

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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



Dates to Remember

2020 School Year

Tues 28th Jan	Collect Supplies & Pay Part A of Fees 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm
Wed 29th Jan	First Day (Grade One—Six Students)
Thurs 30th Jan	Prep Students First Day

**A reminder that Prep students have a rest day and do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.*

2020 Term Dates

Term One	Wed 29th Jan — Fri 27th Mar
Term Two	Tues 14th Apr—Fri 26th June
Term Three	Mon 13th July—Fri 18th Sept
Term Four	Fri 5th Oct—Fri 18th Dec

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	There were no awards presented this week!	Brock K & Oliva M
P-2 Literacy		Mary K
P-2 Maths		Marli O
3-6 Values		Kahlia R
3-6 Literacy		Tom E
3-6 Maths		Ellsie T
Principal's		Tom E

FOTS News

End-of-Year Raffle

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's raffle. The raffle was drawn at the Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening and the winners were:

♦ 1st Prize—Alisha Robinson

(Two concrete garden pots, \$200 e-cruise & travel voucher, \$10 Eaglehawk Bakery voucher, \$19.95 McDonalds voucher and a felt succulent terrarium).

♦ 2nd Prize—Barrie Windzar

(Stationary pack including Google Home Mini valued at \$200, 1 x Refresh Day Spa Voucher, a set of 3 wall prints, \$19.95 McDonalds Voucher and a \$10 Eaglehawk Bakery voucher).

♦ 3rd Prize—Bree Tuohey

(2 free tickets to visit Bendigo Joss House, Central Deborah Gold Mine and the Talking Tram Museum, 30 minute photo session from Images by Nicole, \$50 Coles Voucher, \$19.95 McDonalds voucher & a Makita tool bag).

♦ 4th Prize—Tymika Weppner

(Family hamper including trivial pursuit DVD game, ginger bread storage container & 6 condiment set, \$19.95 McDonalds voucher, 2x neck coolers & handmade cleaning cloth and Premium bag of dog & cat food)).

♦ 5th Prize—John Bickley

(\$50 All Seasons voucher, \$19.95 McDonalds voucher, bottle of wine & 2 boxes of Pure Butter short-bread).

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in the FOTS fundraising activities in 2019. We are very proud to have been able to raise over \$10,000 for the school this year—a fabulous achievement!

Principal's Report

Today was the final day of school for 2019. From a personal perspective, it has been a pleasure to come to school each day and support our teachers, students and community to achieve many successes. There are a number of people who make up 'Team Goornong' and contribute to making our school a vibrant and positive environment for teaching and learning.

Firstly, I congratulate all students on their successes throughout the year and thank them for making our school an energetic place to learn and work.

I thank our entire staff team for their care, enthusiasm and commitment towards the education of the students. We are very lucky to have such a strong team of classroom teachers, specialist teachers and support staff who come to work each and every day with a positive attitude and always with our core purpose in mind—the academic, social and emotional development of the students. Thank you all and enjoy a well-earned break!

Thank you to Mr D for his continued involvement and support of our school—you are always willing to help out when needed and this is really appreciated by the students and staff.

Thank you to our cleaner Fiona and groundskeeper Les, who together ensure that our buildings and grounds are kept clean and tidy for each and every school day.

Thank you to our bus driver, Mr Carty, who each day takes on the enormous responsibility of ensuring that the students arrive safely at school and home—thanks for your work Mr Carty!

Thank you to all parents who have helped out at the school throughout the year with things such as morning reading, head lice inspections, excursions and fundraising activities. Your support has been greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

To all School Councilors, I thank you for your leadership, vision and support of our school; and for always making decisions based on the best interests of the students.

To the members of our *Friends of the School* group, I thank you for your passion, commitment and willingness to 'have a go'. This year our school has raised \$10,000 through activities such as the Elmore Field Days, raffles and the pie drive.

Good luck to our departing Year Six students – Bree, Teagan, Tess, Claire, Natalie, Bethany and Amelia. On

behalf of the entire school community I wish you all the best at secondary school!

Farewell to the Donnelly, McCrohan and Filbey families who have their youngest child graduating. We thank you for your significant support of our school and wish you all the best for the future! Farewell also to the Tuohey family and thank you for the contribution you have made to our school community.

I wish all students, parents, staff and members of our school community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. See you in 2020!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Well done to Ms Hayes on organising an entertaining Christmas Concert for our school. Despite the heat, it was a pleasure to see our students performing with such pride and enthusiasm on the night!

We had people volunteering in a range of areas to support us in running this year's Concert. Thanks to those who helped with setting up, packing up and selling raffle tickets, etc. These jobs often go unnoticed but are critical to the successful running of the concert—thanks to all who helped in some way!

2019 AWARD WINNERS

As is tradition, our awards for 2019 were presented at the Concert on Wednesday evening.

- School Council Award for Academic Excellence—Bree T.
- Marjorie Shaw Citizenship Award—Teagan F.
- John Bickley Encouragement Award—Natalie R.
- Nance Brown Award for Academic Achievement (Year Five)—Bailey A.
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (Year Five - STEM) Award—Charlie C.

Thanks to our award sponsors and presenters for their continued support!

FAREWELL YULING

I am saddened to announce that our expert Chinese LOTE teacher, Yuling, finished up at Goornong PS this week. Yuling has developed a wonderful rapport with the students and I know they all enjoyed her lessons. I wish Yuling all the best with her future teaching endeavours and thank her for her time teaching at Goornong PS.

I will announce our new Chinese teacher's name once an appointment has been made.

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Principal's Report Continued

STUDENT REPORTS AND LEARNING JOURNALS

Student Reports and Learning Journals were sent home with the students yesterday.

ORIENTATION DAY

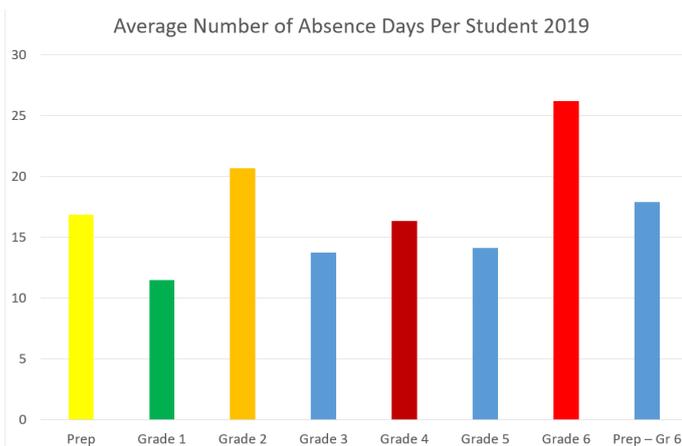
Last Tuesday's Orientation Day was very successful with all students 'stepping up' to their 2020 Grade level. It was a pleasure to see students from both the Prep-Two and Three-Six Learning Spaces engaging with new peers. Orientation Day was the last of the Little Learner's sessions for our 2020 Preps. These sessions have helped the students get used to the structures and routines of the classroom in readiness for beginning Prep next year. Thanks to Miss Mac for her efforts coordinating the Prep Transition Program.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, our attendance rate in 2019 was not as positive as last year. This year our school has achieved an average of 17.87 absent days per student, whereas in 2018 we averaged 12.58 days absent per student.

Well done to the Grade Ones who achieved the best average number of absence days per student of 11.5.

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate for attending every day of Term Four—Jesse C, Harry M, Charlie A, Brock K, Indianna A, Daniel J, Charlie C and Tess D. A special mention also to Daniel J who has not missed a day of school for the entire year!



2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of school in 2020 for Grade One-Six students is Wednesday 29th January. The Preps first day is Thursday 30th January. As has been the case in previous years, we ask that parents collect their child's supplies and pay the Educational Supplies portion of the fees on Tuesday 28th January.

2020 CLASSROOM STRUCTURE

Planning for the 2020 school year with regards to classrooms and teachers is now finalised. The classroom structure for 2020 will be the same as in 2019.

Miss Mac will continue to be the Grade Prep-Two teacher and Art teacher.

Mrs Patton will continue to teach in the Grade Three-Six learning space. She will be supported by Mr Tooley on Mondays and Tuesdays. The class will continue to be separated into groups for much of the week, including for most Literacy and Maths lessons; and the specialist subjects, including MARC Library, Garden Science, STEM, Music and Chinese.

Team Goornong PS 2020

- ◆ Jason Cox—Principal and Teacher.
- ◆ Jane McAdam—Grade P-2 Teacher & Art Teacher.
- ◆ Sheridan Patton—Grade 3-6 Teacher.
- ◆ Steve Tooley—part-time specialist teacher.
- ◆ Karren Jackman—Education Support.
- ◆ Tearnna Filbey—Education Support.
- ◆ Kylie Bernstein—Education Support.
- ◆ Tymika Weppner—Business Manager.
- ◆ Felicity Johnson—Garden Science Program.
- ◆ Sue Gentry—MARC Library Teacher.
- ◆ To be confirmed—LOTE (Chinese) Teacher.
- ◆ Jeanette Hayes—Music Teacher.
- ◆ Fiona Ryan—Cleaner.
- ◆ Les Varker—Groundskeeper.
- ◆ Jason Carty—Bus Driver.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

- Dr Seuss.

Jason Cox

Principal

CFA FIRE POSTERS

Thank you to the Goornong CFA for their continued support of the Fire Posters. 2019 was the 51st year that the students of Goornong Primary School have been creating a poster to promote fire safety in partnership with the CFA. Well done to all students for their efforts creating a poster that shared a fire-safety message. At a special assembly last week Felicity Johnson & Jason Carty from the Goornong CFA attended our assembly to present award winners.



- Grade P-2—Harry M
- Grade 3-4—Indianna A
- Grade 5-6—Natalie R

Grade Six Graduates

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 who this year graduate from Goornong Primary School. We wish the girls all the best as they head off to secondary school next year. A big thank you to all parents, family members and guests who attended the Graduation Dinner last week!



HIGH FIVES

A high five to Ben M who sprayed the school oval for us recently to get rid of some of the weeds that have started to appear with the increased watering—your help is much appreciated Ben!



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.

Community News



GOORNONG COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

2019/2020 Season
7th December – 8th March

OPENING TIMES

Weekdays during school term: 4pm till 7pm
Weekends & school holidays: 2pm till 7pm

CLOSED

Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day
When predicted temperature is expected to be below 23 degrees

SEASON MEMBERSHIP

Note: Memberships allow entrance to Goornong Pool only

Family:	\$100
Adult:	\$50
Child: (under 16 years)	\$40
Concession:	\$40

DAILY ADMISSION

Family:	\$10
Adult:	\$5
Child: (under 16 years)	\$4
Concession:	\$4
Under 3:	FREE
Observer:	FREE

DAMAGE TO THE GOORNONG CRICKET CLUB CRICKET PITCH

The Goornong Cricket Club has informed the school that there has been damage to their cricket pitch at the Recreation Reserve recently. The damage has been caused by push bikes riding on the pitch after it has been watered, creating divots and wheel marks.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time that members of the community have raised concerns regarding bike riders.

I encourage the parents of children who ride bikes to please talk to their child about riding their bike in a manner that respects others' property.

Use of the School Grounds Out of School Hours

Over the school holiday period our local community plays an important role in helping to ensure that the school facilities are looked after and remain in good order for when we return to school.

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.

We thank our community for their support!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Our prizes have finally arrived! Thank you to everyone who collected stickers earlier this year.

