

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Mon 10th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 11th June	Gym Program, P-6s @ Bendigo
Wed 12th June	FOTS Meeting, 2.30pm at the school Parent Information Session for 2020
Fri 14th June	MARC Library Collect your Pie Drive Orders, 2.30pm

Term Two

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

Term Three

Mon 15th July	First day of Term Three
Wed 17th July	Division Netball Tournament in Bendigo
Fri 26th July	MARC Library
Tues 30th July	Division Football Tournament in Bendigo
Fri 9th Aug	MARC Library
Mon 19th Aug	School Council Meeting
Fri 23rd Aug	MARC Library
21st—23rd Aug	Grade Three-Four Echuca Camp
Fri 30th Aug	Cluster Athletic Carnival in Bendigo (Grade Three-Sixes only)
Wed 4th Sept	Cluster Science Excursion to Elmore (All students)
Fri 6th Sept	MARC Library—Book Week Activities
Mon 16th Sept	School Council Meeting
Fri 20th Sept	MARC Library Last day of Term Three, 2.15pm dismissal

2019 Term Dates

Mon 15th July—Fri 20th Sept.	Term Three
Mon 7th Oct.—Fri 20th Dec.	Term Four

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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!



Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Values	Mayla P	Saanvi P
P-2 Literacy	Hunter R	Elizabeth
P-2 Maths	Marli O	Amy O
3-6 Values	Amelia M	Jordan V
3-6 Literacy	Charlie C	Amelia M
3-6 Maths	Bethany G	Kahlia R
Principal's	Luke P	Brayden P

Principal's Report

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Information Night for the parents of 2020 Prep students (and any other potential students) will be held this coming 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 Transition Program for 2020 Preps 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.

GYM PROGRAM

Our Gym program began on Tuesday of this week with our first of four excursions to Palmers Gym in Bendigo. With so much running, jumping and somersaulting we do find that the students warm up quickly and get quite hot and sweaty during gym. With this in mind we encourage parents not to send their child to school with many layers of clothing beneath their school shirt on gym days. We also ask that each student has a refillable drink bottle with them on gym Tuesdays.

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

On the Student-Free day on Monday of this week I attended the Education Department's Statewide Leadership Conference in Melbourne. This is an annual event and provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to educational experts and engage in professional learning with other state school principals. As part of the conference I attended two workshop sessions, both of which aligned to the key improvement strategies identified in our school's Annual Implementation Plan.

The first session was presented by internationally renowned literacy guru Doug Fisher. This session focussed on the evidence-based teaching strategies which have the highest impact on student achievement in Literacy. Pleasingly, many of the strategies presented are already occurring on a daily basis at Goornong PS.

The second session related to student voice and was presented by professor Russell Quaglia. The session focussed on supporting schools to develop effective programs to encourage students have greater input into their school and their learning.

Over the coming weeks I will be sharing the key learnings from the day with the Goornong staff team as we reflect on our next steps in the process of continual school improvement.

END OF SEMESTER STUDENT REPORTS & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

End of Semester One Student Reports will be sent home on the last day of Term Two—Friday 28th June. These provide parents with information regarding the progress of their child in each learning area. Student Learning Journals will also be sent home on this day.

A reminder that there are no longer formal Parent-Teacher Conferences in Term Two. Instead, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held midway through Term Three. This ensures that there is a formal conversation between teachers and parents regarding student progress in each of the two school semesters, rather than both rounds of Parent-Teacher Conferences occurring in Semester One. Below is an outline of the student reporting and parent-teacher conference cycle at Goornong PS.

Term One Parent-teacher-student conferences.

Term Two Semester One student reports sent home.

Term Three Parent-teacher-student conferences.

Term Four Semester Two student reports sent home.

Of course, parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher at any time throughout the school year should they wish to discuss their child's progress at school. We encourage parents to take this opportunity should they have any queries regarding their child's report.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have a number of second-hand uniform items on display at the reception area. These are available to purchase with all funds raised going towards our outdoor learning space. A big thank you to Jamie Tuohey and Lynette A'vard and their families for their help in washing the items ready for sale—much appreciated!

Principal

Jason Cox

FOTS NEWS

TAKE TWO Unfortunately our last meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute. FOTS will be having a *TAKE TWO - TERM 2 Meeting* on Wednesday 12th June at 2.30pm in the Staff Room at school. If you couldn't make it to the first take, why don't you come for the second? Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet others and get involved in our school community. Our meetings are relaxed and informal and we are currently focused on fundraising for the school to build a new Outdoor Learning Space. Afternoon tea will be provided and young children welcome.

Gym Program



Classroom News

GRADE PREP-TWO

This fortnight there was lots of excitement in the lead up to the gym program starting. So many animated stories were shared upon return, that I'm sure many are on the count down to next week.

During Literacy we have been making inferences. Students have been finding the clues in a picture, text or movie and incorporating this with their prior knowledge to create an inference. This skill helps student find the inferred meaning 'read between the lines' and is an important skill to promote comprehension. In writing this fortnight we have been exploring what a sentence is and how to create one. Students have studied what a Noun and Verb are and how they are used to create a sentence. Preps have had a big writing week this week. They have been using phonic knowledge to sound out words and practicing common used sight words through a variety of different activities.

Max, Brock, Olivia, Hunter and Mary Practicing sight words with window marker.



In Mathematics the 1/2's have continued their work on Division. They have represented division sums using objects, pictures and have started using mental strategies this week such as skip counting. It has been fantastic to see their engagement and determination this fortnight. Our Preps have been focusing on Subitising, building their skills in counting small groups of objects at a glance, without having to count them.

In Huff and Puff this week it was fantastic to see the improvement in students ball handling skills, with bouncing and catching being a focus over the last few weeks.

Over the next fortnight our focus in Oral language will be speaking to an audience. We will be using share circles and puppet role play to practice our pace, tone, volume and ability to grab an audiences attention. In other news, good luck to Melbourne this week taking on Collingwood. Go Dees!!

GRADE THREE-SIX

In the Reading Block the Grade Three-Six students have begun to focus on the comprehension skill of 'predicting'. We began by looking at the front cover of picture story books to make predictions about the characters, setting and storyline based on the text clues. This week, the students read a series of scenarios to predict what may happen next. The students used both the text clues and their prior knowledge to form their prediction.

In Writing, the students have been focusing on including good punctuation choices in their written work. The more punctuation the students included and placed correctly, the more points they earned. This activity encouraged the students to think about how good punctuation choices make a piece of writing more interesting!

During Maths, the Grade Three-Fours have just completed a unit of work on addition, where everyone achieved positive results on their post-test! This week, the students have begun a new unit on Subtraction!

In Maths, the Grade Five-Sixes have begun a unit on 'time'. This includes being able to tell the time on an analogue and digital clock, being able to calculate the amount of elapsed time between two points in time, reading 24-hour time, interpreting timetables and being able to solve problems involving time.



Well done to Daniel and Madi, who volunteered to perform 'Click Clack' at assembly. The students have also been doing lots of planting at the Sustainability Centre over the past few weeks.



Goornong Playgroup

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.

Madison in Grade Four tells us that she has counted 4,620 stickers collected from the Woolworths store in Epsom. With \$10 being spent per sticker, that equates to \$46,200 worth of groceries being purchased towards our school's stickers!



Community News

One of our neighbours has raised a concern that vehicles are obstructing the driveway to their property during school drop-off and pick-up. They ask that parents please be mindful not to obstruct driveways when parking their car near the school.

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2-DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Develop your **AFL** or **Netball** skills these school holidays. Two day skills coaching program delivered by a panel of experienced coaches.

4 & 5 July

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