

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Sun 25th April	ANZAC Day
Tues 27th April	Playgroup @ school, 10am—11.30am
Wed 28th April	Gym Program, Palmers Gym, Bendigo
Fri 30th April	Campaspe Cluster Cross Country Grade P-6 @ Elmore Donations for Winter Warmer Raffle Due

Term 2

Wed 5th May	Gym Program, Palmers Gym, Bendigo
Fri 7th May	MARC Library
11th—13th May	NAPLAN Testing, Grades 3 & 5
Mon 17th May	School Council Meeting
Wed 19th May	Gym Program, Palmers Gym, Bendigo
Fri 21st May	MARC Library
Mon 24th May	Gr. 6 Leadership Excursion to Melb.
Tues 25th May	Playgroup @ school, 10am—11.30am
Wed 26th May	Special Person's Day Gym Program, Palmers Gym, Bendigo 2022 Prep Parent Info Session, 5.30pm
Mon 31st May	Student-Free Day
Fri 4th June	MARC Library
Wed 9th June	Winter Sports Carnival @ Colbo, Gr 3-6s
Mon 14th June	Public Holiday
Fri 18th June	MARC Library
Mon 21st June	School Council Meeting
Tues 22nd June	Playgroup @ school, 10am—11.30am
Fri 25th June	Last day of Term 2, 2.15pm dismissal

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



Goornong Playgroup

The first playgroup session for 2021 will be held on

Tuesday 27th April

at the school, from 10.00am—11.30am.

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.

We would love to have lots of younger siblings of current students come along also.

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.

2021 Playgroup Dates

**All sessions run from 10.00am-11.30am.*

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Tues 27th April	Tues 27th July	Tues 19th Oct.
Tues 25th May	Tues 24th Aug	Tues 16th Nov.
Tues 22nd June		

RETURNED and SERVICES LEAGUE



Elmore Sub-Branch

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

Goornong Soldiers Memorial Hall

10.00am, Sunday 25th April, 2021

LEST WE FORGET



The staff and students of Goornong Primary School would like to invite Parents, Grandparents and all members of our school community to our

Special Person's Day

Wednesday 26th May, 2021

9.00am—10.00am: Classrooms Open

Come into our learning spaces and participate in learning activities and games with the students.

10.00am—10.30am: Morning Tea

We kindly ask that each family please bring a plate to share—thank you!

We hope to see you there!

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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

For the parents of prospective 2022 Foundation students.

If you have a child beginning Prep in 2022, please join us at our Information Evening.

When: **Wednesday 26th May, 2021**

Time: **5.30pm-6.30pm**

Where: **Goornong Primary School**

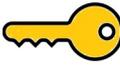
Please feel free to contact the school to make an alternative appointment if you are unable to attend at this time.



Weekly Awards

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

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK (FRIDAY 30TH APRIL) DUE TO THE CROSS COUNTRY EXCURSION.

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Eddie S	—
P-2 Maths 	Olivia M	—
P-2 Values 	Brock K	—
3-6 Literacy 	Milla P	—
3-6 Maths 	Max A	—
3-6 Values 	Lucy O	—
Principal Award 	Emilie J	—
P-2 Home Reading 	Brock, Max, Mack, Patrick	—
3-6 Home Reading 	Audrey, Milla, Kahlia	—

FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS IN GOORNONG

There are two Family Day Care providers in Goornong. Both currently have vacancies, including for school-aged children before and after school. Please feel free to contact Karrie or Danni to find out more about the services they can provide.



Mt Alexander
Family Day Care
Carinya Early Education
Danni Robertson Ph: 0417 523 968



Family Day Care
bendigo
Community Health services
Karrie McNamara Ph: 0418 370 478

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2 of the 2021 school year. I trust that all students, parents and staff had a safe and relaxing Easter break and are ready to attack this term with enthusiasm.

GRADE PREP-TWO CLASSROOM

As was communicated to Grade P-2 parents at the start of this week, Miss Mac is currently unwell and was unable to be at school this week. Unfortunately, Miss Mac will also be away next week too. As such, Mrs Sexton will continue to be the relief teacher in the Grade P-2 classroom. Miss Mac appreciates very much all of the well-wishes that she has received and is looking forward to returning to school soon.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION

Unfortunately, Melissa finished up as our Business Manager at the end of Term 1. I wish to thank Melissa for her work over the past 12 months and wish her all the best. From the beginning of Term 2, Jacinta Deane will be our school's new Business Manager. Jacinta will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We welcome Jacinta to the Goornong PS staff team.

QR CODE CHECK-IN

When visiting the school, parents will now notice that there is a QR code near the reception desk for visitors to check-in. This is part of Covid-19 contact tracing requirements. When visiting the school, parents are asked to check-in by scanning the QR code. To do this, you will need to download the Service Victoria App onto your phone. Please feel free to see me if you need assistance downloading the App or scanning the QR code.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to those parents and members of our school community who attended this morning's ANZAC Day Service at the school. I was extremely proud of our Grade 6 student leaders for facilitating this important event for our school.

This coming Sunday is ANZAC Day and I will be joining our school captains, Daniel and Indianna, at the Goornong Commemoration Service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Daniel and Indianna will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community and they will also give a short reading. It would be great to see lots of our school families and current students in attendance also; and I encourage our students to represent our school and wear their Goornong PS uniform with pride on the day.

CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY RUN DETAILS

Each year our school participates in the Campaspe Cluster Cross Country run. This year's event will be held at the Elmore Field Days site next Friday 30th April and is for all students in Years Prep-Six.

On the day, students are split into three age groups according to their age at 31st December this year. Five, six and seven year olds will run a 1km course; eight, nine and ten year olds a 2km course; and 11 & 12 year olds a 3km course. The approximate program for the day is:

- 11.15am Depart Goornong PS on the bus.
- 12.15pm 5,6,7yo 1km Race.
- 12.40pm 8,9,10yo 2km Race.
- 1.20pm 11,12,13yo 3km Race.
- 2.00pm Presentations.
- 2.30pm Depart for Goornong PS.

The Cluster Cross Country is always an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to seeing many parents at the venue to cheer our students along. Parents who hold a valid Working with Children Check Card are welcome to travel with us on the bus. Please see me prior to the day if you wish to take up this opportunity.

Please find attached to today's newsletter a permission form for this excursion, to be completed and returned to the school.

GYM PROGRAM DETAILS

Our Gym Program begins next Wednesday 28th April and will see our students travel to Palmer's Gym in Bendigo for four gym sessions. All students will participate in activities around fitness, coordination, flexibility and fun. The students will use a range of equipment at the Gym including trampolines and the foam pit. The Gym Program forms part of our school's Physical Education Curriculum. There is no cost to families.

Principal

Jason Cox

Fortnightly Video Wrap

It has been great to hear lots of positive feedback about the Fortnightly Video Wrap and we hope parents are enjoying seeing the happenings at school.



This week's video is available at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/Re3wcVlbODA>

Learning, Laughing & Playing at School!



A very busy first week back to kick off term 2. The 3-6 Students were lucky enough to have a visit from the Bendigo Discovery Centre. They learnt about coding robots to complete specific tasks.



This week the Grade 3-6 students produced some beautiful pastel artworks to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Performing Arts Update

Our theme for Term One was classic Australian Songs. The younger students learned to sing "Home among the gum trees", "Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree" and "Tie me kangaroo down sport". We did a lot of dancing and listened to a variety of musical stories. Instruments, such as handbells and glockenspiel were enthusiastically used to play along together to the "Twinkle, twinkle" tune. We also used percussion instruments, including maracas, castanets, tambourines and claves to keep up with changing beats. In drama, we had a go at animal charades, practised showing different emotions with our faces and bodies and explored ways to create scenes together, i.e. at the beach, on the farm, at an airport, at the hospital or a birthday party.

The senior students discussed and analysed the lyrics to such important Aussie Songs as our National Anthem "Advance Australia Fair", "I am Australian", "Waltzing Matilda", "True Blue", "Treaty" and "Beds are burning". We explored beat using our bodies as percussion and played rhythm games, such as "Sevens". It has been particularly pleasing to see the growing enthusiasm and confidence with which everyone has been joining in our dance warm ups. In drama, "Freeze frames" were a crowd favourite with teams of students having to communicate given objects, places and scenarios by creating "frames" with their bodies while being completely still. Please view the photos below to admire our superstars.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know and working with the students of Goornong PS. There are some great dancers, singers, musicians and actors in both the junior and senior classes. I look forward to Term Two with more music, dance and drama fun. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holiday break! **Anna Kemp**



FOTS NEWS

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We have some terrific prizes already donated for our Winter Warmer Raffle. These include a trailer load of wood, fire pit, book voucher, blankets and beanies. We would love some more prizes to be donated as well. These may include food items for a hamper, warm clothing (new only), camping equipment etc, etc, etc. We are hoping to have all prizes organised by Friday 30th April (next week!) so that raffle tickets can then be sent out and sold. Please drop off any donations so the school.

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	