

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Term Four

- Mon 7th Oct. First day of Term Four
- Tues 8th Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- Thurs 10th Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- Mon 14th Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- Tues 15th Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- Mon 21st Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- School Council
- Thurs 24th Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- Fri 25th Oct. Gr. Prep-Two Excursion
- Mon 28th Oct. Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)
- Tues 29th Oct. Bike Ed Bike Ride Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
- Wed 30th Oct. Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
- Thurs 31st Oct. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
- Tues 5th Nov. Final Playgroup Session for 2019, 10-12
- Wed 6th Nov. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
- 11th –15th Nov. Gr. Five-Six Canberra Camp
- Wed 13th Nov. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
- Wed 20th Nov. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
- Wed 27th Nov. Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
- Tues 10th Dec. Orientation (Step-Up) Day
- Wed 18th Dec. Christmas Concert
- Thurs 19th Dec. Whole-School Excursion to Bendigo
- Fri 20th Dec. Last of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal

Next Week

- 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>
P-2 Values	Mayla P	Ted C
P-2 Literacy	Lizzy N	Max M
P-2 Maths	Amy O	Harry M
3-6 Values	Wade N	Daniel J
3-6 Literacy	Jordan V	Charlie C
3-6 Maths	Amelia M	Savannah M
Principal's	Olivia M & Mary K	Amelia M

With next Friday 20th September being the last day of Term Three, there will be no Friday afternoon assembly due to the earlier dismissal time of 2.15pm.



Book Week
Dress Up
2019



Principal's Report

Today's in the last newsletter for Term Three. I wish all students, staff and parents a safe and enjoyable school holiday period. I look forward to see you all again for what will be a busy Term Four. Go Pies!

BIKE EDUCATION—GRADES THREE-SIX

Our Bike Education Program is for all students in Years Three- Six and will be held over the first four weeks of Term Four, beginning on Tuesday 8th October (first Tuesday of Term Four).

The aim of the Program is to teach students about road safety; and to develop the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road.

This year's Program will see the students participate in eight one-hour sessions, culminating with the traditional Bike Ride to English's Bridge on Tuesday 29th October.

Once again, our Bike Education Program will be run by Mr D. Mr D has coordinated the Bike Ed Program at Goornong PS for many years and is an accredited Bike Education instructor.

For our Grade Three-Six families, please find attached to today's newsletter a yellow page with further information about the Bike Education Program and a white permission form to be completed and returned to the school.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Learning Journals will be sent home with the students next week. We hope the students enjoy sharing their work from Term Three with family members and friends.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT NAPLAN REPORTS

Individual Student Reports for Grade Three and Five students who completed this year's NAPLAN tests are now available at the school. Please note that these reports are not sent home with the students.

We ask that parents make a time to meet with Mrs Patton to collect and discuss your child's NAPLAN report.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is this coming Monday 16th September at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm on this evening. Packs have been sent home with the children of our school councillors today in readiness for Monday evening's meeting.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

This year Goornong PS has four students who have been selected to compete at the Campaspe, Sandhurst, Goldfields Division Athletics Carnival in Bendigo this coming Monday 16th September. Congratulations to Teagan F (100m sprint and high jump), Indianna A (100m sprint), Luke P (high jump) and Natalie R (100m sprint) who will be representing our school and the Campaspe Cluster on Monday.

In order to gain selection, students need to place either first or second in the event and meet the minimum standard (time, distance or height) at our Campaspe Cluster Athletic Carnival which was two weeks ago.

We wish our four students the best of luck in their events!

HATS—TERM FOUR

A reminder that as per our school's SunSmart Policy, students are required to wear a wide-brimmed navy blue hat when outside during Terms One and Four. Hats were sent home with the students at the end of Term One to be washed and stored in a safe location. We ask that students please remember to bring their hats back to school ready for Term Four.

BUILDING WORKS OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Over the school holiday period there will be contractors on the school grounds completing some work on the old brick building. This work is expected to take place in both the first and second week of the holidays. For safety reasons I ask that members of the public (including current students) do not visit the school grounds during the upcoming school holiday period.

2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Our school has begun planning for the 2020 school year. This includes planning around the structure of the school in relation to classrooms, teachers and support staff. The number of students attending the school has a significant impact on our planning as school funding is directly linked to the number of enrolments. As such, I ask that those parents intending to enrol new students at Goornong PS in 2020 (including Preps) please now return their enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available from the school should you require one. I also ask that parents please contact me if they are not intending to send their child to Goornong PS in 2020. I thank families for their support with this.

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Principal's Report Continued

STUDENT ABSENCE—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We wish to remind parents that it is now Education Department Policy that schools notify parents on the day when a student is absent and the school has not been provided with a reason for the absence. Please note that from next week, parents will receive a message via their UEducateUs portal in the instance where their child is marked as absent and no reason has been provided. As such, we ask that parents please notify the school in the morning if their child is going to be absent from school that day.

We thank those parents who have been using the UEducateUs system to notify the school when their child is absent. This is now the school's preferred method for parents to notify the school of an absence. Alternatively, parents are also able to contact the school by phone.

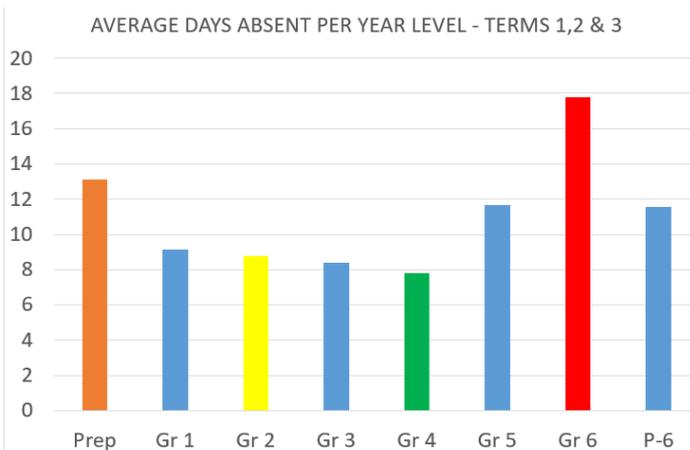
We encourage all parents to ensure they have setup access to their UEducateUs portal, including enabling push notifications. Tymika is in the office each Tuesday and Wednesday and is happy to assist with any aspect of UEducateUs.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL—EVERY DAY COUNTS

I wish to congratulate our parents for their efforts to ensure that their children attend school as often as possible. As of today there have been 132 days of school in 2019 and our school is averaging 11.53 days absent per student. Unfortunately, this means we will not be achieving our goal of averaging less than 10 days absent per student for the year.

Well done to the Grade Fours who have the best attendance rate of all year levels, averaging just 7.70 days absent per student.

A 'high five' to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance thus far in Term Three—Tess D, Daniel J, Harry M, Max M and Ellsie T.



The Education Department's motto is that *Every Day Counts*, as there is strong link between consistent attendance at school and a child's social and academic development.

We understand that there are times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill.

Attendance patterns are established early—a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school creates habits which are difficult to break.

We encourage parents to return an absent note or contact their child's teacher when an absence occurs.

We also encourage parents to meet with their child's teacher if they are having attendance issues so we can work together to get your child to school each day.

Principal

Jason Cox

HIGH FIVES

Three 'high fives' this week.

Firstly, a high five to all the parents and members of our school community who helped out at our Jump Rope for Heart Jump-Off today. It was terrific to have lots of parents come along and support this important event.

Secondly, a high five to all of our parents and students for their efforts organising costumes for our Book Week Dress Up Day last Friday. Our Library teacher, Mrs G, visits many schools during Book Week and she was very impressed and proud of the effort that the Goornong students had gone to—well done all!

Finally, a high five to all those who will volunteer their time to help out with the catering at the upcoming Elmore Field Days. This is our school's most significant annual fundraiser. This year our school had a total of 130 hours to fill across 20 shifts on our roster. It is a credit to our community that we were able to fill all of these shifts and on behalf of the school I thank you all for your dedication. I wish all volunteers the best of luck!



Classroom News

GRADE PREP-TWO

This fortnight we had our little scientist heading to Elmore Primary School to participate in some fantastic science experiments. It was awesome to hear all the exciting things students learnt.

In Literacy, this fortnight we have been looking at the reading strategy of Visualising. Visualising is when we use clues in the text and our prior knowledge to create a picture or movie in our head. Students have participated in lots of activities creating monsters and pictures to show how what we hear or read looks in our head. The Bossy e has been a focus this week with students using knowledge of the bossy e to flip the vowel sound in a word. It was fantastic to see how far the students phonics knowledge of vowels has come.

This week has been a writing frenzy with amazing Narratives being created by all students. Students have enjoyed sharing their stories aloud. We have been workshopping how we can use adjectives during our editing to 'bump up' our writing to make it more exciting for the reader.

In Mathematics, We investigated ordinal number and how to identify and represent ordinal numbers. This involved many activities to practice using ordinal numbers including students ordering themselves in various ways and identifying which ordinal number they represented. Money has continued his fortnight. This week students were required to practice identifying, ordering, counting money as well as giving change. They had a ball creating shops such as 'The store that sells everything' and 'The unicorn sprout'. Students then took it in turns role playing shop keepers, shoppers and shelf stackers. It was great to see all the students cooperating and engaging in their learning.



Marli, Amy, Saanvi, Harry, Max and Hunter doing some shopping,

GRADE THREE-SIX

In our Reading Block this week, the students have continued to focus on learning how to effectively locate answers to questions in a text. The students followed the success criteria by highlighting the key words in the question, then scanned the text to locate these key words. They then highlighted the sentence that contained the key words, therefore making it much easier to answer the question. The students practised answering the questions using full sentences, rather than giving one or two worded answers.

In Writing, the students have continued to work on not only practising their individual writing goal, but following the success criteria. The students have written both personal 'weekend' writing as well as writing a short creative piece about discovering a new species of plant or animal. Some students also wrote a recount about the Athletic Sports Carnival and volunteered to have these published in today's newsletter. In handwriting, the students completed a task to show off their skills learnt so far.

During Maths, the Grade Three-Fours continue to learn about 'Multiplication'. The students have practised using strategies to solve extended multiplication problems as well as multiplying more than two numbers in a sum, for example, $2 \times 3 \times 4 =$. The students continue to practise their quick recall of the times tables at the beginning of each lesson.

The Grade Five-Sixes have continued to learn about fractions during Maths. The students have worked on adding and subtracting fractions with both the same and with related denominators, such as $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5}$ or $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{10}$. Some students have also investigated 'fraction mats' and have used these to support their understanding of adding and subtracting fractions.



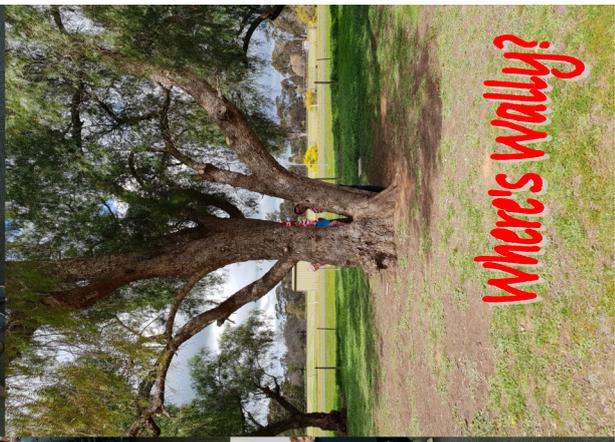
It has been such beautiful weather for our Garden Science classes!

Luke, Savannah and Jesse hard at work weeding one of our lovely gardens.

Book Week Dress Up Day



Science Day



Cluster Athletic Sports 2019

"It's Friday!" I whispered to myself. Why is Friday so special? It's Athletics Sports Day! I'm only going to talk about shot put. I was in line, waiting for my turn patiently. Kahlia & Madi were in front of me, **NOTHING** could bring me down. When it was my turn I suddenly felt... scared. I mean what if I don't throw it right or maybe I drop it or maybe I don't do my best. I threw. My aim was ok but the throw was even better! I got past 3 (the best you can get!!) How far did I throw? 5.2 metres. When we were awarded ribbons I got 1st place! I felt so proud.

By Savannah M

On Friday the 30th of August we got on the school bus to go to Flora Hill Athletics Track. We first did the sprint then I did long jump. In long jump I didn't get a ribbon. When I did discus I got a first place ribbon. I felt over the moon, because it was my first ribbon. I then did shot put and I got a second place ribbon. I still was proud of myself. I did vortex and I didn't get a ribbon in that event, but it didn't wreck my day. We were meant to do the relays but we ran out of time so we did them on Wednesday which was the Science Day.

On Wednesday the school cluster got back together to do the Science Day. At lunch time we ran the relays, actually Teagan, Tess, Bethany and Natalie ran the relays, we just watched. They came first. Then Indi, Kahlia, Daniel and Luke ran their race they came second.

By Bree T

On Friday the Grade 3-6s went to the Cluster Athletic Sports. First we went on the bus. I sat next to Sav and we talked about a movie and we watched Mr Cox who was busy doing principal work on his phone!

When we arrived we walked into the entrance. The place was sooooo BIG!

First we did distance and I came last... ugh! But I didn't care.

I came 1st in discus, 2nd on shot put and I bet I would have come 1st on vortex but I needed to go to the toilet so I missed the event.

When we came back I sat next to Claire and behind Sav!

By Amelia H

On Friday the 3-6s went to the Flora Hill athletics track to do the Athletics Sports. It was on Friday the 30th of August. I was nervous because I was the only one that was in the 8-9 girls age group that was from Goornong school. I was disappointed at myself because I got no ribbons. But I tried my best. My two cousins were at the Cluster Athletics as well. After we finished Mum came and picked us up.

By Ellsie T

On Friday 30th we had athletics. We got the bus into Flora Hill. Our first event was sprint and I came fourth so we had another race and I came 5th.

My second event was long distance. I did not do it because I felt sick so I sat out.

My third event was long jump and I jumped 3 metres and 15cm and I sat behind number 2 cone. I don't know what I came.

My fourth event was discus. I threw my discus and it went to number 1 so I sat behind cone 1.

My fifth event was vortex and I made it to the black rope so I sat at cone 3, then I didn't make it my second go.

My sixth event was shot put and I threw it 4 metres and 45cm so I sat behind cone 2. We had to do the relays but we had no time so we did them at Science Day on Wednesday in Elmore.

By Tess D



On Friday the 30th of August I went to Flora Hill Athletics Track with the Cluster Schools to have our Athletic Sports. My first event was the sprint race. I came third in my heat and fifth in my final. Then we did long distance. I don't know what place I came. We had lunch before we did the other events. After lunch we did shot put. There was a scoring system where if you got a 3 you did very well, a 2 if you did well and a 1 if you tried. I got a 2 in shot put, a 1 in Vortex, a 1 in long jump and a 1 in discus. I also got a 3 in the sprint and a 1 in long distance. I was not able to do the 3/4 relay because we ran out of time. We are going to do it on Science Day. I went home with my Mum and Dad because they came and watched. I had heaps of fun (even though I was nervous).

By Daniel J

On Friday, the 30th of August 2019, it was athletics day! We had it with the other Cluster schools - OLSH, Elmore, Colbinabbin, Nanneella and Raywood. The activities were sprint, distances, shot put, vortex, long jump and discus. I felt nervous, but then I thought it was fun! It was happening in Flora Hill on the athletics track. I got four second place ribbons. I really enjoyed athletics day because the activities were fun, the weather was great and you got to EAT! When I got there, I sat near kahlia, some Elmore kids, some OLSH kids and I was talking to Bailey and Teagan. I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ATHLETICS DAY!

By Indianna



Goornong Playgroup

The final playgroup session for 2019 will be held on

Tuesday 5th November

at the school, beginning at 10am.

The session will include 'storytime' with some of our Grade Six student leaders.

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.

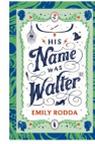
MARC MONTHLY!

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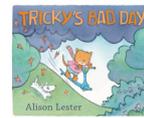


Congratulations! To students, teachers and people at home who have outdone themselves yet again with another fabulous Book Week. The effort and creativity that goes into costumes always amazes me. Thanks for participating! Mrs G :)

CBCA winners 2019!



Book of the Year
Younger Readers



Book of the Year
Early Childhood



The Picture Book
of the Year



The Eve Pownall
Award



Award for
New Illustrators

If you would like to see the Honour books head to;
<https://www.cbca.org.au/winners-2019>



Books Illustrated at the Melbourne Book Market in September
Queen Victoria Market - Sundays 8, 22 & 29
10am to 4pm



For a range of fabulous (and usually free) activities such as the Great Book Swap, Minecraft, Hogwarts Academy, Lego Build and a Movie Matinee head to;
<https://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram>

Some BOOKY things to do in the holidays.

May your break be restful and filled with great reading!

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!

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.

Community News

NEED CHILDCARE WHILE
VOLUNTEERING AT EFD?

Elmore Field Days Catering Committee CHILD CARE



CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE MAIN
DAYS 7AM-5:30PM

TUES OCT 1 - ELMORE PRIMARY (54326247)
WED OCT 2 - ELMORE PRESCHOOL (54326341)
THURS OCT 3 - OLSH SCHOOL (54326254)

There are limited places available. Contact
the school/pre-school to reserve your place.
BOOKINGS TO BE MADE BY
20TH SEPTEMBER.

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 4th September.

Training

Tennis Training will begin on Thursday 19th 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 12th 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 8th September.

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

BENDIGO HEALTH DENTAL SERVICES

Would you like
a check-up?

Call us on 5454 7994
from 8.15am
Monday to Friday

Encouraging Positive Dental Experiences in Children

Dental visits are essential for everyone to maintain good health and wellbeing. Oral Health contributes significantly to your overall health.

For some adults, the thought of taking your child to see an oral health professional may create fear or anxiety.

Children do not naturally have these feelings about seeing an oral health professional. However they can learn these feelings through suggestion of others.

To help avoid creating anxious feelings in your child when attending the dentist:

- Avoid using words that indicate pain, such as NEEDLES, DRILL, HURT, SORE
- Avoid using bribes or telling your child to 'be brave' before arriving
- Avoid telling your child about a 'bad' experience you may have had at the dentist.

Dental treatment is far more sophisticated these days and increasingly less uncomfortable.

A positive dental experience is important. Always talk positively to your child about visiting dental services.

Book your appointment today – free for all children 0 to 12 years and no waiting list!

Level 7 East Wing, 100 Barnard Street, Anne Caudle Campus
Phone: 5454 7994
Open: Monday to Friday 8.15am to 4.45pm
Register online: www.bendigohealth.org.au/dentalservices



Elmore Field Days

The Elmore Field Days Catering Committee is requesting to lend Pie Warmers for use during the Elmore Field Days. The Pie Warmers would be required to be at the field days from Thursday 26th September-Friday 4th October to allow adequate time to determine the best location for each Pie Warmer and for them to be tagged and tested if need be.

Please let Tymika know ASAP if you are able to provide a Pie Warmer for the Elmore Field Days



Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club Juniors

Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club Juniors would like to welcome Junior Boys and Junior Girls to play cricket with us in the 2019/2020 Cricket season.

HNECC Juniors are looking for players in the following age groups. U11's, U12's, U14's and U16's.

HNECC Juniors will be having a **Registration/Come and try** afternoon at Strauch Reserve, Gunguru Road, Huntly on Wednesday 11th September from 4 – 6pm with a free Sausage Sizzle and drinks for Juniors to follow.

To register players online please go to playcricket.com.au
If you require any further information please contact **Kylie Wheelhouse** on 0411 482 085 or via email kj.wheelhouse.41@gmail.com