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 9th Oct.	First day of Term Four
Tues 10th Oct.	Bike Ed begins, Grade 3-6s, 2.15pm
Wed 11th Oct.	Bike Ed Session 2, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
Fri 13th Oct.	MARC Library
Mon 16th Oct.	Bike Ed Session 3, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
	School Council
Tues 17th Oct.	Bike Ed Session 4, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
Wed 18th Oct.	Bike Ed Session 5, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
Mon 23rd Oct.	Bike Ed Session 6, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
Tues 24th Oct.	Bike Ed Session 7, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
Wed 25th Oct.	Prep-Two Excursion to Maldon
Fri 27th Oct.	MARC Library
Mon 30th Oct.	Bike Ed Session 8, Gr 3-6s, 2.15pm
Tues 31st Oct.	Bike Education Bike Ride, Grade 3-6s
Wed 1st Nov.	Public Holiday
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
Tues 14th Nov.	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
20th—24th Nov.	Grade 5-6 Canberra Camp
Tues 21st Nov.	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Fri 24th Nov.	MARC Library
Mon 27th Nov.	Student-Free Day
Tues 28th Nov.	Little Learners Program, 9.00—10.30am
Mon 4th Dec.	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
Wed 20th Dec.	Christmas Concert, 6.15pm at The Hall
Fri 22nd Dec.	Last day of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal

2017 Term Dates

Mon 17th July—Fri 22nd Sept.	Term Three
Mon 9th Oct.—Fri 22nd Dec.	Term Four

Term Four Newsletter Publication Dates

In Term Four, we will continue to publish the school newsletter on a fortnightly basis. The dates for the Term Four newsletters will be:

Friday 20th October
Friday 3rd November
Friday 17th November
Friday 1st December
Friday 15th December

FOTS News

Elmore Field Days Fundraiser

A big thank you to those people who have put their name down on the roster to volunteer at the Elmore Field Days. Wristband and documents detailing what to do on the day for volunteers have been attached to today's newsletter. The Field Days will be held in the second week of the upcoming school holidays and for each hour of time donated to the Elmore Field Days Catering our school earns approximately $22.

Well done to Tim M for his efforts coordinating this years roster on behalf of our school!

REMINDER—HATS!

A reminder to all families that navy-blue wide-brimmed hats need to be worn during Term Four. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school on the first day of Term Four.

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Values	Ellsie T	Jaxson R
P-2 Literacy	Saanvi P	Luke P
P-2 Maths	Kahlia R	Charlie A
3-6 Values	Natalie R	None.
3-6 Literacy	Will P	None.
3-6 Maths	Bethany G	Matthew L
Principal's	Saanvi P	Taneeka B

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.

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 Tuesday (19th Sept.) there had been 140 days of school and our school was 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 following students who have achieved 100% attendance in Term Three—Jazmin, Daniel, Mitchell & Bailey.

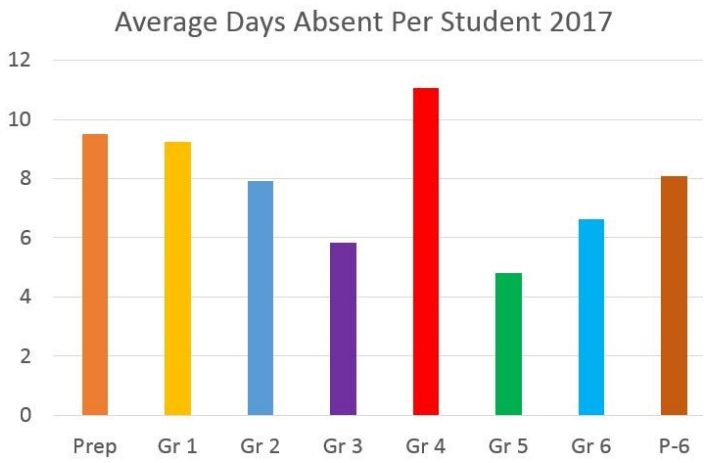
The Education Department's motto is that *Every Day Counts*, as there is strong link between consistent attendance at school and a child's social and academic development.

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.



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 18th September the *Accident & Incidents Reporting* and the *ICT Acceptable Use* policies were reviewed and approved. A copy of both policies is available on request from the School Office. Council also discussed recent changes to the Working With Children Check legislation and how this will impact on our school. The school is currently in the process of updating its WWCC Policy and will have more news for our community regarding this in Term Four. Council also approved the Term Four Student -Free Day for Monday 27th November.

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 16th October, beginning at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

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 Tuesday 10th October (first Tuesday 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 31st 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.

TERM THREE KIWANIS CLUB AWARD

Our school is pleased to have formed a partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo. Kiwanis is a world wide service organisation of men and women who want to improve their communities, including providing assistance to young people. Each term one student receives an award in recognition of their efforts and citizenship within our school community.

Congratulations to Bailey A (Grade Four) who is the Term Three recipient of the Kiwanis Club Award.

Principal's Report

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.

FAREWELL CHRIS

On Wednesday we said farewell to our Specialist Technician, Chris, who has accepted another position within the Education Department. Chris has been the Specialist Technician at Goornong PS since 2005 and has been a great support to our school. We wish Chris the best of luck in his new role!

Savannah's Joke of the Week

Q: "What do you call a critter that can dance?"

A: "A Jitterbug".

Jason Cox

Principal

HIGH FIVES

Two high fives this week!

Firstly, to our wonderful Garden Science Program coordinator, Mrs Johnson, for her efforts organising Bunnings Epsom to sponsor the Grade Three-Six program throughout Term Three. It was a very special day on Monday to see how much pride the students have taken in working on their garden beds. The Garden Science Program gives our students access to some fantastic real-life experiences and is certainly one of the very unique things about Goornong PS —great job Felicity!

Secondly, to all students for their efforts throughout Term Three. This term we have spoken lots about our value of respect and what this looks like with regards to respect for yourself, respect for each other, respect for the school and respect for the teachers. I am very pleased to say that you have all demonstrated 'our four respects' on a daily basis and this has made our school a nice place to work and learn—enjoy the school holidays!

Grade Prep-Two Excursion

During Term Three the Grade Prep-two students have been studying different forms of transport and to conclude our theme we are excited to announce that this year's excursion will be to Maldon to ride on the steam train to Castlemaine.

The excursion will take place on Wednesday 25th October. We will be departing the school at 8.55am sharp and aim to return at approximately 2.45pm. After the steam train ride from Maldon to Castlemaine, we will watch the changing of the engine and then walk to the park for lunch and a play on the adventure playground.

We would love to have some parents join us to help out on the day. As has been publicised throughout the year in the newsletter, our school requires parents attending excursions to hold a valid Working With Children Card. If you hold a valid WWCC card and would like to join us please see me by Friday 22nd September.

On the day students will need:

- To wear correct school uniform and appropriate clothing for the day. We spend much of the time outdoors!
- Their wide-brimmed school hat.
- A backpack with refillable drink bottle, snacks, fruit and lunch.

Please note that we will not be making any purchases on the day. We ask that parents do not send money with their child.

We also ask that students do not bring valuable items such as toys and video games as these can easily be misplaced or damaged.

Permission notes for this excursion accompanied the newsletter on 8th September.

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

Elaine Wickham

Prep-Two Classroom Teacher

Jump Rope for Heart

Well done to all students, parents and staff involved in the Jump Rope for Heart event. It was fabulous to have so many parents and community members in attendance and this helped to make for a fabulous event. Congratulations to Mrs Patton for her efforts coordinating Friday's event.

Through the sponsorships that the students collected Jump Rope for Heart raised a total of $1,406.00 of which 10% goes to the school and 90% to the Heart Foundation—well done Goornong PS!

The top fundraisers for our school were…

GRADE PREP-TWO: Harry —$266.00

GRADE THREE-SIX: Olivia —$200.00

Garden Science Program

The Grade 3 to 6 students have done a magnificent job creating garden beds for the 2017 GPS Gardening Challenge. Each garden was judged on teamwork and effort by Mrs Johnson and design, plants, decorations and health of the garden by Janelle from Bunnings. A big thank you to Janelle and Bunnings for contributing prizes for the Challenge. The Prep to Grade 2 students have done a wonderful job looking after the orchard, vegetable gardens and chooks.

Felicity Johnson

Earn and Learn

A huge thank you to all the people who have contributed stickers for the Earn and Learn program. Stickers and sheets can still be placed in a special box in the Goornong General Store. We will let you know the outcome of the program. Stickers need to be in the box by October please.

Grade Three-Four Echuca Camp

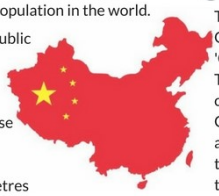
Community News

Chinese National Day is the country's main holiday. It is celebrated on October 1st every year to commemorate the founding of People's Republic of China.

ABOUT CHINA

China is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations in the world, with a written history dating back to more than 3000 years ago. It has the largest population in the world.

- **OFFICIAL NAME**: People's Republic of China
- **CAPITAL**: Beijing (Peking)
- **POPULATION**: over 1.3 billion
- **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**: Chinese (Mandarin)
- **MONEY**: Yuan (or Renminbi)
- **AREA**: 9,596,960 square kilometres



Chinese 7天 National Day holiday
DATE: 01 October-07 October

The 7-day holiday from 1st October to 7th October is called '**Golden Week**'.
There will be a variety of grand ceremonies and activities in China during the holiday, such as a great ceremonial review of troops and lightning fireworks in the evening.

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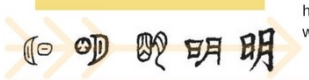
明

明 bright

Today's character is **明（míng),**which means "bright" . It consists of two parts **"日" (rì)**and**"月"(yuè)**.The left part means "day" or "sun" ,while the right part means "month"or "moon".

Modern Chinese characters have their roots in calligraphy, so stroke order is vital in writing Chinese. There are **seven** basic rules to Chinese character order.

Rule #1 : When a Chinese character is stacked horizontally with two parts, like "明 (míng)", it will be written from left to right."



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Mid-Autumn Festival '中秋节（zhōngqiū jié）' is one of the traditional festivals in China. It is the second most important festival in China after Chinese New Year. '中秋节（zhōngqiū jié）' is also known as the '**Moon Festival**' as it is observed during a bright, full moon.

3 keywords about Mid-Autumn Festival

八月十五
中秋节

FAMILY: Happy family time
MOON: Bright full moon
MOONCAKE: Nice and sweet mooncake

MID-AUTUMN FASTIVAL FACTS

- **Name in Chinese**: 中秋节（zhōngqiū jié）
- **Date**: 15th day of 8th lunar month
- **History**: Over 3,000 years
- **Must-eat food**: mooncakes
- **Greetings**: The simplest is 'Happy Mid-Autumn Festival' 中秋快乐（zhōngqiū kuàilè).

CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Eating a reunion dinner

Playing with lantern

Worshiping the moon

Flying lanterns

zhōng

Today's character is 中 (zhōng), which means "center". This is an important character because it's part of China's name. It also looks like what it means: a line through the center of something. You'll see this character used in these ways, among others:

中文 (zhōng wén) Chinese language
中国 (zhōng guó) China; literally meaning "Middle Kingdom"
中学 (zhōng xué) middle schoool

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Community Garden/Community Shed in Goornong...Are you interested?

Please come along and chat with others who want to develop a new community space.

*Discuss possible locations, provide input into what the space will look like, what activities do **YOU** want to participate in?*

*When: **Sunday September 24 September***
*Where: **Goornong Memorial Hall***
*Time: **2.30pm - 4pm***
Tea and Coffee provided so please stay on for a cuppa!

Please RSVP/register your interest to Narelle on 0499 233 532 or email goornongcommunity@outlook.com