

# 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

- Tues 7th Nov. Little Learners Program begins, 2.15-3.15  
Wed 8th Nov. Campaspe Cluster Summer Sports  
Elmore, Grade 3-6s  
Fri 10th Nov. MARC Library

### Week Beginning Mon 12th Nov.

- Tues 14th Nov. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm

### Term Four

- 20th—24th Nov. Grade 5-6 Canberra Camp  
Tues 21st Nov. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm  
FOTS Meeting, 2.30pm at the school  
Fri 24th Nov. MARC Library  
Mon 27th Nov. Student-Free Day  
Tues 28th Nov. Little Learners Program, 9.00—10.30am  
Wed 29th Nov. School Nurse visit, Gr 5-6s, 9-10am  
Mon 4th Dec. School Nurse visit, Gr 5-6s, 9-10am  
School Council  
Tues 5th Dec. Little Learners Program, 10.30-12.30pm  
Fri 8th Dec. MARC Library  
Tues 12th Dec. Orientation Day  
Little Learners Program, 9.00am-12.00pm  
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner, Drovers Arms  
Wed 13th Dec. Swimming Program  
Thurs 14th Dec. Swimming Program  
Fri 15th Dec. Excursion to Bendigo East Pool, P-6  
Mon 18th Dec. Swimming Program  
Tues 19th Dec. Swimming Program  
Wed 20th Dec. Swimming Program  
Thurs 21st Dec. Christmas Concert, 6.15pm at The Hall  
Fri 22nd Dec. Last day of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal

### 2018 Term Dates

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|------------------------------|------------|
| 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  |

## FOTS News

### End-of-Year Raffle

Once again we will be running an End-of-Year Raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on 21st December. We are now asking our school community to source significant donations to be used as prizes. Last year we had over \$1,200 worth of prizes, including a \$200 Rodwells voucher, one nights accommodation at Tindarra Resort, Moama and a 20kg bag of dog food from Bridgewater Farmware. We are hoping to have similar quality donations this year. The cut-off date for donations is Friday 10th November.

### Bunnings BBQ

We are doing a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 16th December at the Bunnings Store in Epsom. Thanks to those who have already put their name on the roster at the school office. We still have two shifts from 12.00pm-4.30pm to fill.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st November, 2.30pm at the school.

## Goornong Playgroup



Please come along and meet other people in the area who have young children.

**The Playgroup meets every Tuesday from 10am-12noon at the Goornong Recreation Reserve.**

**The session on Tuesday 14th November will be held at the Goornong Primary School.**

This is an opportunity for families with young children to have a look around their local school and to use some of the school's facilities. All new and existing Playgroup Members are welcome to attend!

Questions? Please email [goornongcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:goornongcommunity@outlook.com)

# Principal's Report

## LITTLE LEARNERS PROGRAM

Our Little Learners Program begins this coming Tuesday. The Little Learners will be participating in classroom activities once a week over the next six weeks preparing them for their first year of school next year.

## CAMPASPE CLUSTER SUMMER SPORTS—GRADES 3-6

Next Wednesday our Grade Three-Six students will travel to the Elmore Recreation Reserve for the annual Campaspe Cluster Summer Sports Carnival. Our students will join with students from the other Cluster schools to participate in Round Robin activities for their chosen sport – either cricket, tennis, lawn bowls or tee-ball beginning at 12pm.

Parents are welcome to come along and support!

## GRADE FIVE-SIX CANBERRA CAMP

We are now just two weeks away from the Grade Five-Six Canberra Camp. The camp runs from Monday 20th—Friday 24th November.

A reminder that the final cost of the camp is \$440 per student. Please note that this is higher than the approximate cost communicated to families earlier in the year due to changes to the anticipated number of students across the Campaspe Cluster attending the camp.

I acknowledge the support of the Australian Government who recognise the importance of young Australians being able to visit our national capital as part of their Civics & Citizenship education. To support families, the Australian Government has contributed \$30 per student towards the cost of the camp under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. This rebate is paid directly to the school and reduced the cost of the camp from \$470 to \$440.

We ask that families please finalise the Canberra Camp payment by Wednesday 15th November.

I encourage parents to come and see me should payment for camp be a concern as it is our school's policy that no students should miss out on camps due to finances. Tymika and I are happy to talk with you about flexible options to ensure your child is able to attend.

Camp packs with the full details of the camp and forms to be returned to the school accompany today's newsletter.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The final School Council meeting for 2017 is on Monday 4th December, beginning at 6.30pm.

## 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Our school has begun planning for the 2018 school year. This includes planning around the structure of the school in relation to classrooms, teachers and support staff. The number of students attending the school has a significant impact on our planning as school funding is directly linked to the number of enrolments. As such, I ask that those parents intending to enrol new students at Goornong PS in 2018 please return their enrolment form now. Enrolment forms are available from the school should you require one. I also ask that parents please contact me if they are not intending to send their child to Goornong PS in 2018.

## STUDENT-FREE DAY

A reminder that Monday 27th November is a Student-Free Day. The teachers will use this day to begin writing the students' End-Of-Year Reports.

## WORLD TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Last Friday was World Teacher Appreciation Day. At Goornong PS we are very fortunate to have a passionate and dedicated team of teachers who are committed to the social, emotional and academic development of all students who attend our school. I sincerely thank our team of teachers for the enthusiasm and expertise that they bring to our school on each and every school day!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

Bendigo Uniform Plus have moved! They will move to their new premises at Shop 6 Abbott Arcade, Littleton Terrace as of Monday November 6th. Bendigo Uniform Plus provide all of our school uniform supplies.

## Savannah's Joke of the Week

**Q: What did the cloud say to the lightning bolt? A: You're shocking!**

**Jason Cox**

**Principal**

## HIGH FIVES

Two high fives this week.

Firstly, a high five to those parents who assisted on the Grade Prep-Two Steam Train Excursion last week. Thank you to Mark, Nadia, Joy, Amy and Kim for your help!

Secondly, a high five to James, Mark, Peter, Ben, Russell, Amy and Les who joined us on the Grade Three-Six Bike Ride—your help was much appreciated!



## Grade Prep-Two 'Steam Train' Excursion



## Grade Three-Six Bike Education Bike Ride

Tuesday marked the culmination of this year's Bike Education Program with the annual Grade Three-Six Bike Ride to the Muskerry Church via English's Bridge. A big thank you to all who helped out on the day—your support ensures that we are able to offer this special opportunity to our students!

We also acknowledge the work of our qualified Bike Education instructor Mr D, who volunteers his time each year to coordinate our school's Bike Education Program—thanks heaps Mr D!



## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

A reminder of our school's new policy regarding Working with Children Checks.

At the School Council meeting on Monday 16th October councillors reviewed our school's Working with Children Check Policy and Procedures. This review came about as a result of recent changes to the *Working with Children Act (2005)*. At Goornong PS we are very fortunate to have parents help out in a range of classroom activities and special events throughout the year. Whilst this is one of the special aspects of our school, it does require that our school's Working with Children Check Policy and Procedures are robust and cater for a range of possible circumstances.

As a result of this review, from 2018 Goornong Primary School asks that all parents have a valid WWCC card. This is to maximise the safety for all students, eliminate any confusion regarding activities that a non-cardholder can and cannot engage in; and to ensure that our school meets the legislation with regards to the *Working with Children Act (2005)*.

The process to apply for a Working with Children Check card is not arduous and the school is able to support parents if necessary. We strongly encourage parents who do not currently have a WWCC card to now begin the process of applying for one in readiness for the start of the 2018 school year. Parents who already hold a valid WWCC card do not need to apply for a new card.

Please feel free to contact the school if you require support or have any questions regarding Working with Children Checks. We thank our school community for their support!

## Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Values	Ellsie T	Savannah M
P-2 Literacy	Ted C	Jaxson R
P-2 Maths	Beau C	Harry M
3-6 Values	Natalie R	Bailey A
3-6 Literacy	Amelia M	Rhylee C
3-6 Maths	Sienna N	Ella B
Principal's	Jazmin F	None.

## Community News



Chinese cuisine is an important part of Chinese culture, which includes cuisine originating from the diverse regions of China, as well as from Chinese people in other parts of the world.

**zhōng guó cài**  
中国菜

**CHINESE CHOPSTICKS**  
Chinese cooks chop everything into **bite size pieces**, thus people don't need knives to cut it, and just pick up their food with chopsticks.

**CHOPSTICK MATERIALS**  
**Bamboo:** It once was the **most popular** material used for chopsticks.  
**Wood:** Cedar, sandalwood, and pine have also been used.  
**Jade and metal:** The wealthy often had chopsticks made from jade and metal.  
**Porcelain and plastic:** These two materials are used in modern times.

**3** Traditional aspects used to describe Chinese Food

Color	Smell	Taste
<b>Staple Food in China</b>		
<b>Rice</b>		
Rice is a major staple food for people from rice farming areas in southern China		
<b>Wheat</b>		
In wheat-farming areas in <b>Northern China</b> , people largely rely on flour-based food, such as noodles, steamed buns and jiaozi (Chinese dumplings)		

**chī**  
吃

Today's character is "吃" (chī), which means "to eat". It consists of two parts. The left part is "口"(kǒu), which means "mouth". The right part is "乞"(qǐ), which means "to beg".

"口" is a very common radical in Chinese. It can be combined with other simple Chinese characters to produce new characters. For example, 吃(chī) means to eat; 喝(hē) means to drink; 唱(chàng) means to sing, etc. These characters are all related to the mouth.

The character "吃" can combine with the other characters that we learnt before to form a phrase. For example, 小吃(xiǎo chī) means little or small, 小吃 means snack or inexpensive simple meals. 口吃(kǒu chī) means stuttering, etc.

Chinese character rule #1 is applied to character "吃", and it needs to be written from left to write.

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**Mooncake** 月饼 Yuebing is the most popular and important food eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋节 Zhōngqiū jié — the festival is about moon appreciation and family reunion. Food with a round shape means unity and togetherness. For example, mooncakes represent good wishes and happiness.

**TOP 5 MOONCAKE**

- Five Kernel and Roast Pork
- Red Bean Paste
- Lotus Seed Paste
- Snow Skin (non-baked)
- Vegetable and Fruit

**Mooncake Prices**  
¥5 – ¥200

The cost of a mooncake is actually quite low for one mooncake. But mooncakes decorated in **beautiful and luxury packs** are sold at higher prices and sometimes the boxes are more expensive than the mooncakes themselves!

**Other Popular Food**

- Duck: Different cooking methods
- Pumpkins: To bring good health
- Wine Fermented with Osmanthus
- Flowers: For a happy life
- Hairy Crab: A seasonal festival delicacy themselves!

Today's character is 水 (shuǐ), which means "water". To write this Chinese character, please follow rule #2.

**Rule #2:** When you are writing a character that is centred and more or less symmetrical (but not stacked from top to bottom), the general rule is to write the centre stroke first, then left, then right.

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