

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

- Mon 28th Oct. **Bike Ed (Grade Three-Sixes)**
 School Council Meeting
- 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**

Term Four

- 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**
- Mon 11th Nov. Remembrance Day excursion to Goornong Hall
- 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**
- Fri 22nd Nov. Cluster Summer Sports, Elmore (Gr. 3-6s)
- 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
 Grade Six Graduation Dinner, 6.15pm
- Wed 18th Dec. Christmas Concert
- Thurs 19th Dec. Whole-School Excursion to Bendigo
- Fri 20th Dec. Last of Term Four, 2.15pm dismissal
- Wed 29th Jan 20. First Day, Grade One—Six
- Thurs 30th Jan 20. Prep First Day

Term Dates

- Mon 7th Oct 19.—Fri 20th Dec 19. Term Four
- Wed 29th Jan 20.—Fri 27th Mar 20. Term One

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	Milla P	Mary K
P-2 Literacy	Lucy O	Olivia M
P-2 Maths	Audrey A	Elizabeth
3-6 Values	Mitchell W	Amelia H
3-6 Literacy	Kahlia R	Teagan F
3-6 Maths	Indianna A	Daniel J
Principal's	Savannah M	Kahlia R



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

GRADE FIVE-SIX CANBERRA CAMP

We are now just two weeks away from the Grade Five-Six Canberra Camp. The camp runs from Monday 11th—Friday 15th November.

We are now able to confirm that the final cost of the camp is \$507.80 per student. Unfortunately, this is higher than the estimated cost communicated to families and we apologise for this. As there are less students across our Cluster attending the camp than anticipated the price per student has increased. We ask that families please finalise payment for the camp by Wednesday 6th November.

Goornong PS acknowledge the support of the Australian Government who recognise the importance of young Australians being able to visit our national capital as part of their Civics & Citizenship education. To support families, the Australian Government has contributed \$30 per student towards the cost of the camp under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. This rebate is paid directly to the school and reduced the cost of the camp from \$537.80 to \$507.80.

I encourage parents to come and see me should payment for camp be a concern as it is our school's policy that no students should miss out on camps due to finances. Tymika and I are happy to talk with you about flexible options to ensure your child is able to attend.

Camp packs with the full details of the camp and forms to be returned to the school accompany today's newsletter.

LITTLE LEARNERS PROGRAM

Our Little Learners Program begins this coming Thursday 31st October and we are looking forward to welcoming our 2020 Preps into our school. The Little Learners will be participating in classroom activities once a week over the next six or so weeks preparing them for their first year of school next year.

CAMPASPE CLUSTER SUMMER SPORTS—GRADES 3-6

On Friday 22nd November our Grade Three-Six students will travel to the Elmore Recreation Reserve to participate in the annual Campaspe Cluster Summer Sports Carnival. Our students will join with students from the other Cluster schools to participate in Round Robin activities for their chosen sport – either cricket, tennis, lawn bowls or tee-ball.

A permission form and further details for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

BIKE EDUCATION

Our Grade Three-Six Bike Education Program culminates next week with the annual Bike Ride to English's Bridge to be held on Tuesday. We wish all participants the best of luck for a safe and successful ride!

SWIMMING PROGRAM

As was outlined in the previous newsletter, this year's Swimming Program will be held at the indoor aquatic centre in Eaglehawk. Our lessons run from 1.30pm—2.10pm on each day in the week beginning Monday 4th November. We will be travelling by bus, departing the school at approximately 12.45pm and arriving back at about 3.15pm.

The Program at the Eaglehawk Aquatic Centre focuses on three core components—stroke development, water safety and personal development. During the five sessions of our Program the students will be taught by AustSwim qualified swim instructors, working on the three core components above in ability-based groups.

Accompanying today's newsletter is a permission form and further details for the Swimming Program excursions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION

This year's Grade Six Graduation Dinner will be held at the Drovers Arms Hotel in Goornong on the evening of Tuesday 10th December. Further details to come closer to the date. Our Grade Six families may wish to add this date to their calendars.

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Principal's Report Continued

REMEMBRANCE DAY EXCURSION

On Monday 11th November all students will be walking to the Goornong Soldiers Memorial Hall to attend the Goornong Community Remembrance Day Commemoration Service run by the Elmore Sub-Branch of the RSL. The students will be performing the song, *Spirit of the ANZACS*, which they have been rehearsing with Ms Hayes in Music.

Accompanying today's newsletter is further details and a permission form for this excursion.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council meeting scheduled for Monday 21st October had to be postponed and will now be held this coming Monday 28th October.

Quote of the week

"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore"

- Andre Gide

Jason Cox

Principal

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.

From this



To this



For more information check out:

 @Lids4KidsAU
@EnvisionESI

<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.

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.

Classroom News

GRADE PREP-TWO

We have had a busy start to the term and the students have really settled into routine nicely. This fortnight we have had lots of excitement on the lead up to our excursion to Kyabram Fauna Park.

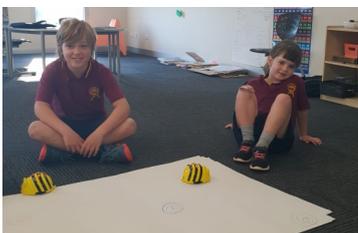
During Literacy, students have been comparing and contrasting texts, characters and settings, and discussing the similarities and differences. We have revisited our reading strategies and created some individual reading goals, which students have been working hard on during independent reading.

In Writing, we have continued our work on recounts looking at the cycle of writing, planning, drafting, editing and publishing. Preps have done a fantastic job independently sounding out words in their writing with their confidence building.

In Maths, we have been looking at direction and location where students have used directional language (forwards, left, quarter turn) to guide things around an obstacle course or to a specific location. We have also continued working on addition using different strategies to add numbers such as, number lines, number charts, counting on and known number facts.

In ICT, students have written a Christmas wish list and used their computer skills to independently type, format and add pictures to their list.

Over the coming fortnight we will be continuing our work on addition in Math, and start investigating capacity and volume. In Writing, we will be starting an information report on an Australian animal that students want to learn more about, from their excursion to Kyabram Fauna Park.



Ted, Olivia, Max and Harry using the Bee Bot robots in Math.

GRADE THREE-SIX

In our Reading Block this week, the Grade Three-Sixes have continued to focus on summarising. The students have learnt some skills and strategies to use when summarising a longer text, such as breaking the text into paragraphs. The students have worked with their table buddy and independently, to summarise texts about real people who have achieved amazing accomplishments in their lives.

The students have also evaluated their Term Three goals, and have now set their goals for Term Four. These are displayed in the classroom.

In Writing, the students have begun to draft a narrative. As a class we discussed what makes a good story, what kinds of stories we like to read and why. We also talked about what stories we don't like and why. This discussion has helped the students to think about what features they should include in their stories to ensure they are entertaining, interesting and captivate the readers attention.

During Maths, the Grade Three-Fours are focusing on 'Division'. Over the next couple of weeks, the students will work on various division strategies and concepts.

The Grade Five-Sixes have been learning about multiplication and division strategies. The students have investigated the relationship between multiplication and division and have created fact families, such as $4 \times 6 = 24$, $6 \times 4 = 24$, $24 \div 6 = 4$ and $24 \div 4 = 6$.

The class is looking forward to this coming Tuesday and the Bike Ed Bike Ride!

Every Friday we enjoy our news group sessions.



These sessions give the students the opportunity to practise their speaking and listening skills in a pair situation or a small group. With the weather being so lovely, we have enjoyed having our news groups outside in the sunshine and fresh air!

Give it a GO...

INVITATION TO SCHOOLS



In2Adventure in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo and Empowering Eaglehawk are extremely proud to announce the launch of the Bendigo Kids Triathlon set to be hosted in Eaglehawk on the 1st of December 2019.

This 'kids only' triathlon experience is a non-competitive, fun day out, aimed at encouraging our young champions of tomorrow to be active, have fun, and enjoy it all in the company of their best mates.

It will be a tremendous community event and is anticipated to attract over **1200 visitors**.

The Bendigo Kids Triathlon is all about community and as such is keen to offer local schools the opportunity to be a part of this inspiring event. Details are outlined below.

FAST FACTS

DATE

Sun 1 Dec 2019

LOCATION

Canterbury Park
Gardens, Napier St,
Eaglehawk, 3556

AGES & COURSES

7-9yrs | 25m Pool Swim
- 2k Bike - 500m Run

10-12yrs | 50m Pool
Swim - 4k Bike - 1k Run

13-15yrs | 75m Pool
Swim - 6k Bike - 1k Run

MORE INFO

bendigokidstriathlon.com.au

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- ☀ A 10% entry discount for all students.
- ☀ 2 FREE entries for each school to giveaway.
- ☀ The opportunity to be eligible to win the perpetual 'Bendigo Kids School Trophy' awarded to the school with the most participants taking part and getting active.

SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTION

The event is seeking support from local schools to promote the event to students and parents and encourage as many young people as possible to be involved. This could include:

- > Promotional posters displayed at the school,
- > Website promotion,
- > School newsletters, or
- > Any other opportunities available.

HOW CAN OUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATE?

Simply contact our schools liaison on the details below and we will register your school and send through an electronic schools promotional pack.

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