

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

- Mon 14th Oct. **Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)**
- Tues 15th Oct. **Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)**
- Wed 16th Oct. Year 7 Big Day Out
(Gr. 6 excursion to Weeroona College)

Term Four

- 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**
- Mon 4th Nov. **Swimming Program**
- Tues 5th Nov. Final Playgroup Session for 2019, 10-12
Swimming Program
- Wed 6th Nov. **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**
Swimming Program
- Thurs 7th Nov. **Swimming Program**
- Fri 8th Nov. **Swimming Program**
- 11th –15th Nov. Gr. Five-Six Canberra Camp
- Wed 13th Nov. **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**
- Mon 18th Nov. Final School Council Meeting for 2019
- Wed 20th Nov. **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**
- Mon 25th Nov. Student-Free Day
- Wed 27th Nov. **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**
- Tues 10th Dec. Orientation (Step-Up) Day
Little Learners Program, 9am—12.30pm
- Wed 18th Dec. Christmas Concert
- Thurs 19th Dec. Whole-School Excursion to Bendigo
- Fri 20th Dec. Last of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal

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	Marli O	No awards were presented on the last day of Term 3.
P-2 Literacy	Harry M	
P-2 Maths	Milla P	
3-6 Values	Luke P	
3-6 Literacy	Jesse C	
3-6 Maths	Brayden P	
Principal's	Max A	



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 'story time' 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.

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Four of the school year! I hope that all students, parents and staff had an enjoyable school holiday period and are now ready to attack another school term with enthusiasm. Looking at the 'Dates to Remember' on the first page of the newsletter, it appears as though Term Four is going to be another busy one. We have a terrific program organised for the students, including Bike Ed for our Grade 3-6s, the Swimming Program, P-2 Excursion, Grade 5-6 Canberra Camp, Christmas Concert and the Little Learners Program for next year's Preps. I encourage families to read the newsletter when it comes out each fortnight and to keep it in a prominent place to ensure that you are abreast of all that's happening.

BIKE EDUCATION

Bike Education began this week for our Grade 3-6 students. The students have been learning a range of bicycle and road safety skills. These have included how to effectively use brakes, where to position the bike for safe riding on the road and signalling when turning or stopping.

We are all looking forward to The Bike Ride on Tuesday 29th October. Attached to today's newsletter are further details and a permission form.

We would love to have some parents ride with our group or drive support vehicles for The Bike Ride (a valid WWCC is required). Thanks to those who have already offered to help! If you are able to assist please let me know.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

As many in our community would be aware, the Goornong Pool suffered some storm damage recently. The Pool Committee has informed the school that it is possible the pool will not be ready to host our Swimming Program in December. As such, to ensure we are able to provide our students with a Swimming Program in 2019, we have had to relocate this year's program to the indoor aquatic centre in Eaglehawk. The Program will run on each day in the week beginning Monday 4th November. I am pleased to announce that as our school has been successful in gaining Sporting Schools funding for this year's Swimming Program, there will be no cost to families. Further details to come in the next newsletter. Accompanying today's newsletter is a blue form for parents to fill in and return to the school which will help in levelling students for the Swimming Program.

HATS AT SCHOOL

Well done to those students who remembered their hats at the beginning of Term Four! A reminder that as per our school's SunSmart Policy, hats need to be worn outside during Terms One and Four. Please ensure that your child has a navy blue wide-brimmed hat to wear at school. Students who do not have a suitable hat are asked to play in the shade on the veranda during play-time and lunchtime.

2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We have begun planning for the 2020 school year. As I'm sure you can appreciate, there is a great deal of work behind the scenes to ensure the best structure 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council meeting in the last week of Term 3 was a long one with a number of important items discussed. Of most importance was a review of our school's policies and practices with regards to the Child Safe Standards. Further information regarding this is on the next page of today's newsletter.

Council were also informed of our school's allocation of \$42,157 in 'Maintenance Blitz' funding from the state government. This money has been allocated over 2019-2020 for specific essential maintenance and compliance programs related to our school buildings and grounds.

Finally, Council reviewed and approved a number of important documents and policies. These included an updated Emergency Management Plan in readiness for the upcoming bushfire season, a Risk Assessment for the upcoming Bike Education Program; and a new Parent Complaints Policy.

A copy of all school policies is available on our website.

The next meeting of our School Council is Monday 21st October at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm on this evening.

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Principal's Report Continued

BUSINESS MANAGER'S DAYS

We ask that parents please note that from Term Four Tymika will be working at Goornong PS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. Tymika will no longer be working on Fridays.

GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT—WEEROONA COLLEGE

Our Grade Six students that are enrolled at Weeroona College for Year 7, will this coming Wednesday 16th October head to The College for a transition session. Further details and a Permission Form accompany today's newsletter.

GRADE FIVE-SIX CANBERRA CAMP

We are now just four weeks away from the Grade Five-Six Canberra Camp. As was communicated to families in Term One, the approximate cost of the camp is \$440. Camp packs with all the camp details and the confirmed cost will be sent home with next fortnight's newsletter. Please feel free to contact me in the meantime if you have any questions regarding camp.

Jason Cox

Principal

HIGH FIVES

A few high fives this week.

Firstly, a high five to all those who volunteered their time to help out with the catering at the Elmore Field Days, which was held over the school holidays. 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. On behalf of the school I thank you all for your dedication.

Secondly, a big thank you to David and Rachel Mill, who took on the role of roster coordinators on behalf of our school for this year's Field Days. This role requires a significant time commitment and we appreciate your efforts. David and Rachel to ensure our school's roster was filled.

Finally, a high five to Fiona, Hunter and family who looked after the chooks during the school holidays—this is an important job and we appreciate your help.



PROTECT
Child Safe Standards



What are the Child Safe Standards?

The *Betrayal of Trust* report released by the Victorian Government identified that more can be done in the community to reduce and remove the risk of child abuse. As such, Ministerial Order 870 outlines a set of requirements (Child Safe Standards) that Victorian schools need to meet.

The Child Safe Standards are a set of principles that require organisations working with children to implement strategies to prevent child abuse.

There are seven Child Safe Standards, plus a Principle of Inclusion.

Our Commitment to Child Safety

Goornong Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Goornong Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and children who are vulnerable.

Every person involved in Goornong Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Goornong Primary School has in place the following policies and documents which outline approaches to remove and/or reduce the risks of child abuse; and our commitment to providing a child-safe environment.

- ◆ Child Safety Policy.
- ◆ Child Safe Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Staff Selection, Supervision & Management Policy.
- ◆ Child Safe Reporting Obligations Policy.
- ◆ Risk Management Strategies for a Child Safe Environment.

A copy of all of these policies and further information regarding the Child Safe Standards is available on our school's website.



Grade Prep-Two Excursion to Kyabram Fauna Park

We are excited to announce that this year's Grade Prep-Two excursion is to the Kyabram Fauna Park on Friday 25th October.

On the day the students will participate in a range of activities learning about native Australian animals.

The group will be travelling by bus for this excursion, departing Goornong PS at 9.00am and returning at approximately 2.30pm. There is no cost for this excursion.

We would love to have some parents join us to help out on the day. As has been publicised throughout the year in the newsletter, our school requires parents attending excursions to hold a valid Working With Children Card. If you hold a valid WWCC card and would like to join us please see me by Friday 18th October.

On the day students will need:

- ◆ To wear correct school uniform and appropriate clothing for the day.
- ◆ Their wide brimmed school hat. We spend much of the time outdoors!.
- ◆ A backpack with refillable drink bottle, snacks, fruit and lunch.

Please note that we will not be making any purchases from the gift shop or Café on the day. We ask that parents do not send money with their child.

We also ask that students do not bring valuable items such as toys and video games as these can easily be misplaced or damaged.

Permission notes for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

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

Jane McAdam, Prep-Two Classroom Teacher



Garden Science Program

The students enjoyed tending to the school garden after the school holidays. We have a great crop of vegetables including broccoli, lettuce, silver beat, brown onions, carrots, rocket, giant mustard leaves, spinach, parsley and celery; as well wheat and canola growing at 'the farm'.

Classroom News

GRADE PREP-TWO

Welcome to Term 4. It was fantastic to see all the students return with excitement and ready to get back into the swing of things. A big thank you to the parents that help with readers in the mornings, this gives the opportunity for every student to be heard reading daily.

During Literacy we have been looking at different types of text, their features and purpose. Students have enjoyed categorising fiction and non-fiction text. Students have also been busy working on their individual reading goals and have been excited to share their successes.

In Writing we have been creating recounts of our holiday in the form of a postcard. It has been wonderful to hear all the interesting things students did during their time off.

In Maths we are revisiting addition. This week we have been learning about number bonds (friends of 10, 20 and 100). Students have used multiple resources to practice and grow these skills. Over the coming term some play at home style games will be sent home that the students have created and played in mathematics. Feel free to play these with your children not only are they super fun but it will help reinforce the skills being learnt at school.

In Art we have taken advantage of the sunny days and nearly completed out Cubby. This Cubby was designed and created by the students and they have been very excited to use it in the classroom.

Over the coming fortnight we will continue to explore text types and discuss similarities and differences of text. We will be starting some poetry in writing and continuing our work on addition in Math.



Students laying the roof tiles of the cubby.



GRADE THREE-SIX

In our Reading Block this week, the Grade Three-Sixes have been learning about the definition of a summary and how to go about summarising a text. The students have worked with their table buddy to summarise a variety of texts, by following the success criteria together.

In Independent Reading, the students have participated in a 'reading conference' with the teacher to discuss a suitable reading goal to focus on this term. It has been wonderful to hear the progress the students have been making with their reading.

In Writing, the students have begun to draft a letter to the teacher about their holidays. The students have learnt about the different parts that make up a letter and how to structure their letter correctly.

During Maths, the Grade Three-Fours continue to learn about multiplication and I have been excited to see the progress the students have made with their understanding of the different strategies they can use to efficiently solve multiplication problems. The entire class is looking forward to the results of the students' post-test!

This week the Grade Five-Sixes have completed some assessments in Maths. Firstly, the students completed an assessment on fractions and decimals to conclude the unit of work we completed in the last few weeks of Term Three. The results were very pleasing with many students making a significant amount of progress. The students also completed an assessment on multiplication and division in readiness for the unit of work that we are about to begin on this topic.



Our first Garden Science session for the term boasted such beautiful weather! The kids love getting in the garden and do a wonderful job maintaining it!

Use of the School Grounds Out of School Hours

Whilst the school encourages members of the local community (including current and former students) to use the playground, basketball court and oval out of school hours, we do ask that visitors please respect the school facilities and leave the grounds as they found them. We also ask that visitors please be aware of the following:

- ◆ All minors (including current and former students) visiting the school out of school hours must be supervised by their parent or guardian.
- ◆ Bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds at any time.
- ◆ Dogs and other animals, such as horses, are not permitted on school grounds.
- ◆ The school expects that those using the school facilities out of school hours will leave the grounds as they found them.

Bikes on School Grounds Out of School Hours

Unfortunately, it appears as though bicycles have been ridden on the veranda decking which surrounds the school building recently. As a result, bike tyres have marked the external walls in multiple locations.

The school wishes to remind members of the local community that bikes are not to be ridden anywhere on the school grounds out of school hours. This includes after school, on weekends and during the school holidays.

We thank our community for their support!

Congratulations to Teagan F (Grade 6) who finished in third place in the 100m dash at the Sandhurst, Campaspe, Goldfields Division Athletics Carnival held in Bendigo at the end of Term Three. Great work Teagan!



FOTS NEWS

Our school would like to acknowledge the support of Brian and Nid at the Drovers Arms Hotel in Goornong who give our school the opportunity to run the monthly Friday evening raffle. Thus far in 2019 this fundraiser has raised \$1226 to go towards the outdoor learning space at our school.

A big thank you also to those who have volunteered their time to sell the raffle tickets.



Lids4Kids

Leave us the plastic lids from your milk, water, juice and soft drink bottles and they'll be converted into prosthetic hands for kids.

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To this



For more information check out:



<https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>

Please ensure your lids are washed before placing in the tub. One unwashed lid can contaminate the whole tub and make the lids unusable.

Community News



PLAY CRICKET!

PLAY MORE SHOTS, FACE MORE BALLS AND TAKE MORE WICKETS!
GET BACK INTO THE ACTION OF JUNIOR CRICKET AND
TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club Juniors

Boys and Girls required for Under 11 and 12 Teams

For further information please contact

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JOIN A TEAM NEAR YOU TODAY

PLAY CRICKET

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PRESENTED BY



JUNIOR CRICKET

Play more shots, face more balls and take more wickets as you develop your skills through three levels of junior cricket.



JUNIOR CRICKET 1

AGES UNDER 11 | 2 HOURS

- Short, action-packed games played in under two hours.
- Smaller team sizes offer everyone more opportunities to bat, bowl and field.
- Play on a shorter pitch for more consistent ball delivery and skill development.
- A fun, welcoming and inclusive environment.

SIGN UP NOW TO ALL-GIRLS LEAGUES

PLAYERS	7
PITCH	16M
OVERS	20



JUNIOR CRICKET 2

AGES UNDER 13 | 2-3 HOURS

- Short, action-packed games played in under three hours.
- Improve your technical cricket skills with a longer pitch and wider boundaries.
- Develop your teamwork in a friendly competition.
- Smaller team sizes offer everyone more opportunities to bat, bowl and field.
- A fun, welcoming and inclusive environment.

SIGN UP NOW TO ALL-GIRLS LEAGUES

PLAYERS	9
PITCH	18M
OVERS	20/30



JUNIOR CRICKET 3

AGES UNDER 18 | 2.5-4 HOURS

- Short, action-packed games played in under four hours.
- Refine your technical skills with a full length pitch and wider boundaries.
- Develop your teamwork in a friendly competition.
- A fun, welcoming and inclusive environment.

SIGN UP NOW TO ALL-GIRLS LEAGUES

PLAYERS	11
PITCH	20.1M
OVERS	20/40



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