

# 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

*\*A reminder that Prep students have a rest day and do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.*

### Next Week

Sun 17th Feb. School Families Fun Day at Goornong Pool

**Mon 18th Feb. FOTS Meeting at the school, 2.30pm**

Tues 19th Feb. Playgroup at School, 10am—12noon

Fri 22nd Feb. MARC Library

### Term One

Mon 25th Feb. School Council

Fri 1st Mar. Cluster Swim Carnival, Rochester, Gr. 3-6s

Wed 6th Mar. Preps first Wednesday at school

Fri 8th Mar. MARC Library

Mon 11th Mar. Public Holiday

Fri 15th Mar. CSEF Applications Due

Mon 18th Mar. Grade Six leaders excursion to Melbourne

Fri 22nd Mar. MARC Library

Mon 1st Apr. School Council AGM and Meeting

Tues 2nd Apr. School Photos

Fri 5th Apr. Last day of Term One, 2.15pm dismissal

### 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

## Term One Newsletter Dates

Friday 1st February—Issue One

Friday 15th February—Issue Two

Friday 1st March—Issue Three

Friday 15th March—Issue Four

Friday 29th March—Issue Five

## Welcome Back to School BBQ

Goornong Primary School invites all of our families and members of our school community to a **'Welcome Back to School BBQ'** at the Goornong Swimming Pool.



**Sunday 17th February, 12noon—2pm.**

Free Sausage Sizzle Provided.

Drinks available for purchase from the pool kiosk.

Please join us for a fun afternoon and to mingle with new and existing families of our school.

Please note that those who do not hold a valid Pool Membership will be asked to pay for pool entry admission—adults \$5, child (under 16yo) \$4, family \$10, non-Swimmers & children under 3yo free.

Thank you to those families who have returned the RSVP confirming their attendance. For those families who have not returned the RSVP, please still feel free to come along.



## Goornong Playgroup

Our school invites all members of the Goornong community with young children to the first Playgroup session for 2019.

**Tuesday 19th Feb, 10am—12noon**

**@ The Goornong Primary School**

Please come along and meet other people in the area who have young children; and also use some of your local school's facilities.

Morning tea will be provided for both parents and children.

We hope to see you there!

*Please contact the school on 5432 2236 if you require any further details.*

# Principal's Report

## **POSITIVE START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR**

I wish to congratulate all students on making a positive start to the school year! The teachers and I have been very impressed with the positive attitude and behaviour that you have all demonstrated over the first few weeks—keep up the good work!

I also wish to thank all of our wonderful parents for your efforts supporting your child to be organised and ready to attack each school day with enthusiasm—your support is greatly appreciated by the school staff.

A reminder to parents to please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher should you have a question or concern. We find that effective communication between home and school and vice versa ensures that we are all on the same page with regards to any issues relating to your child.

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ**

Our 'Back to School BBQ' is this coming Sunday 17th February, running from 12-2pm at the Goornong Pool. Thank you to those families who have returned the form confirming their attendance - this helps give us an idea of numbers for catering purposes. For those families who have not returned the RSVP, please still feel free to come along.

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS**

Well done to our Grade Six students who presented their School Captain speeches this morning. Despite being very nervous, the girls showed lots of character to stand up in front of the school community and present their speeches.

I am pleased to announce that Bree and Teagan have been elected as our School Captains for 2019, following a vote by their peers. Our School Captains will be greatly supported by Tess, Bethany, Amelia, Natalie, Olivia and Claire who will also be members of the Student Leadership Group.

As I said to the students, public speaking is only a very small part of a leaders role and there are many ways that our student leaders can be great leaders in our school community. I encourage each of our Grade Six students to be excellent role-models and to demonstrate our school's values on a daily basis. I look forward to working with our Student Leadership Group throughout 2019.

We will have a special assembly to present our Grade Six students with their badges in a few weeks—further details to come!

## **2019 SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS OPEN!**

School Council Elections take place in Term One every year. This year, we have a number of vacancies for Parent Representative positions. As such, we seek nominations from parents to fill these vacancies.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please see Jason at the school for a nomination form. Nominations close at 4pm next Friday 22nd February.

## **Nomination and Election Time Frame**

Friday February 15th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 22nd	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed...	
Friday March 1st	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 8th	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 12th	Declaration of election results.
Monday April 1st	School Council AGM & first meeting of new school council.

We encourage parents to consider nominating for School Council. It is a great way to make a contribution to the development and direction of our school. We meet in the evening on the third Monday of each month at the school. Current School Councillors include Danielle Donnelly, Daneeta Ede, Ben Matthews, Jamie Tuohey, Rachel Mill, Stephen Filbey, Tim McCrohan and Mat Ayres.

If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please feel free to contact Jason or one of our current School Councillors.

Please note that the date for the first meeting of our current school council has changed. It will now be held on Monday 25th February at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm.

## **GRADE THREE-SIX SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Campaspe Cluster Grade Three-Six Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 1st March at the Rochester Swimming Pool. This day will see our Grade Three-Six students compete in various events against students from the other Cluster Schools.

The purpose of the day is fun and participation and the events are designed to cater for the various levels of swimming ability amongst the students. Students are not asked to compete in events that are beyond their swimming ability or confidence level. Events range from walking races across the shallow end of the pool to freestyle races the length of the pool and students participate in the events that are at their swimming level.

Swimming carnival day is always a great day and parents are encouraged to come along and support (feel free to bring a deck chair or picnic rug to sit on). The first events are at 10am with the day usually finished by 2.00pm.

Permission Forms and further details for the Swimming Carnival are attached to today's newsletter.

**(Principal's Report continued over page).**

## Principal's Report Continued

### MORNING READING

It has been wonderful to see many parents coming into the school and helping with reading of a morning, particularly in the Grade Prep-Two learning space - the teacher's certainly appreciate this support!

Morning reading is a special tradition at Goornong PS and happens between 8.30am—9.00am every day. During this time parents are invited to come into their child's learning space and listen to their child and others' children read.

We would love to have more parents coming into the Grade Three-Six learning space during morning reading so please feel free to do so if you are available.

Please note that parents do require a Working With Children Check card to help with morning reading.

We also remind parents (and students) that no one should be arriving at the school prior to 8.30am.

### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

We wish to make families aware of The Camps Sports and Excursions Fund is available to families with a current Health Care Card. Eligible families are able to receive a payment of \$125 per primary age student. This payment is paid directly to our school to contribute to the cost of any camps, sports and excursions for the eligible child.

We encourage all eligible families to see Tymika to complete an application. Applications need to be completed by Friday 15th March.

### GOORNONG PS SKOOLBAG APP

We are currently experiencing some technical difficulties with the Goornong PS SkoolBag App. Please do not submit absence notes via the app. Any absences can be phoned through to the office or a note sent to school on your child's return.

### PERSONAL PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. As such students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for

injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

### Quote of the Week

"The wise man knows that he knows nothing; the fool believes that he knows everything."

- Rossiter

Jason Cox

Principal

## FOTS News

### **The first FOTS meeting for 2019 will be this coming Monday 18th Feb at 2.30pm.**

If you have been wondering how you can get to know more people in the school community and help the school achieve goals at the same time, please consider coming along to Friends Of The School. We try to keep our meetings relaxed and only meet once or twice a term. Our main focus is on fundraising for the school but it also gives us an opportunity to get to know others in our school community. At the meeting we will start to plan out our goals for 2019.

Afternoon tea will be provided and young children welcome.

### DROVERS ARMS RAFFLE

We are seeking volunteers to help run a raffle at the Drovers Arms Hotel on the first Friday of each month.

Each raffle's prizes have been kindly donated by Brian & Nid at the Drovers Arms which means all money raised on the night is profit to Goornong Primary School.

A roster has been developed to ensure we get the best results for 2019. The raffle is drawn at approximately 8pm and we are asking our volunteers to begin selling the tickets from about 6pm.

If you are able to help, please write your name on the roster at the office. Please contact Tymika or Danielle if you have any questions.

## Weekly Awards

Awards are presented each week at the 3pm Friday assembly. Parents are welcome to attend!



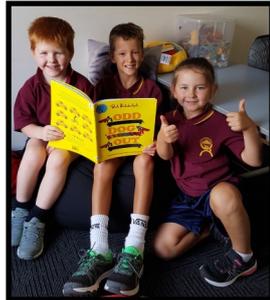
<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Values	Mary K	Charlie A
P-2 Literacy	Ted C	Olivia M
P-2 Maths	Milla P	Hunter R
3-6 Values	Tom E	Brayden P
3-6 Literacy	Daniel J	Jaxson R
3-6 Maths	Indi A	Bailey A
Principal's	Max M	Charlie C

# Classroom News

## GRADE PREP-TWO

Over the past fortnight the Grade Prep-tuos have been learning about routine and classroom expectation, with the students creating their own classroom rules.

During the Literacy Block this fortnight we have focused on the letters Aa, Ss and Tt. In reading it has been wonderful to see the Grade Ones and Twos supporting the Prep students during paired reading. Students have been learning how to use different strategies such as 'Lips the fish' (sounding out the first letter) and 'Eagle eye' (using picture prompts) to solve words they are unfamiliar with.



During Maths the focus has been on Number and place value. Preps are focusing on numbers between 0-10 and the Grade One-Twos are doing a great job identifying the place value of 4-digit numbers, challenging each other to create the largest and smallest numbers possible from a rolled dice. We have also been getting fit with our count to 100 exercise sessions.

In Art this fortnight the whole school took inspiration from the amazing sunsets the students have seen lately. Creating oil pastel sunsets with silhouettes- make sure to check them out in the learning space.

Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on the letters Mm, Pp and Ff. Testing of our Golden sight words will begin for preps and we will continue to focus on strategies for solving unknown words. In Maths we will continue to focus on Number and place value and start to look at 2D shapes.

## GRADE THREE-SIX

Over the first two weeks of the school year the Grade Three-Six students have been settling into their new classroom which they have called 'HQ' (Headquarters).



Ellsie, Savannah, Tess and Bree holding new HQ sign.

The students also voted to call their other learning space the 'Wonder Room'.

In the Reading Block, the students have focused on using a range of reading strategies to help them decode new or difficult words.



Our new 'Wonder Room' sign.

It has been wonderful to hear the students using many of the strategies to solve unfamiliar words when they read.

During Maths the Grade Three-Fours have been learning the names and features of 3D shapes! We have also been investigating the Place Value of numbers.

In Maths the Grade Five-Sixes began to explore the world of chance, probability and data recording. Beginning this new topic saw students researching and familiarising themselves with the game 'Yahtzee', recording and developing an understanding of the role that chance and probability play. Students recorded their data while referring to correct numerical place value to ensure a fundamental understanding of large numbers and patterns. With a little help from luck and chance, Mitch set the class high score of 424 out of a possible 475, nice work Mitch!

Over the next fortnight, the students will focus on becoming independent readers who monitor their own reading, using skills such as self correcting, rereading and using decoding strategies to understand what they are reading. The students will also practise using their editing checklist when proof reading their writing.

Well done to the Grade Six girls who delivered their School Captain speeches this morning!

## Cooking at School

The students enjoyed making snails & caterpillars out of celery, carrot, cucumber and grapes during cooking with Mrs Johnson this week.



### Food Allergies

We wish to inform parents that this year we have a number of students enrolled at our school with nut allergies. Whilst there is no specific ban on particular food items we encourage all parents to be thoughtful about the sandwich fillings and snack products packed in lunchboxes.

Peanuts and peanut additives have the potential to cause severe and life-threatening anaphylactic reactions in allergic students. Even mild allergic reactions can cause swelling of the face, vomiting and hives.

Parents should be aware that allergic reactions can be brought on through skin contact (such as leaning in peanut butter that is on the table), not just through ingestion.

We ask parents to be mindful of this when packing their child's lunchbox.

We also wish to make parents aware that the sharing of food is not permitted at school and that students should only eat food items provided from their home—please do not send along food to be shared with other students!

We thank parents for their support with this.

### HIGH FIVES

A high five to the Currington/Jackson, McCrohan, Donnelly, Rainer and Ryan families who looked after the chooks over the summer holidays—we really appreciate your help!

Thanks also to Ben Matthews and Tom Ryan who spent time picking bindi-eye in the school grounds over the holidays—bindi-eye is always a problem in Goornong over the summer months and we appreciate your efforts to manage their spread at our school!

