

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

9th—11th May NAPLAN Testing (Grades 3 and 5)
Fri 12th May MARC Library
Sun 14th May Mother's Day

Week beginning Monday 15th May

Fri 19th May Cluster Winter Sports at Colbo (Gr. 3-6)

Term Two

Mon 22nd May Student-Free Day
Wed 24th May Gym Program
Thurs 25th May Special Person's Day
Fri 26th May MARC Library
Expressions of Interest for Camps due
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 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 14th June Gym Program
Mon 19th June School Council Meeting
Wed 21st June Gym Program
Fri 23rd June MARC Library
Wed 28th June Wood Raffle drawn at 3pm.
Fri 30th June Last day of Term Two

2017 Term Dates

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

<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Values	Ash	Daniel
P-2 Literacy	Jaxson	Luke
P-2 Maths	Harry	Beau
3-6 Values	Will P	Charlie
3-6 Literacy	Charlie C	Morgan J
3-6 Maths	Bree T	Taneeka B
Principal's	Molly E	Tess D

Awards are presented each Friday at the 3pm Assembly.

FOTS News

Wood Raffle

Once again we are running a wood raffle. Raffle tickets accompany today's newsletter.

The first prize is a new 6' x 4' trailer + the load of fire wood in it.

We would like to thank RAMCO Trailers in Dandenong for their generous donation of the 6x4 trailer and the extended Donnelly family for cutting the wood to fill the trailer.

Tickets and money due back at school no later than Monday 26th June. The raffle will be drawn Wednesday 28th June at 3pm at the school.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is fast approaching and is on Sunday 14th 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 (Eg: Billy Smith, \$5 for Mother's Day) by Wednesday 10th 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 11th May.



Term Two Newsletter Publication Dates

This term the school newsletter will be published on a fortnightly basis, rather than weekly. The dates for the Term Two newsletters will be:

Friday 21st April	Friday 2nd June
Friday 5th May	Friday 16th June
Friday 19th May	Friday 30th June

Principal's Report

NAPLAN ASSESSMENT—GRADES THREE AND FIVE

Next week is NAPLAN week and 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 9th May—Writing and Language Conventions.

Wednesday 10th May—Reading.

Thursday 11th 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 for next week!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 19th June at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS (GRADES THREE-SIX)

Our Grade Three-Six students will be attending the Campaspe Cluster Winter Sports day at the Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve on Friday 19th May. The students have selected from three sports—netball, soccer or football and will participate in activities and matches in mixed teams with students from the other Campaspe Cluster Schools.

The students and teachers will be travelling by bus, departing at 11.15am and returning by 3.15pm. The activities and matches for each sport will begin at about 12.00pm.

Our Winter Sports is always a fun day and I encourage parents and other family members to come along and support. There is some room on the bus for those parents who would like to travel to Colbinabbin with us—please let Mr Cox know.

Attached to today's newsletter is a permission note for this excursion.

In line with VCFL requirements, students that have chosen to play football at the Winter Sports will be required to wear a helmet when playing. These will be provided on the day. Our school requires a written and signed note from parents, should they wish for their child to play without a helmet.

2017 SCHOOL CAMPS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS

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 2017.

Grade Three-Four Camp

Destination: Billabong Ranch, Echuca.

Dates: Wed 13th—Fri 15th September.

Approx. Cost: \$ 180.

Grade Five-Six Camp

Destination: Canberra

Dates: Mon 20th—Fri 24th November.

Approx. Cost: \$ 420

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. Further details of these camps and an Expression of Interest form to be returned to the school are attached to today's newsletter.

Principal's Report Continued

HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Head Lice inspections were conducted last Thursday at school and a note detailing the outcome of your child's inspection sent home. I am pleased to share that there were no cases of live lice or eggs amongst our students. I thank parents for their vigilance in checking their child's hair for head lice on a regular basis and treating appropriately where instances of live lice or live eggs are found. This helps to minimise the instances of lice among our students.

I thank our dedicated team of volunteer inspectors for their continued support of our school's head lice management program!

SCHOOL UNIFORM—LABELLING CLOTHING ITEMS

I wish to congratulate our students and families for their efforts to ensure that students are attending school in proper uniform—keep up the good work!

As the cooler weather approaches we ask that parents please ensure that their child's jumpers are clearly labelled. The students often begin the day with their jumper on and take them off when they get hot running around at playtime, increasing the possibility of the item being lost or misplaced. Clearly labelled clothing items can easily be returned to their owner!

SOMERS CAMP

This year we have two Grade Five-Six students who have chosen to attend the nine-day Somers Camp. For these students, accompanying today's newsletter is a note detailing bus pick-up and drop-off arrangements for camp. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding Somers Camp.

Quote of the Week

"Fair is not each student getting the same thing, fair is each student getting what they need to be successful."

Jason Cox
Principal



Our School Captains, Ruby and Jimmy, placed a wreath on behalf of our school community at the ANZAC Service at the Memorial Hall on ANZAC Day.



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 25th May, 2017

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!



Campaspe Cluster Cross Country



Gardening Class

To kick off the Gardening Classes for this year, the students prepared the garden beds for planting. Tasks included weeding, pruning, turning over the soil and digging up the carrots from last season. The good layer of mulch has kept the garden beds almost weed free and the soil moist and friable.

Felicity Johnson



Community News

MOUNT PLEASANT FOOTBALL
NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS:

Weekly Netball Skills Sessions

for primary aged children.

When: Thursday nights for Term 2.

5 – 6pm.

Beginning May 4th.

Where: Toolleen Recreation
Reserve.

Cost: a one off \$10 payment.

For more information, contact Michelle Mannes
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