

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Please note that the school newsletter is uploaded to the school's website. Copies of past newsletters are also available!

Dates to Remember

Term Two

Today Year 7 Placement Forms Due
 Mon 8th June Public Holiday
 Tues 9th June Grade 3-6 Students Return
 Fri 12th June MARC Library
 Mon 15th June School Council Meeting
 (via videoconference)
 Fri 26th June MARC Library
 Last day of Term Two

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

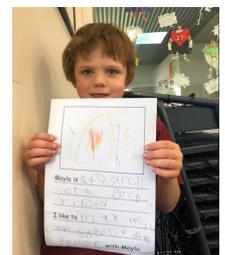
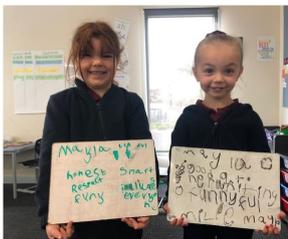
Weekly Awards

Given that parents are unable to attend assemblies, we will continue to video each weeks assembly for the remainder of Term 2.

<https://youtu.be/9w4YzbDnH9c>

<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Literacy	Hunter	Olivia
P-2 Maths	Emilie	Lizzy
P-2 Values	Brock	None.
3-6 Literacy	Bailey A	Mitchell W
3-6 Maths	Mitchell W	Amelia H & Charlie A
Principals	Marli O	None.

Welcome back to school Grade P-2s!



Principal's Report

GRADE PREP-TWOS RETURN TO SCHOOL

This week we welcomed the Grade Prep-Twos back to face-to-face learning at the school. It was a pleasure to see all of the boys' and girls' smiling faces as they arrived at school on Tuesday morning. Miss Mac and Terna have worked hard to deliver an engaging and structured program in the classroom to get the students back into the routine of learning at school. I thank them both for their efforts in ensuring that each student has had a successful week. The helium balloons on the first morning were certainly a big hit!

THANK YOU PARENTS

I wish to thank our Grade Prep-Two parents for their understanding and patience at this time. Unfortunately, we are unable to have non-essential visitors inside the school buildings which is a shame as it means we are not able to have parents helping with morning reading, or attending assemblies.

GRADE 3-6 REMOTE LEARNING

Our Grade 3-6 students have continued with their remote learning this week and have one more week before they return to school. I again wish to thank the parents for their work supporting their children with home learning.

It was been terrific to see most students logging in to Raz Plus and My Numeracy on a daily basis to complete their set tasks. The teachers have regularly been checking to see which students are completing these and how they are progressing. Keep up the good work boys and girls!

A reminder that with one week of home learning to go for our Grade 3-6s that the clear directive from the Victorian Government is that students who can learn from home must continue to learn from home. Grade 3-6 children are only able to attend school on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements for supervision can be made. Again, parents must contact the school directly if they believe they meet the criteria for sending their child to school. No Grade 3-6 students should be arriving at school without their parents having first made contact with the school.

GRADE PREP-TWO ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all Grade Prep-Two students and families for their excellent attendance on their return to school this week. The class achieved 100% attendance for the week—keep up the good work!

MY NUMERACY GLITCH—HOME LEARNING

Yesterday we became aware of a technical issue within the Essential Assessments (My Numeracy) website where some students may have been set the same task on more than one occasion. We apologise to those students who may have had to complete the same set of questions on more than one occasion. We believe we have now rectified the problem. Apologies once again!

YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

A reminder for our Grade Six families that the *Application for Year 7 Placement Form* was due back to Goornong PS today. Thank you to those who have already returned this. If you haven't already done so, I ask that you please return these ASAP. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you require any support with this.

GRADE 3-6 CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENTS

I wish to inform parents of the arrangements for the Grade 3-6 classroom when they resume face-to-face teaching on Tuesday 9th June. Unfortunately, Mrs Patton will be taking leave from 9th June until the end of Term 2. As such, Kellie Sexton will be replacing Mrs Patton for the final three weeks of Term 2, working on a part-time basis. Mrs Sexton has worked at Goornong PS as a relief teacher for a number of years. She knows most of the students and is also familiar with the operations of our school and the routines of both classrooms.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next school council meeting will be held remotely via Webex and is scheduled for Monday 15th June.

Principal's Report Continued

SCHOOL OPERATIONS—COVID-19

As was communicated to families last week, with the students returning to face-to-face learning, there are some changes to normal school operations in light of the continuing Covid-19 situation. These are based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer and are outlined below for parents.

- ◆ Students and staff must stay at home if unwell. Where a student becomes unwell during the school day, they will be isolated from the other students and parents contacted to come and collect their unwell child. The symptoms of the coronavirus include cold and flu-like symptoms such as fever, breathing difficulties, cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue or tiredness.
- ◆ We will continue to encourage good hygiene practices (coughing or sneezing into elbow and washing hands regularly, on arrival at school, after using the toilet and before eating).
- ◆ Hand sanitiser will be available around the school and in classrooms and students will be encouraged to use it regularly.
- ◆ The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has advised that a 'venue density rule' of no more than one person per four square metres is not appropriate or practical in classrooms or the school environment, nor maintaining 1.5 metres between students during classroom activities.
- ◆ All students in the year levels returning to on-site schooling are expected to attend school. Schools are not expected to provide home learning activities where parents elect to keep their child at home, except where this is based on medical advice.
- ◆ Social distancing is encouraged amongst adults. Staff and parents should adhere to the 1.5m requirement where possible.
- ◆ Visitors inside the school building will be limited to students, staff and necessary contractors only (this means that unfortunately parents will not be able to enter the school buildings unless it is absolutely essential). Parents should phone the school prior to entering the building.
- ◆ Parents are still able to contact their child's teacher should they need to. However, teachers will not be

able to meet with parents on-site unless it is absolutely essential. As such, these communications will need to take place via phone or Webex.

- ◆ Parents are asked not to congregate at drop-off and pick-up times and to practice social distancing.
- ◆ To separate students during drop-off and pick-up, the following arrangements are in place:
 - The Grade P-2s are asked to enter/exit the school building via the external door that accesses directly to their classroom.
 - The Grade 3-6s are asked to use the entrance near the reception desk when entering/exiting.
- ◆ The school playground equipment will be cleaned each afternoon and as such will be able to be used.
- ◆ The bubble taps will be unavailable. Students will need to bring their own drink bottle to school each day.
- ◆ There will be no excursions, camps or assemblies for the remainder of Term 2. Term 3 is TBC.
- ◆ Extra cleaning arrangements for the school have been arranged. The school will be thoroughly cleaned during the school day and again in the evening with a focus on disinfecting high touch areas.
- ◆ Staggered start and finish times will not be necessary at Goornong PS due to the small size of our school. Our school day will start at 9am and finish at 3.15pm for all students.
- ◆ For bus travellers, the school bus will continue to run as normal, with bus stop times the same as they were in Term 1. As per the Chief Health Officer's advice, there is no requirement for social distancing amongst students when travelling on the school bus.
- ◆ As has been the case right throughout this situation, our school will continue to follow advice from the Department of Education and Training in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services and other health authorities.
- ◆ We are monitoring regular updates from the Department of Education and Training and will respond quickly and appropriately if the need arises. The safety of our school community is paramount.

We thank parents, students and staff for their understanding.

Principal's Report Continued

SCHOOL UNIFORM

With our Grade Prep-Twos and a small number of Grade 3-6s back at school this week, I wish to congratulate our students and families for their efforts to ensure that students are attending school in proper uniform. The official school uniform is outlined below:

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-sleeved maroon polo-shirt with logo.Long-sleeved maroon polo-shirt with logo.Navy polar-fleece windcheater with logo.Navy polar-fleece vest with logo.Navy rugby windcheater with logo.Plain navy long pants.Plain navy shorts.Navy wide-brimmed <u>Sunsmart</u> hat.Navy beanie with logo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-sleeved maroon polo-shirt with logo.Long-sleeved maroon polo-shirt with logo.Navy polar-fleece windcheater with logo.Navy polar-fleece vest with logo.Navy rugby windcheater with logo.Plain navy long pants.Plain navy shorts.Girls navy pinafore.Girls navy and white check dress.Navy wide-brimmed <u>Sunsmart</u> hat.Navy beanie with logo.

A reminder of the following key points in our uniform policy:

- ◆ Jumpers/jackets need to be plain navy blue in colour and should include the school logo.
- ◆ The wearing of visible under-garments such as colourful long-sleeve shirts under a short-sleeve shirt or leggings/tights under shorts, skirts or dresses is not permitted, with the exception of those in the colours navy blue or maroon.
- ◆ Plain tracksuit pants in the colour navy are acceptable. Pants in a style other than tracksuit pants or a colour other than navy should not be worn.
- ◆ Shoulder length hair or longer needs to be tied back into a ponytail.

With the onset of some cooler weather we ask that parents please ensure that their child's jumpers are clearly labelled. The students often begin the day with their jumper on and take them off when they get hot running around at playtime, increasing the possibility of the item being lost or misplaced. Clearly labelled clothing items can easily be returned to their owner!

Jason Cox
Principal

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders will recommence on Friday 12th of June!

If you need another copy of the lunch order menu there are some available from the office along with the lunch order bags.

There will be no lunch orders next Friday 5th June.

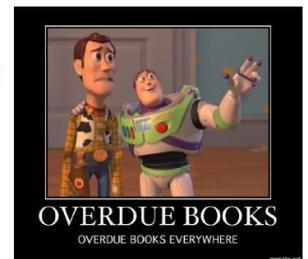
MARC RETURNS!!

MARC classes will start again from Tuesday 26th May for the junior students returning to school (on regular MARC days).

Classes will hopefully be back to normal from June 9th when all students have returned.

We won't be borrowing any books until Term 3, however I do need any MARC books you might have at home so I can get them through the system ready for borrowing after the holidays.

Can't wait to see you all, Mrs G.



MARC NEWSLETTER



Thank you to all the students who have been sending photos of the work done at home. You are all doing an amazing job! I am looking forward to seeing some of your Chicken Diva work in the coming weeks. Keep reading, and keep being creative, Mrs G



The Athlete Development Program (ADP) is dedicated to providing student-athletes with a specialised training and development environment while placing equal emphasis on supporting their academic and personal efforts required to reach their goals.

- Select entry program
- Offers highly skilled staff and coaches
- Shapes and supports students sporting pathways and passions
- Provides tailored specialist coaching
- Encourages students to find their best, through sport and in the classroom
- Prioritises high behavioural expectations and effort from students

The program is accessible to all students enrolled at Bendigo South East College, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Crusoe College, Eaglehawk Secondary College, Bendigo South East College and Weeroona College Bendigo.

AFL	Athletics (Track & Field)	Basketball	Cricket	Netball	Cycling	Football (Soccer)
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Selection and Criteria

Students must satisfy minimum criteria in sport, attitude to learning, behaviour and effort to be eligible for selection.

To be considered for entry, applicants must:

- Be enrolled at Bendigo South East College, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Crusoe College, Eaglehawk Secondary College or Weeroona College Bendigo for 2021
- Submit a complete ADP application by 31st July
- Attend selection trial(s), as required

Selection is based on student's:

- Previous school-year report
- Character reference (e.g. past coach or P.E. teacher)
- Physical testing
- Sport squad testing

Key Dates

Applications Open	9 th June
Applications Close	31 st July
Email Notification	3 rd - 7 th August
Physical Testing	19 th August
Squad Testing	31 st August – 11 th September
Outcome Notification	18 th September

For more information go to:

bse.vic.edu.au/athlete-development-program/