

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

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

Next Week

Mon 15th Feb School Council Meeting
 Fri 19th Feb School Council Nominations Close

Term 1

Tues 23rd Feb Gr. 6 Student Leader Speeches, 9am
 Wed 24th Feb First Breakfast Club, 8.15am—8.30am
 Fri 26th Feb MARC Library
 Wed 3rd Mar Preps first Wednesday at school.
 Fri 5th Mar Campaspe Cluster Swimming Carnival
 Grades 3-6 @ Rochester
 Mon 8th Mar Public Holiday
 Fri 12th Mar MARC Library
 Mon 15th Mar School Council AGM & Meeting
 Fri 26th Mar MARC Library
 Thurs 1st April Last day of Term 1, 2.15 dismissal
 Fri 2nd April Good Friday

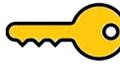
2021 Term Dates

Term One Thurs 28th Jan—Thurs 1st April
 Term Two Mon 19th April—Fri 25th June
 Term Three Mon 12th July—Fri 17th Sept
 Term Four Mon 4th Oct—Fri 17th Dec



The students were very excited about having Mrs G and the Marc Van back!

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Mary K	Mary K
P-2 Maths 	Amy O	Mason D
P-2 Values 	Max M	Emilie J
3-6 Literacy 	Savannah M	Harry M
3-6 Maths 	Jaxson R	Ted C
3-6 Values 	Audrey A	Indi A
Principal Award 	Lucy O	Jesse C

Breakfast Club

We are excited to announce that our school will be running a Breakfast Club this year. The Breakfast Club will run each Wednesday morning in the staff room and provide a free breakfast of cereal, fruit and a glass of milk.

We are asking those students who wish to attend to arrive at school between 8.15am—8.30am. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide breakfast to those students who arrive after 8.30am.

We look forward to seeing lots of students for our first Breakfast Club on Wednesday 24th February.

Karren Jackman
 Breakfast Club Coordinator



Principal's Report

2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS OPEN!

School Council Elections take place in Term One every year. This year, we have a number of vacancies for Parent Representative positions. As such, we seek nominations from parents to fill these vacancies.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please see Jason at the school for a nomination form. Nominations close at 4pm next Friday 19th February.

Nomination and Election Time Frame

Friday February 12th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 19th	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed...	
Friday February 26th	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 5th	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 9th	Counting of votes and declare election results.
Monday 15th March	School Council AGM & first meeting of new school council.

We encourage parents to consider nominating for School Council. It is a great way to make a contribution to the development and direction of our school. We meet in the evening on the third Monday of each month at the school. Current School Councillors include Rachel Mill, Ben Matthews and Sarah Ormesher.

If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please feel free to contact Jason or one of our current School Councillors.

The first meeting of our current school council will be held this coming Monday 15th February at 7.00pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm.

GRADE THREE-SIX SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Campaspe Cluster Grade Three-Six Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 5th March at the Rochester Swimming Pool. This day will see our Grade Three-Six students compete in various events against students from the other Cluster Schools.

The purpose of the day is fun and participation and the events are designed to cater for the various levels of swimming ability amongst the students. Students are not asked to compete in events that are beyond their swimming ability or confidence level. Events range from walking races across the shallow end of the pool to freestyle races the length of the pool, with students participating in the events that are at their swimming level.

The event will run according to the Covid-Safe protocols of School Sport Victoria. This includes adults maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask when indoors, parents and spectators keeping off the concrete path immediately beside the pool, and all attendees signing in on arrival at the venue.

Swimming carnival day is always a great day and parents are encouraged to come along and support (feel free to bring a deck chair or picnic rug to sit on). The first events are at 10am with the day usually finished by 2.00pm.

Permission forms and further details for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Each year our Grade Six students are able to nominate for the position of School Captain. At Goornong PS we have a boy School Captain and a girl School Captain who are elected through a vote by their peers. Those candidates not elected School Captain become members of our Student Leadership Group.

This year's candidates will be presenting their speeches at a special assembly at 9.00am on Tuesday 23rd February. Parents are invited to attend!

SCHOOL FEES

A big thank you to those families who have already paid the full \$185 of school fees for 2021; and to the many families who have made an initial contribution towards the full amount. We ask that the full \$185 be finalised by the end of Term 1. Family statements are attached to today's newsletter. A copy of the Parent Payment Policy is available on the school website. We appreciate the support of our families with regards to school fees.

START OF SCHOOL-YEAR FORMS

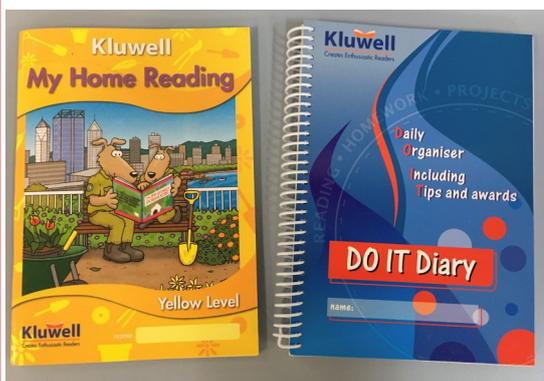
A big thank you to those families who have filled in and returned the start of year forms that were sent home last week. This included forms for such things as photo and video permission, ICT acceptable use, food preparation and bus travel. We understand that there was lots of documents for families to sift through. However, these are a requirement of the Department of Education at the beginning of each school year and we ask those families who have not already done so to please fill in and return the forms ASAP. Thank you.

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READING AT HOME EXPECTATIONS



It has been terrific to see many students reading at home on a regular basis. Research shows that children who are regular readers achieve higher Literacy outcomes than those who are not. To support your child's reading development, we ask that all students (including those in Grade 5-6) read aloud to an adult at home at least 4-5 times per week.



Each student has been given a Home Reading Diary and we ask that parents please fill this in and sign it each time their child reads at home. The diary should be filled in with the title of the text, the page numbers that were read and the signature of the parent or adult who listened to the child read.

This year we will be recognising those students who regularly read at home through awards presented at our Friday afternoon assembly.

Below are some tips for home reading with your child:

- ◆ Establish a routine for home reading—perhaps for 10-15 minutes before bedtime each night.
- ◆ Share the reading with your child. It helps a child's reading to hear a fluent adult read aloud. Perhaps take it in turns to read a page.
- ◆ Understanding what you've read is the goal of reading. Support your child to understand by;
 - * Looking at the cover and asking what they think the book is about.
 - * Discussing what is happening in the story.
 - * Asking questions about the story, such as "Why did the character act in that way?" or "What do you think will happen next?"
- ◆ Give children time to sound out a difficult word before giving them assistance.

For younger students who are just beginning to read:

- ◆ Get them to point to each word as they/you read it.
- ◆ Say the beginning sound to help prompt letter recognition.
- ◆ Talk about what is happening in the picture, use the pictures to figure out those tricky words.
- ◆ Children are very good at orally memorising stories or rhymes, so to encourage and build word knowledge randomly point to sight words on each page such as /l/ a/ in/ is/ to get students used to recognising words.

Most of all, have fun! Enjoy sharing books with your child and feel proud that you may just be creating a love of text for your child that will last their lifetime!

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Grade 3/4/5/6 families, please complete this form and return to the school.

Excursion Information and Consent

Excursion:

Grades 3 to 6 Campaspe Cluster Swimming Carnival

Excursion Date:

Friday, 5th March, 2021

Venue: Rochester Swimming Pool

Departure details: Bus departing school at 9.10am

Return details: Bus returns to school by 3.15pm

Cost: None

What to Bring: A backpack with swimmers, rashy or t-shirt (which covers shoulders and tummy), towel, dry underwear to change into, drink bottle, snacks and lunch. Please note students are required to wear school uniform to and from the pool (no thongs please) and must have a SunSmart wide-brimmed hat to wear when not swimming. It is our school's SunSmart policy that students, who do not have a rashy or t-shirt, are not able to swim.

On the Day: Our students will join with students from the other Campaspe Cluster schools for a swimming carnival. Students will participate in swimming races and activities related to their swimming ability.

Consent for emergency transportation: 'In the event of an emergency I consent to my child being transported in a privately owned vehicle driven by a member of the supervisory staff.'

Please complete and return below consent by Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

X

Parent consent:

I have read all of the above information provided by the school in relation to the **Grades 3 to 6 Campaspe Cluster Swimming Carnival** on Friday, 5th March 2021.

I give permission for my child/children: _____ to attend.

Parent/guardian name: _____

Signature: _____

date: _____

In case of emergency on the day I can be contacted on:

_____ OR: _____

Learning, Laughing & Playing at School!

