

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Fri 31st May MARC Library

Term Two

Mon 3rd June Student-Free Day
 Tues 4th June Gym Program, P-6s @ Bendigo
 Pie Drive Orders due back to school
 Fri 7th June Cluster Winter Sports Carnival
 Grade 3-6s @ Rochester
 Mon 10th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday
 Tues 11th June Gym Program, P-6s @ Bendigo
 Wed 12th June Parent Information Session for 2020
 Fri 14th June MARC Library
 Collect your Pie Drive Orders, 2.30pm
 Mon 17th June School Council Meeting
 Tues 18th June Playgroup Session at School, 10am-12pm
 Gym Program, P-6s @ Bendigo
 Tues 25th June Gym Program, P-6s @ Bendigo
 Fri 28th June MARC Library
 Last day of Term Two, 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

Sculpture Supplies

We are seeking donations of any containers or boxes (plastic or cardboard) for the art room to make sculptures. Please give any donations to Ms Mac or leave in the staffroom.

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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

For prospective parents, including those with students beginning Prep in 2020.



If you have a child beginning Prep in 2020, or are considering enrolling your child at our school for 2020, please join us at our Information Evening.

When: **Wednesday 12th June, 2019**

Time: **5.30pm-6.30pm**

Where: **Goornong Primary School**

Please feel free to contact the school to make an alternative appointment if you are unable to attend at this time.

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 C	Mayla P
P-2 Literacy	Hunter R	Lucy O
P-2 Maths	Charlie A	Olivia M
3-6 Values	Bree T	Teagan F
3-6 Literacy	Mitchell W	Natalie R
3-6 Maths	Ellsie T	Mitchell W
Principal's	Natalie R	Saanvi P

Principal's Report

STUDENT-FREE DAY— FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

Please be aware that Monday 3rd June is a Student-Free day. Students are not required at school on this day. The teachers will be using this day as a report writing day.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Information Night for the parents of 2020 Prep students (and any other potential students) will be held on Wednesday 12th June at 5.30pm at the school. We encourage all parents of 2020 prospective students to come along and find out what our school is able to offer, details of our Little Learner's Program and the enrolment process for 2020.

To help ensure that we attract as many potential parents as possible, we ask our existing families to please share this information with anyone you know who is considering sending their child to Goornong PS in 2020.

NAPLAN TESTING

Well done to our Grade Three and Five students who last week completed the NAPLAN Tests. We are all very proud of you and know that you did your best.

CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS (GRADES THREE-SIX)

Our Grade Three-Six students will be attending the Campaspe Cluster Winter Sports day at the Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve on Friday 7th June. The students have selected from three sports—netball, soccer or football and will participate in activities and matches in mixed teams with students from the other Campaspe Cluster Schools.

The students and teachers will be travelling by bus, departing Goornong PS at 11.15am and returning by 3.15pm. The activities and matches for each sport will begin at about 12.00pm.

Our Winter Sports is always a fun day and I encourage parents and other family members to come along and support. There is some room on the bus for those parents who would like to travel to Colbinabbin with us—please let me know.

Attached to today's newsletter is a permission note for this excursion.

In line with VCFL requirements, students that have chosen to play football at the Winter Sports will be required to wear a helmet when playing. These will be provided on the day. Our school requires a written and signed note from parents, should they wish for their child to play without a helmet.

GYM PROGRAM

Our Gym Program begins on Tuesday 4th June and will see our students travel to Palmer's Gym in Bendigo for four gym sessions. All students will participate in activities around fitness, coordination, flexibility and fun. The students will use a range of equipment at the Gym including trampolines and the foam pit. The Gym Program forms part of our school's Physical Education Curriculum. There is no cost to families.

Attached to today's newsletter is a permission form for these excursions. Please note that each session runs from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

What a fabulous morning it was on Wednesday! Without doubt, Special Person's Day is the best day of the school year! Thank you to all parents and special friends who visited our school, including those who travelled long distances. It was a pleasure to see smiles on our students faces as they engaged in their learning with their parents and special friends.

Thanks to the FOTS for coordinating the morning tea and to all families who provided a plate to share—your support is much appreciated!

2019 SCHOOL CAMPS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS

School camps provide a wonderful opportunity for students to gain new experiences, as well as build resilience and teamwork. Our school combines with schools from the Campaspe Small Schools Cluster for all camps. This gives our students the opportunity to meet and make friends with students from other schools. The following camps will be offered in 2019.

Grade Three-Four Camp

Destination: Billabong Ranch, Echuca.

Dates: Wed 21st—Fri 23rd August.

Approx. Cost: \$ 200.

Grade Five-Six Camp

Destination: Canberra

Dates: Mon 11th—Fri 15th November.

Approx. Cost: \$ 460

Please note that these are approximate costs for a student to attend the camps. The final cost will be confirmed closer to the date of the camp. Further details of these camps and an Expression of Interest form to be returned to the school are attached to today's newsletter.

(Principal's Report continued over page).

Principal's Report Continued

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Indiana A (Grade Four) who competed at the Division Cross Country in Echuca last Friday. Indiana finished in third place in the under 11yo girls event and as such, has been invited to run at the Regional Cross Country in St Arnaud on Tuesday 4th June. Good luck Indi!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have had some parents ask about a navy blue windcheater as part of our school uniform. Unfortunately, our uniform supplier does not stock them pre-embroidered with our school logo. However, parents are able to place an order with our uniform supplier and they will arrange for a navy rugby windcheater to be embroidered with the school logo. The cost is \$34. A copy of our Uniform Policy and Catalogue is available on our school website. Our uniform supplier is Bendigo Uniform Plus, 6 Abbott Arcade, Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo. Their contact number is 03 4416 2141.

Principal

Jason Cox

HIGH FIVES

A high five to the Donnelly and Ede families who volunteered their time last weekend to complete some facilities works at our school. This included the removal of an old garden bed at the western end of the school and some general tidying of this area. Thanks Danielle, Daneeta, Daron and Darin—we appreciate your help!



A high five also to our groundskeeper Les Varker who volunteered his time recently to assist in solving a facilities issue related to the toilets—thanks again for your support of our school Les!

MARC MONTHLY!

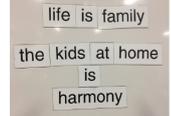
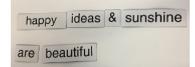
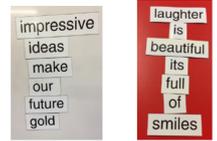
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I am thoroughly enjoying the **POETRY** term. We have looked at what makes a poem (lots of space around the words, not many words, strong descriptive words etc) and had a go at writing our own. I have purchased the set of magnetic words that has been used in the Goldfields library during previous writers' festivals. There are 1,400 fabulous words that students can choose from to make their own poetry. I know I am onto something good when students don't want to pack up an activity! (I've included some photos of just a few of the many wonderful poems created)

What I have read.....



I've had a lovely time reading lots of the short-listed (and long-listed) books... already looking forward to term 3 when we can read these together and discuss which ones we think should win!



There are a couple of short-listed books that involve creativity, using nothing more than cardboard boxes and imagination. After discussing these a friend suggested I look up 'Caine's Arcade'. And **WOW**. I can't believe I haven't come across this before. As a 9 year old boy Caine created his own cardboard arcade. And what happened next is extraordinary. I can HIGHLY recommend watching the short film with your children, and maybe reading just a little about how one 9 year old boy has inspired thousands of people around the world. We made it an after dinner activity at home and Charlotte straight away wanted to share it with all her friends.



Here's to amazing, creative, inspirational kids!

<http://cainesarcade.com/>

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

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

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. Parents who do not hold a valid card will not be able to participate in school activities such as morning reading, attending excursions or volunteering at sports days.

Currently, 23 parents have provided the school with a copy of their WWCC 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!

Special Person's Day 2019



To see more photos from Special Person's Day, log in to our uEducateUs App.

Classroom News

GRADE PREP-TWO

It was fantastic to see so many special people at our school this week. The students were extremely excited and loved sharing their work and playing games with their special people.

During Literacy we have focused on activating our prior knowledge, this allows students to connect with the text or picture on a deeper level and will assist us as we move into inferring next week. In writing the 1/2's have just started their unit of work on information reports, they have been exploring non-fiction text and identifying the text features of an information report. Next week they will be starting their own report on a country of choice. We are looking forward to finding out lots of facts about countries such as France, New Zealand and Hawaii. The preps have really come along with their writing this week and have started to use their letter sound knowledge to write some sentences from scratch. We will continue to focus on capital letters, full stops, spaces and writing on the line.



Saanvi and Marli, building their bridge.



Milla and Lucy testing their bridge.

In Maths we have started our unit on Division, beginning with sharing objects between groups. This skill will then be extended into the use of mental Math strategies.

This week the students had a S.T.E.M challenge. Using the same objects to create a bridge that would hold weight (Lego Masters inspired) The groups had to agree upon a design and then build the structure using only the provided materials. The finale was super exciting with bridges holding between 15g and a whopping 605g.

Over the next fortnight we will continue to explore Information reports in writing and investigate Division, Chance and Data in Maths.

GRADE THREE-SIX

What a busy fortnight it has been! I would like to say a big 'Well Done' to the Grade Three and Five students who participated in NAPLAN last week.

In the Reading Block, over the last two weeks of school the Grade Three-Six students finished a unit of work on identifying both literal and inferred comprehension using a variety of texts. The students are now beginning a unit of work on 'Predicting'!

In Writing, the students have been publishing their persuasive writing! We will spend some time sharing our wonderful work with the P/1/2's and each other.

During Maths, the Grade Three-Fours have continued to work on using mental strategies to solve addition problems.

In Maths the Grade Five-Sixes have been learning about positive and negative integers. The students have related these to authentic contexts, such as when using a thermometer to measure the temperature; or in sports scoring, such as in golf where the aim is to achieve a score under par (eg: 6 under par is equivalent to -6). The students enjoyed playing integer football and dice golf to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting with integers.



Wade and his dad enjoying a game of Scrabble!

This week we also celebrated 'Special Persons Day'. It was a fantastic morning with lots of visitors to our amazing school enjoying a range of games and perhaps even a tour of the garden and the chooks!

In class at the moment we are reading 'Matilda', if anyone has a copy of the DVD at home, I would love to borrow it please!!!!

Goornong Playgroup



I was fabulous to welcome nine families (including four first timers) to the playgroup session on Tuesday. The children enjoyed playing with the toy animals, Duplo and wooden railway, before heading outside for a play on the new playground.



The next playgroup session will be held on

Tuesday 18th June

at the school, beginning at 10am.

We invite all members of the Goornong community with young children to 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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

We are participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn again this year. We have collection boxes at the school, Goornong General Store and at Epsom Woolworths. Please place your stickers in any of the boxes marked 'Goornong Primary School' The promotion runs until June 25th.



Community News

Goornong Community Meeting

BRING YOUR BEST IDEAS

YOU'RE INVITED

You are invited to attend a community meeting for the 3557 area on Sunday June 2 at the Goornong Memorial Hall from 2pm.

Representatives from local groups and businesses will be present. This will be a great opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about the town.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL
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