

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

### Next Week

Mon 19th Aug Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences  
School Council Meeting

21st—23rd Aug Grade Three-Four Echuca Camp

Fri 23rd Aug MARC Library

### Term Three

Fri 30th Aug Cluster Athletic Carnival in Bendigo  
(Grade Three-Sixes only)

Sun 1st Sept. Father's Day

Tues 3rd Sept. Playgroup Session at School, 10am-12pm

Wed 4th Sept Cluster Science Excursion to Elmore  
(All students)

Fri 6th Sept MARC Library—Book Week Activities

Fri 13th Sept Jump Rope for Heart, 2,15pm

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

## 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> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>P-2 Values</b>   | Milla P          | Amy O            |
| <b>P-2 Literacy</b> | Mary K           | Brock K          |
| <b>P-2 Maths</b>    | Ted C            | Charlie A        |
| <b>3-6 Values</b>   | Tess D           | Bailey A         |
| <b>3-6 Literacy</b> | Cooper S         | Indianna A       |
| <b>3-6 Maths</b>    | Tess D           | Madison H        |
| <b>Principal's</b>  | Bailey A         | Ted C            |

## BOOK WEEK 2019

Our Book Week dress-up day is on Friday 6th September. On this day students (and parents) are encouraged to dress up in a costume related to this year's theme—

*Reading is My Secret Power.*

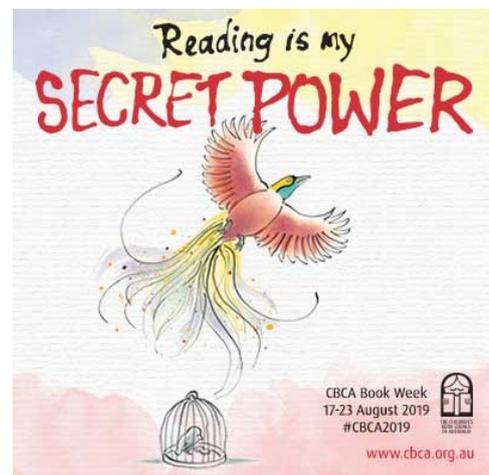
We will be having a parade at the school at 9am on our Book Week day.

## HEAD LICE

We have had a reported case of live head lice. As such, we encourage parents to check their child's hair. Parents can help to minimise the spread of head lice at our school by completing the following steps:

1. Inspect your children's hair on a regular basis (once per week).
2. Inform the school whenever lice are detected. Notification can then be made to all parents via the newsletter.
3. Get appropriate treatment from the chemist or local council. Parents are advised that not all treatments available are totally effective. Some kill the live lice but not the eggs. If unsure check with your pharmacist.
4. Tie back long hair as loose hair increases the risk of the transfer of lice from one head to another.

We thank parents for their continued support of our school's efforts to minimise the instances of head lice at our school.



CBCA Book Week  
17-23 August 2019  
#CBCA2019



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# Principal's Report

## GRADE THREE-FOUR ECHUCA CAMP

We wish our Grade Three-Four students all the best as they head off on their camp to Echuca next week. The students will be joining the other Grade Three-Four students from the Campaspe Cluster schools to participate in activities such as ropes courses, bungee trampolines, a commando course and a visit to the Echuca wharf and a ride on a paddle steamer. We look forward to hearing the students' stories from camp when they return.

A reminder that the confirmed cost of the camp is \$210 per student. Thank you to those families that have already finalised payment. If you haven't already done so, we ask that payment please be finalised prior to the camp.

## PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

This week was the first week of the mid-year Parent-Teacher-Conferences. Thank you to those parents who used the UEducateUs portal to book their conference. It was a pleasure for the teachers to share the learning successes and discuss challenges facing your child. PTCs continue on Monday afternoon next week.

We especially thank parents for their positivity and willingness to work in partnership with the school to support the learning outcomes of their child. Through positive communication and teamwork we are able to provide the best opportunity students to make progress.

Although there are no more formal parent-teacher conferences scheduled for the remainder of the year, I encourage parents to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher should they wish to discuss the progress of their child or clarify any concerns.

## CAMPASPE CLUSTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (Gr. 3-6)

On Friday 30th August our Grade Three-Six students will travel by bus to the Athletics Centre in Flora Hill, Bendigo to participate in the Campaspe Cluster Athletics Carnival. The students will complete a round robin of track and field events in their age group with the students from the other Campaspe Cluster schools.

Further details and a permission form for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

If there are any parents who would like to travel with us on the bus, please let me know.

## GRADE FIVE-SIX SOMERS CAMP

We had three students in Grade Five-Six return the form indicating their interest in attending the Somers Camp, which is later this year. We are now waiting to find out how many places our school has been allocated. We will communicate with families once we have this information.

## SCIENCE EXCURSION

To celebrate Science Week, our students will be heading to Elmore Primary School on Wednesday 4th September for the annual Campaspe Cluster Science Day. On this day we will be joining with the other Campaspe Cluster schools to participate in a range of activities around chemical science, energy science and environmental science.

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

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

A reminder for parents and students that the school day begins at 9am. Whilst students should not arrive before 8.30am, we do encourage them to arrive at school prior to 9am to allow enough time to get organised for the day ahead and to ensure they are ready to learn when the bell goes.

## STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENTS—GRADE 6s

Earlier this week each of our Grade 6 students intending to attend Weeroona College in 2020 were provided with an enrolment pack. A reminder that these forms need to be returned to Goornong PS by this coming Tuesday 20th August. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

The school is in the process of arranging transition opportunities for our Grade 6 students to visit Weeroona College during Term Four. Details will be provided to families once these dates are confirmed.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

As was communicated in last fortnight's newsletter, each year our school conducts a survey of parents as one of multiple sources of feedback that our school uses to direct future planning and school improvement. Also in last fortnight's newsletter was an invitation to complete the survey, including details on how to complete it and a unique survey login. I thank those parents who have already taken the time to complete the survey. The survey is able to be completed until 11.59pm this Sunday 18th August.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is this coming Monday 19th August at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm on this evening. Packs have been sent home with the children of councillors today in readiness for Monday evening.

## Quote of the Week

"The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on."

- Rossiter

*Principal*

*Jason Cox*

# Classroom News

## GRADE PREP-TWO

In the build up to Book week we have been talking about our favourite book characters this week and brainstorming lots of ideas for dressing up. I look forward to seeing what characters turn up for Book week.

In Literacy this week we have been Summarising images, movies, news reports and text. The students have done an amazing job identifying who, when, where, what, why and how. This skill is vital in building their understanding of what they have read.

During reading this week we practiced our fluency and expression, learning how we can use punctuation to guide our voice when reading aloud.

This week our writing focus has been Letter writing. Writing a letter is a fun and engaging way to develop students' writing skills. When students are presented the opportunity to write about their interests and communicate with their friends and family the learning becomes meaningful and relevant to real life. Everyone loves receiving a personal letter in the mail!

In Mathematics, we have continued to explore Time. We have practiced our time telling skills with a focus on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We have also continued exploring multiplication, practicing different strategies to solve our 2s, 5s and 10 time tables.

The students have been engaged in their exploration of living and non living things during Themes. Students identified objects both inside and outside the class and categorised them.



Wet weather timetable dress up fun. Mary, Amy, Tom, Mrs Patton, Milla, Claire, Lizzy and Marli

## GRADE THREE-SIX

In our Reading Block we have focused on the learning intention of 'questioning what we read'. The students learnt about the importance of questioning before, during and after reading a text to gain optimum understanding! We practised writing questions, viewing both written and digital texts, using sticky notes as well as templates to fill in. The students also discovered the difference between thin and thick questions!



These are the students Before, During and After questions when we read 'Rogue Robot'. Great job Grade 3-6s!

In Writing, the students wrote a dialogue between two characters. Part of the success criteria was to use correct punctuation including quotation marks. The students then transferred the dialogue into a comic style piece of writing. The students did an amazing job on these pieces, they will be in the learning journals at the end of term!

During Maths, the Grade Three-Fours have been busy completing various assessments to finish off units of work, such as their Time and Subtraction Post-tests on Essential Assessment. They have also completed a Pre-test on Multiplication, which will be the next unit of work to begin when we return from camp.

The Grade Five-Sixes have been learning about collecting data and presenting data in various forms of graphs. The students have also been learning to interpret graphs and to make statements and judgements about data presented in a graph.

In Art, the Grade Three-Four students have worked on completing beautiful watercolour paintings over instructional drawings. They look amazing and are on display in our project space.



## Elmore Field Days

2019 will again see Goornong Primary School participate in the Elmore Field Days Catering Committee. This activity is always a great way to raise funds for our school. The Elmore Field Days will be ran on Tuesday 1st October, Wednesday 2nd October & Thursday 3rd October. We are seeking volunteers to fill shifts on all of the dates below. You may notice we have longer and more shifts to fill for 2019, this is because we have taken on a full share roster to maximise profits to contribute towards our Outdoor Learning Space. Long shifts are able to be shared by 2 people, please speak to Rachel or Tymika if you would like to share a shift.

Please be aware there is FREE Child care available for kinder and primary school aged children for all volunteers. What a great way to help fill those school holiday days!

Please write your name on the roster at the office if you are able to help out.

If you have any questions or for further information, please speak to Rachel or Tymika.

| <b>FIELD DAYS ROSTER 2019</b> |          |                             |          |          |                 |             |   | Would you be interested in using a Child care program if available over 3 main days? This includes children of Kinder and primary school age.<br><br>If yes, please note how many children and ages. |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---|--|
| Organisation:                 |          | 12. GOORNONG PRIMARY SCHOOL |          |          | Contact No:     |             |   |  |
| Roster Co-ordinator:          |          | David Mill                  |          |          |                 |             |   |  |
| Day                           | Time     |                             | Surname  | Name     | Age if under 18 | WWCC<br>Y/N | Experience/expertise:<br>Preferred site to work on<br>N.B. We will endeavour to place everyone in preferred place, however this may not always be possible. |  |
| Sun 29th Sept                 | 9:00 AM  | 3:00 PM                     | Mill     | David    |                 |             |   | ----   |
| Mon 30th Sept                 | 9:00 AM  | 3:00 PM                     |          |          |                 |             |   | ----   |
| Tues 1st Oct                  | 7:30 AM  | 11:00 AM                    | Nihill   | Karen    |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 7:30 AM  | 11:00 AM                    | Donnelly | Danielle |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 7:30 AM  | 3:00 PM                     |          |          |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8:30 AM  | 3:00 PM                     | Orkide   | Faye     |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8:30 AM  | 5:00 PM                     | Cox      | Jason    |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8:30 AM  | 5:00 PM                     |          |          |                 |             |   |  |
| Weds 2nd Oct                  | 7:30 AM  | 11:00 AM                    |          |          |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 7:30 AM  | 2:00 PM                     | Nihill   | Karen    |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 7:30 AM  | 2:00 PM                     | Donnelly | Danielle |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8:30 AM  | 3:00 PM                     | Orkide   | Faye     |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8.30 AM  | 12.30 PM                    | Jackman  | Karren   |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 12.30 PM | 5:00 PM                     |          |          |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8.30 AM  | 12.30 PM                    | Botteril | Yvonne   |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 12.30 PM | 5:00 PM                     |          |          |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 11:00 AM | 5:00 PM                     | Weppner  | Tymika   |                 |             |   |  |
| Thurs 3rd Oct                 | 7:30 AM  | 11:00 AM                    | Tuohey   | Jamie    |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 7:30 AM  | 2:00 PM                     | Oxley    | Annie    |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8:30 AM  | 5:00 PM                     | Mill     | Rachel   |                 |             |   |  |
|                               | 8:30 AM  | 5:00 PM                     | Orkide   | Faye     |                 |             |   |  |
| Fri 4th Oct                   | 9:00 AM  | 4:00 PM                     |          |          |                 |             |   | ----   |

**Please indicate your organisations ability to fill any additional/vacant shifts that may become available after roster handback: YES / NO**

WWCC = working with children check



## Goornong Playgroup

The next playgroup session will be held on  
**Tuesday 3rd September,  
2019**

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.*

### Craft Supplies

We are seeking donations of any size plastic soft drink bottles for the upcoming Science Day. Please give any donations to Ms Mac or Mrs Patton.

Thank you to everyone that kindly donated boxes and 'stuff' to the art room. Miss Mac is pleased to announce she now has enough goodies.

### HIGH FIVES

A high five to all those who have put their name down to fill a shift on the Elmore Field Days and Drovers Arms Raffle rosters. All in our school appreciate you volunteering your time to help out.

There are still a couple of vacancies on the Field Days roster and it would be great to have these filled soon.

The Drovers Arms Raffle roster is full for the remainder of 2019.



## Gardening Science Program

During the Garden Science Program the students have been learning about weeds. They have learnt about the different types of weeds, how weeds are transferred from one location to another, the impact that weeds have on the environment and on other plants; and the methods used to manage weeds. The Grade Prep-Two class had great fun applying their knowledge of weeding techniques to weed one of the garden beds at the school.



# Community News

## Elmore Tennis Club

### Saturday Tennis

The Elmore Tennis Club is looking for players for the 2019/20 season. Players of all experience are welcome! Competition begins in early October and finishes in March (Juniors do not play during school holidays). Juniors play on Saturday mornings and Seniors play on Saturday afternoons. Please register your interest by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Training

Tennis Training will begin on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30pm

### Fast 4 Tennis

This year we are starting up a Fast 4 social competition, aiming to encourage more people to play tennis in the community. People of all experience are encouraged to sign up. The competition will start on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 5:30pm onwards. It will run for 6-10 weeks depending on interest. Cost is \$20. Please register your own team (2 men and 2 women) or register individually by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Bryce (0458111544) or Jordan (0429520495).

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## BENDIGO EDUCATION PLAN



### BENDIGO EDUCATION PLAN - SPECIALISM

#### Athlete Development Program- Applications

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<https://www.bse.vic.edu.au/athlete-development-program/>

The Bendigo Education Plan (BEP) outlines a commitment to providing and developing specialist programs across the government secondary colleges in Bendigo.

For 2020, there is in-principle commitment to expand the ADP program to include an additional in-school component at BSEC, not currently offered in the pilot. A decision on whether the new additional component will be added to the program will be made through consultation between participating schools.

Other Specialisations are being considered across Bendigo government secondary colleges and further work for trialling and implementation will continue in 2020 and beyond.

Application forms for the select entry 2020 Athlete Development Program will be available on the BSE website (see below) **from Thursday 8 August**. All students enrolled at Bendigo South East College, Crusoe College, Eaglehawk Secondary College, and Weeroona College Bendigo are eligible to apply.

**Applications close on Wednesday 21 August.**

The website will contain information regarding proposed costs, admission requirements and timeline, available sporting squads, application process and information booklet.

<https://www.bse.vic.edu.au/athlete-development-program/>

For further information, tours and queries please contact the Athlete Development Program at Bendigo South East College via [adp@bse.vic.edu.au](mailto:adp@bse.vic.edu.au), or (03) 5443 4522.

