designed to assess Literacy and Numeracy skills that students have developed over the course of their entire education. They assess a student's overall understanding of concepts which are built on throughout a child's schooling, thus cramming or completing extra study for the tests is not recommended.

Some tips to help your child to achieve their best include:

- Encouraging your child to simply do the best they can.
- Reassuring your child that whilst it is important to do your best, the result of the tests will have no impact on their future opportunities.
- Ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep prior to the testing days.
- Ensuring your child eats a healthy dinner and breakfast prior to the testing days.
- Understanding that NAPLAN is not the be all and end all—performance on NAPLAN has no impact on a person's success in life.

If you would like further information please feel free to come and see me. We wish all our Grade Threes and Fives good luck when completing the tests!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder that the next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 21st May at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken today 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 later this term for those who put in an order.

## NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF STUDENT ABSENCES

We are pleased to announce that parents are now able to notify the school via the school App when their child is absent from school. Simply access the App and click on eForms and Absentee Form. We remind parents that it is a requirement that the school is notified when their child is absent from school.

## STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Student Contributions for 2018 were due to be finalised by the end of Term One. Unfortunately, we have a number of families who are yet to finalise payment. Our school relies on all families paying their school fees in order to be able to offer the educational opportunities and resources for our students.

For those families with outstanding school fees, a statement is attached to today's newsletter and we ask that any outstanding fees please be paid ASAP. A reminder that Tymika's days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every second Friday. We encourage families to please contact Tymika or Jason if you are experience financial hardship so we can discuss support options available.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We wish to remind families that our school requests a \$50 voluntary financial contribution per student each year. This School Council Levy is to cover the cost of all grounds maintenance needed throughout the year. Without this levy, each family would be rostered on and expected to do mowing and gardening etc. With this levy we are able to employ a ground maintenance person to complete this work. Thank you to those families who have already paid this levy. We encourage families who are yet to do so to consider paying this voluntary levy.

## YEAR 6—YEAR 7 PLACEMENT FORMS

Thank you to those Grade Six families that have already returned the Year 7 Placement Forms. A reminder that these need to be returned to Goornong PS by next Friday 11th May, even if your child will be attending a non-government school in 2019. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

## STUDENT TEACHERS

This week we welcomed two third-year La Trobe student teachers to the Goornong PS team. Mr Crisp and Mr Brinsmead are currently completing a three-week teaching round at our school and will spend time in both the Prep-Two and Three-Six classes. We hope that they both find their time at Goornong PS valuable as they begin their careers in education.

## Quote of the Week

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do." - Goethe

**Jason Cox, Principal**

## FOTS News

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is fast approaching and is on Sunday 13th May. This year each student is able to purchase a special gift. We ask that each student please bring \$5 to school in a clearly named and labelled envelope by Wednesday 9th May. This is to cover the cost of the materials for the special gift. The special gift will then be sent home with the students on Thursday 10th May.

### Pie Drive

We are running a Pie Drive fundraiser and order forms are attached to today's newsletter. These are due back to the school by Wednesday 13th June.

## Playgroup Session at the School

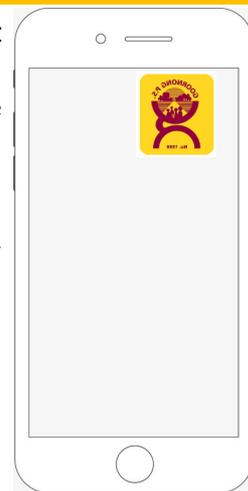
A big thank you to those parents and children who came along to the playgroup session at the school this week. We had eight children from six different families in attendance.

The next session of the Goornong Playgroup will be held at the school on Tuesday 5th June 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!



## LAUNCH OF THE GOORNONG PS MOBILE APP

We are excited to announce the launch of the Goornong Primary School Mobile App for Apple and Android devices. We are currently in the process of adding content to the App and envisage it becoming a key communication platform between the school and families. This will include the ability for the school to send individual or group notifications and share photos and news from special events. Please note the App is a work in progress at this stage and does not replace our school's other methods of communication at present.



We encourage all parents who have a suitable device to go to the App Store (Apple Devices) or the Play Store (Android Devices) and download the free Goornong Primary School App. We also encourage parents to allow notifications within the App to ensure that they receive any notifications from the school.

Once downloaded, a request will automatically be sent to the school requesting permission to join the App. This is to ensure that the school is able to monitor who has access to certain content within the App.

Please feel free to see Tymika or Jason if you have any questions.

A big thank you to the 20 parents who have subscribed to the App at this stage.

Thank you to everyone who collected vouchers as part of the Coles Sports for Schools program this year. We have collected 30,591 vouchers! A fantastic effort!



We would like to extend an extra special thank you to the Filbey family for going above and beyond with their efforts collecting vouchers for our school.

Once the vouchers have been received and confirmed by the Sports for Schools team, we will be able to place an order for some great new sports equipment that will be due to arrive at our school during Term Three.

# MARC MONTHLY!

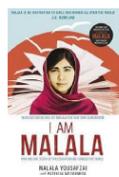
April / May

## MARC conference 2018

At the end of Term 1 I attended the annual MACC/MARC conference in Beechworth. It is always such a valuable two days, discussing books and ideas with other MARC teachers from around the state (there are 30 of us!). We were lucky to have Alison Lester as a guest speaker. She discussed the inspirational work she does in remote communities; working with children to write a book which she then 'publishes' on the spot and leaves with them. A very inspiring and amazing author.



## What I have read....



This is the book written by Malala for her peers. From a very young age Malala knew she wanted to change the world—and she did. An amazing story of hope, courage and family.



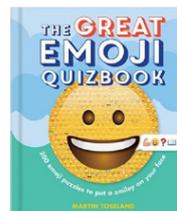
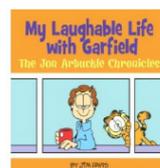
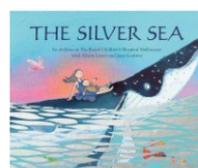
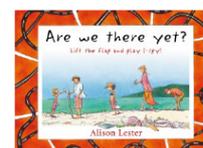
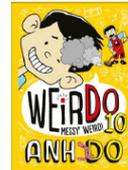
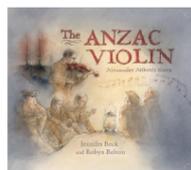
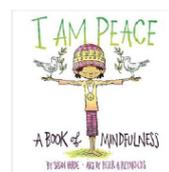
A Wrinkle in Time was originally published in 1963 and has become an iconic novel (which has now been made into a movie). It is the story of Meg who goes searching through time to find her father. The story is a mixture of fantasy and science fiction and was terrific as a bed time read!



This is a fun, easy to read story where Terry (the illustrator!) tries his hand at telling a story. All proceeds of this book are being donated to charity.

Term 2's focus is 'Shaping students into empathetic people'. We have started the term reading 'I Am Peace' by Susan Verde. Students practised mindfulness using a small boat on their bellies to help focus their breathing. We will be sharing books that encourage us to consider others' points of view and connecting personal experiences to texts.

## Some of the NEW BOOKS in the truck...



As the nights become cooler it is lovely to snuggle under a blanket with a good book. I hope you find time to share some books with people you love!

Happy reading, Mrs G



## Garden Science Program

Firstly, a big thank you to all the families who came to the working bee (advertised on the Goornong FB site). After a couple of hours the rock hard soil in the garden beds was dug over and watered.

The senior classes are currently working on the Annual Garden Competition where they work individually or in groups to create amazing garden beds. The students have written their plan and some are busy creating garden art at home for their plot. The gardens will be judged near the end of the year.

The juniors are busy learning about what plants need and how we can assist plants in the garden to grow. They have 3 large garden beds to plant up.

Felicity Johnson

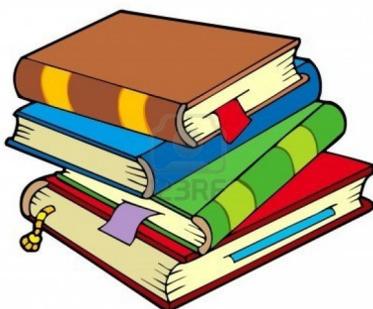


## AEDC

This year our school is participating in the AEDC (Australian Early Development Census).

Data is collected which measures the developmental progress of children as they start their first year of full time school.

An information letter has been attached to the newsletter for parents of students who will be involved.



## Community News



# State Schools are *Great Schools!*

Year 7 Information Evenings at the following Colleges  
**Wednesday 9th May at 7pm:**



5442 1311  
kalianna.vic.edu.au



5447 7722  
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au



5446 8099  
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



5443 2133  
weeroona.vic.edu.au



5443 4522  
bse.vic.edu.au

