

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

### Next Week

Mon 15th Mar Parent-Teacher Interviews (Gr 3-6)  
School Council AGM & Meeting

Tues 16th Mar: Parent-Teacher Interviews (Gr P-6)

### Term 1

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

### Fortnightly Video Wrap

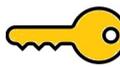
Beginning this week, the school will be producing a fortnightly video showcasing the highlights and happenings at school. This Fortnightly Video Wrap will be distributed to families via the UEducateUs App and a unique link. This week's video is available at the following link:



<https://youtu.be/sR1N6O6Djds>

## Weekly Awards

Awards are presented at assembly, which begins at 3pm each Friday afternoon. Parents are most welcome to come along!

<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	
<b>P-2 Literacy</b> 	William W	There were no awards presented last Friday as there was no assembly due to the Grade 3-6s being at the Swimming Sports.	
<b>P-2 Maths</b> 	Hunter R		
<b>P-2 Values</b> 	Mary K & Amy O		
<b>3-6 Literacy</b> 	Max A		
<b>3-6 Maths</b> 	Kahlia R & Lucy O		
<b>3-6 Values</b> 	Audrey A & Marli O		
<b>Principal Award</b> 	Mack S		
<b>P-2 Home Reading</b> 	Olivia M & Emilie J		Mary K
<b>3-6 Home Reading</b> 	Mayla P, Lucy O, Harry M		Daniel J

## FOTS NEWS

A big thank you to those parents who were able to attend the FOTS meeting last week; and to those who have since signed up to be part of the group. "Friends of the School" (FOTS) is a fun, inclusive, welcoming group that fundraise and help organise events for the Goornong Primary school. We are looking for new members! It is a great way to get involved and meet new people. Many hands make light work so please contact the school if you want to help out.

### Winter Warmer Raffle

Our first major fundraiser for the year will be a Winter Warmer Raffle. This will be drawn at the end of Term 2. We are now calling on our school community to help us with prizes for the raffle, including seeking donations from local businesses. These may include food items for a hamper, warm clothing (new only), camping equipment or a trailer load of wood, etc, etc, etc. We are hoping to have all prizes organised by Friday 30th April (2nd week of Term 2) so that raffle tickets can then be sent out and sold. Please drop off any donations so the school.

## MORE FOTS NEWS

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### Drovers Arms Hotel Raffle

A big thank you to those parents who have put their name down to fill a slot on the roster for the Drovers Arms Raffle. The roster and details are in today's newsletter; and also at the reception desk for parents to put their name down.

### Elmore Field Days

Each year our school provides volunteers to the Elmore Field Days to fill shifts on the catering roster. This is our major annual fundraiser. In 2019 volunteers from our school community filled 130 hours across 20 shifts. This raised \$5733 for our school, as the school is paid a dividend for each hour of time volunteered. The Field Days are held in October and again in 2021, our school will be looking for volunteers to fill the roster once it is finalised. More information to come on this! A big thank you to David Mill, who attended the Elmore Field Days Catering Committees AGM on Tuesday evening as our school's representative; and who will coordinate our school's roster again in 2021.

### FOTS Afternoon Tea

A big thank you to Nadia, Alisha and Rachel who organised an afternoon tea at the front gate on Thursday.

## 2021 Drovers Arms Hotel Fundraising Raffle



Once again, the Drovers Arms Hotel in Goornong have been kind enough to allocate our school a spot in their Friday night community fundraising meat raffle. As the Drovers Arms donate the raffle prizes, all proceeds go directly to our school. We are now calling on parents to fill the roster. This is a great way to contribute to our school's fundraising efforts, whilst supporting a local business who supports our school!

Volunteers are asked to sell tickets from 6.30pm-7.30pm approx., with the raffle being drawn at approx. 7.45pm.

There is a roster located at the reception desk for parents to put their name down. Alternatively, feel free to give the school a call and we can add your name to the roster. Thanks heaps to those who have already added their name to the roster.

Date	Volunteer
Friday 5th March	Nadia Johns
Friday 2nd April	<i>Good Friday. Pub Closed.</i>
Friday 7th May	Alisha Robinson
Friday 4th June	
Friday 2nd July	Alisha Robinson
Friday 6th August	
Friday 3rd September	Nadia Johns
Friday 1st October	
Friday 5th November	
Friday 3rd December	

# Principal's Report

## MORNING READING

It has been fabulous to have many parents coming into the Grade Prep-Two classroom between 8.30am—9.00am to help with morning reading. This support is greatly appreciated by the teachers and is certainly a special aspect of our school that is valued by the students.

We would love to have more parents coming into the Grade Three-Six classroom to assist with morning reading. If you have a child in Grade 3-6 and are available, we would love to see you between 8.30am—9.00am!

A reminder that parent volunteers are required to have a Working with Children Check. Please see Melissa at the reception desk on a Tuesday or Wednesday if you need support in applying for one.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to those parents (and students) who were able to attend a Parent-Teacher Interview this week. It was a pleasure for the teachers to have a conversation with parents about the successes, challenges and progress of the students.

Parent-Teachers Interviews are also available next week at the following times:

Mon 15th Mar after school: Grade 3-6.

Tues 16th Mar after school: Grade P-2 & Grade 3-6.

Bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews are made via the UEducateUs system either on your mobile device or PC. Please contact the school if you need support with this.

Each year we offer formal Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences in Term One and again in Term Three. However, parents are encouraged to make an appointment to talk to their child's teacher at any time should they have any questions or concerns. We find that by communicating and working together when issues arise we are able to achieve the best result for the child.

## 2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to those parents who nominated for a parent-member position on our School Council.

This year we had Four vacancies and received one nominations. As such, an election was not required. I would like to welcome Terri James as a new member onto our school council; and thank Rachael Mill, Sarah Ormesher and Ben Matthews who are returning members.

The first meeting of our new school council is the Annual General Meeting, which will be held this coming Monday 15th March, beginning at 7pm.

We wish to thank our outgoing school council members Daneeta Ede and Matthew Ayres. Daneeta began on our School Council in 2015 and Matt in 2018. Both have been valuable contributors in their capacity as councillors; and have always been available to help out with fundraisers, working bees and the like, which has been of great support to the school. We wish Daneeta and Matt all the best as their children head off to secondary school.

## LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Over the past few weeks we have noticed a number of students arriving at school after 9am. We encourage students to arrive at school by 9am as this ensures they are ready for the first teaching session. We thank parents for their support in ensuring their child arrives at school on time.

*Principal*

*Jason Cox*

## Learning, Laughing & Playing at School!

