

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

Term Four

Mon 8th Oct.	First day of Term Four Bike Ed begins (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm
Thurs 11th Oct.	FOTS Meeting, 3.15pm
Wed 10th Oct.	Bike Ed (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm
Mon 15th Oct.	Bike Ed (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm School Council Meeting
Tues 16th Oct.	Playgroup at the School, 10am—12 noon
Wed 17th Oct.	Bike Ed (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm
Fri 19th Oct.	MARC Library School Art Exhibition
Mon 22nd Oct.	Bike Ed (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm
Wed 24th Oct.	Bike Ed (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm
Thurs 25th Oct.	Melbourne Cup visits Goornong
Mon 29th Oct.	Bike Ed (Gr. 3-6s), 2.15pm
Tues 30th Oct.	Bike Ed Bike Ride (Gr. 3-6s), 11.30-3.15pm
Wed 31st Oct.	Public Holiday (Bendigo Cup)
Fri 2nd Nov.	MARC Library
Wed 7th Nov.	Little Learners begins, 2.15pm—3.15pm
Fri 11th Nov.	MARC Library
Wed 14th Nov.	Student-Free Day
Wed 21st Nov.	Little Learners, 2.00pm—3.15pm
Mon 26th Nov.	Student-Free Day
Wed 28th Nov.	Little Learners, 9.00am—10.30am
Fri 30th Nov.	MARC Library
Mon 3rd Dec.	School Council Meeting
Wed 5th Dec.	Little Learners, 10.30am—12.30pm
4th—7th Dec.	Grade 5-6 Anglesea Camp
Tues 11th Dec.	Orientation Day Little Learners, 9.00am—12.00noon
Fri 21st Dec.	Last day of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal

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ART SHOW

The students of Goornong Primary School invite parents and members of the local and wider community to come and view their fantastic art pieces.



Where: Goornong Memorial Hall

When: Friday 19th October

Time: 5:30 – 7:30

Student art will be on sale and class art works will be auctioned.

Proceeds to go towards our outdoor learning area.



REMINDER—HATS!

A reminder to all families that navy-blue wide-brimmed hats need to be worn during Term Four. Hats were sent home with the students at the end of Term One for a wash and to be stored in a safe place. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school on the first day of Term Four.

Principal's Report

Wow! How quickly another term has passed us by. I wish all students, parents and staff a safe and enjoyable school holiday period. Go Pies!

2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Our school has begun planning for the 2019 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 2019 please now return their enrolment form. 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 2019.

LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Learning Journals have been sent home with the students today. We hope the students enjoy sharing their work with family members and friends.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the School Council meeting on Monday 17th September Council approved two Student-Free Days in Term Four. Wednesday 14th November will be a Student-Free Day as the teachers will be participating in a whole-school curriculum planning day; and Monday 26th November will also be a Student-Free Day due to report writing.

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 15th October, beginning at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm.

BIKE EDUCATION—GRADES THREE-SIX

Our Bike Education Program is for all students in Years Three-Six and will be held over the first four weeks of Term Four, beginning on Monday 8th October (first day of Term Four).

The aim of the Program is to teach students about road safety; and to develop the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road.

This year's Program will see the students participate in eight one-hour sessions, culminating with the traditional Bike Ride to English's Bridge on Tuesday 30th October.

Once again, our Bike Education Program will be run by Mr D. Mr D has coordinated the Bike Ed Program at Goornong PS for many years and is an accredited Bike Education instructor.

For our Grade Three-Six families, please find attached to today's newsletter a yellow page with further information about the Bike Education Program and a white permission form to be completed and returned to the school.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

SPORTING SCHOOLS SOCCER PROGRAM

This week our students participated in the last of four sessions as part of the Sporting Schools Soccer Program. During the program the students have been learning many ball control skills such as dribbling, first touch, heading the ball and kicking.

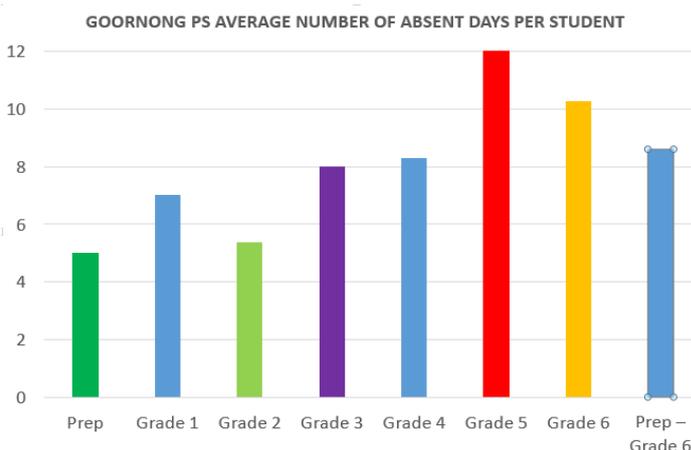
A big thank you to our coach, Ryan, who has done a wonderful job teaching our students.

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. As of Monday (17th Sept.) there had been 140 days of school in 2018 and our school was averaging 8.60 days absent per student. At this same stage last year we were averaging 8.08 days absent per student. Achieving our goal of averaging less than 10 days absent per student for the year remains a possibility!

Well done to the Preps who have the best attendance rate of all year levels, averaging just five days absent per student.

A 'high five' to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance in Term Three—Jesse C, Ted, Charlie C, Harry M, Ellsie T, Daniel J, Savannah M, Luke P and Will P.



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 are difficult to break.

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.

Jason Cox

Principal

Use of the School Grounds Out of School

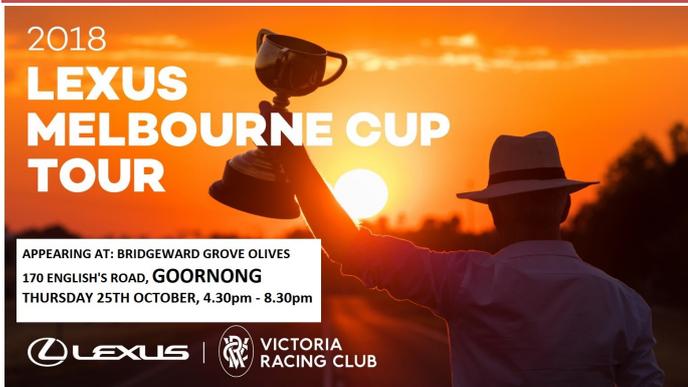
Hours

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks there has been damage to school property, vandalism and lots of litter and dog poo on the school grounds that has occurred out of school hours. Whilst the school encourages members of the local community (including current and former students) to use the playground, basketball court and oval out of school hours, we do ask that visitors please respect the school facilities and leave the grounds as they found them. We also ask that visitors please be aware of the following:

- ♦ All minors (including current and former students) visiting the school out of school hours must be supervised by their parent or guardian.
- ♦ Bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds at any time.
- ♦ Dogs and other animals, such as horses, are not permitted on school grounds.
- ♦ The school expects that those using the school facilities out of school hours will leave the grounds as they found them.

We thank our community for their support!

Community News



2018
**LEXUS
MELBOURNE CUP
TOUR**

APPEARING AT: BRIDGEWARD GROVE OLIVES
170 ENGLISH'S ROAD, GOORNONG
THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 4.30pm - 8.30pm

LEXUS | **VICTORIA RACING CLUB**

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Elmore Tennis Club

REMINDER: NAMES DUE THIS WEEK

Tennis training will begin on **Thursday, September 20 at 5pm** and will be run weekly until the middle of December. People of all ages and experience are welcome to come along for a hit. If you would like more information, please contact Bryce (0458111544) or Jordan (0429520495).

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>
P-2 Values	Ted	
P-2 Literacy	Saanvi	Ellsie
P-2 Maths	Ash	Jaxson
3-6 Values	Savannah	Beth
3-6 Literacy	Jordan	Madi
3-6 Maths	Amelia H	Kahlia
Principal's	Kahlia R & Will P	Teagan F & Molly A

FOTS News

ELMORE FIELD DAYS

A big thank you to those people who have put their name down on the roster to volunteer at the Elmore Field Days over the school holidays. Each volunteer should now have been provided with their wristband and documents detailing what to do on the day. For each hour of time donated to the Elmore Field Days Catering our school earns approximately \$22.

Well done and thank you to Tim M for his efforts coordinating this year's roster on behalf of our school!

FOTS MEETING TERM 4

The next meeting will be held in the first week of Term 4 on Thursday 11th October at 3.15pm. All welcome. Afternoon tea provided. We will be discussing the school's upcoming fundraising project, the Art Exhibition. Contact Glenyce McCrohan 0408697384.

2019 Term Dates

Wed 30th Jan.—Fri 5th Apr.	Term One
Tues 23rd Apr.—Fri 28th June	Term Two
Mon 15th July—Fri 20th Sept.	Term Three
Mon 7th Oct.—Fri 20th Dec.	Term Four