

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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Our school values—**teamwork**, **respect**, **honesty** and **care**.

Please note that the school newsletter is uploaded to the school's website. Copies of past newsletters are also available!



Dates to Remember

2019

Tues 29th Jan Collect School Supplies & Pay Fees
 10am—2pm
 Thurs 31st Jan First Day of School for all students

2019 Term Dates

Thurs 31st 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

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	Saanvi P	Jackson
P-2 Literacy	Marli O	Jaxson
P-2 Maths	Lucy O	Ted
3-6 Values	Madison H	Teagan
3-6 Literacy	Jordan V	Tess
3-6 Maths	Tom E	Kahlia
Principal's	Jazmin, Indianna & Alliera	Charlie & Natalie

FOTS News

Elmore Field Days

In the past week our school received a dividend of \$3,360.64 from the Elmore Field Days Catering Committee. This dividend is paid as a result of our school providing volunteers in the catering pavilion at this year's Field Days. We wish to thank Tim McCrohan for his efforts coordinating the roster on behalf of our school; and all those who volunteered their time to fill a vacancy on our roster.

End-of-Year Raffle

This year's raffle raised \$465 - well done all involved! The raffle was drawn at the Concert and the winners were:

- ◆ 1st Prize—Marg Smith.
(Golden Mile Raceday & Catering Package)
- ◆ 2nd Prize—Olivia Smith
(Tefal Actifry & \$50 Woollies Voucher) -
- ◆ 3rd Prize—Ian Jackson
(Balance Bike, McDonalds Meal Voucher & Swagman's Luck Performance)
- ◆ 4th Prize—Karen Nihill
(AEG Cordless Drill Driver, McDonalds Meal Voucher & Swagman's Luck Performance)
- ◆ 5th Prize—Andrea Rankin
(Local produce hamper & two pairs resin design earrings)
- ◆ 6th Prize—'Blueberry'
(Cricket bat, football & Tioga bike lights set)
- ◆ 7th Prize—Karen Nihill
(Umbrella & pruning shears)
- ◆ 8th Prize—Andrew Poppie
(\$50 All Seasons Voucher)
- ◆ 9th Prize—Evelyn Vines
(Echuca Bearings Hamper)

Principal's Report

Today was the final day of school for 2018. What a fabulous year it has been at Goornong PS. There are a number of people who make up 'Team Goornong' and contribute to making our school a vibrant and positive environment for teaching and learning.

Firstly, I congratulate all students on their successes throughout the year and thank them for making our school an energetic and interesting place to learn and work.

I thank our entire staff team for their care, enthusiasm and commitment towards the education of the students. We are very lucky to have such a strong team of classroom teachers, specialist teachers and support staff who come to work each and every day with a positive attitude and always with our core purpose in mind— the academic, social and emotional development of the students. Thank you all and enjoy a well-earned break!

Thank you to Mr D for his continued involvement and support of our school—you are always willing to help out when needed and this is really appreciated by the students and staff.

Thank you to our cleaner Emma and groundskeeper Les, who together ensure that our buildings and grounds are kept clean and tidy for each and every school day.

Thank you to our bus driver, Mr Carty, who each day takes on the enormous responsibility of ensuring that the students arrive safely at school and home—thanks for your work Mr Carty!

Thank you to all parents who have helped out at the school throughout the year with things such as morning reading, head lice inspections, excursions and fundraising activities. Your support has been greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

To all School Councilors, I thank you for your leadership, vision and support of our school; and for always making decisions based on the best interests of the students.

To the members of our *Friends of the School* group, I thank you for your passion, commitment and willingness to 'have a go'. It has been another very successful year of fundraising at Goornong PS.

Good luck to our departing Year Six students – Matthew, Taylah, Molly, Jazmin and Morgan. On behalf of the entire school community I wish you all the best at secondary school!

Farewell to the Johnson family who have their youngest child graduating. We look forward to your continued contribution to our school with Felicity remaining on staff.

Finally, I wish all students, parents, staff and members of our school community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. See you in 2019!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Well done to Ms Hayes on organising an entertaining Christmas Concert for our school—it was a pleasure to see our students performing with such pride and enthusiasm on the night!

We had people volunteering in a range of areas to support us in running this year's Concert. Thanks to those who helped with setting up, packing up and selling raffle tickets, etc. These jobs often go unnoticed but are critical to the successful running of the concert—thanks to all who helped in some way!

2018 AWARD WINNERS

As is tradition, our awards for 2018 were presented at the Concert on Wednesday evening.

- School Council Award for Academic Excellence—Taylah V.
- Marjorie Shaw Citizenship Award—Matthew L.
- John Bickley Encouragement Award—Jazmin F.
- Nance Brown Award for Academic Achievement (Year Five)—Olivia H
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Award—Bethany G.

Thanks to our award sponsors and presenters for their continued support!

STUDENT REPORTS AND LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Reports and Learning Journals were sent home with the students yesterday.

TERM FOUR KIWANIS CLUB AWARD

Our school is pleased to continue its 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 Luke P (Grade Three) who is the Term Four recipient of the Kiwanis Club Award.

Principal's Report

ORIENTATION DAY

Last Tuesday's Orientation Day was very successful with all students 'stepping up' to their 2019 Grade level. It was a pleasure to see students from both the Prep-Two and Three-Six Learning Spaces engaging with new peers.

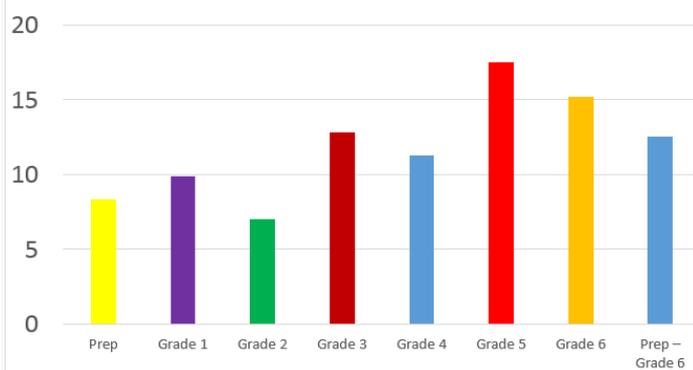
Orientation Day was the last of the six Little Learner's sessions for our 2019 Preps. These sessions have helped the students get used to the structures and routines of the classroom in readiness for beginning Prep next year. Thanks to Miss Mac for her efforts coordinating the Prep Transition Program.

ATTENDANCE

I wish to congratulate all parents and students for their efforts throughout 2018 to ensure that the students are attending school as regularly as possible. This year our school has achieved an average of 12.58 absent days per student, which is a fabulous results considering there are approximately 197 days in the school year. Well done to the Grade Twos who achieved the best average number of absence days per student of 7.

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate for attending every day of Term Four—Jesse C, Harry M, Wade N, Lucy O, Bailey A, Daniel J, Molly A, Jazmin F, Bethany G and Morgan J. A special mention also to Daniel J who has not missed a day of school for the entire year!

**2018 GOORNONG PS AVERAGE DAYS
ABSENT PER STUDENT**



2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of school in 2019 for all students is Thursday 31st January. As was outlined earlier this Term, supplies can be collected and the Educational Supplies (\$85) portion of the fees paid between 10am—2pm on Tuesday 29th January at the school.

2019 CLASSROOM STRUCTURE

Planning for the 2019 school year with regards to classrooms and teachers is now finalised. The classroom structure for 2019 will be the same as in 2018.

Miss Mac will continue to be the Grade Prep-Two teacher and Art teacher.

Mrs Patton and Mr K will continue to team-teach in the Grade Three-Six learning space. The class will continue to be separated into groups for much of the week, including in Literacy & Maths and the specialist subjects, including MARC Library, Garden Science, Art, Music and Chinese.

We welcome Karren Jackman to our staff team who will be working in the Grade Three-Six learning space on a part-time basis as an integration aide.

Team Goornong PS 2019

- ◆ Jason Cox—Principal and Teacher.
- ◆ Jane McAdam—Grade Prep-Two Teacher & Art Teacher.
- ◆ Sheridan Patton—Grade Three-Six Teacher.
- ◆ Nick Kastellorizios—Grade Three-Six Teacher.
- ◆ Karren Jackman—Integration Aide.
- ◆ Tymika Weppner—Business Manager.
- ◆ Felicity Johnson—Garden Science Program.
- ◆ Sue Gentry—MARC Library Teacher.
- ◆ Yuling Wu—LOTE (Chinese) Teacher.
- ◆ Jeanette Hayes—Music Teacher.
- ◆ Emma Martin—Cleaner.
- ◆ Les Varker—Groundskeeper.
- ◆ Jason Carty—Bus Driver.

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

- Dr Seuss.

Jason Cox

Principal

Grade Six Graduates



CFA FIRE POSTERS

Thank you to the Goornong CFA for their continued support of the Fire Posters. 2018 was the 50th year that the students of Goornong Primary School have been creating a poster to promote fire safety in partnership with the CFA. Well done to all students for their efforts creating a poster that shared a fire-safety message. At a special assembly yesterday Felicity Johnson & Jason Carty from the Goornong CFA attended our assembly to present award winners.

- Grade P-2—Jaxson R, Charlie A & Jackson K.
- Grade 3-4—Charlie C, Lille M & Jordan V.
- Grade 5-6—Sienna N, Jazmin F & Natalie R.



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