

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Fri 6th Aug MARC Library

Term 3

Fri 13th Aug Cluster Science Day @ Elmore (P-6s)

Mon 16th Aug Cluster Athletic Sports @ Elmore (3-6s)

School Council Meeting (via Webex)

18th—20th Aug Grade 3-4 Echuca Camp

Mon 23rd Aug Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thurs 26th Aug Parent-Teacher Interviews

Fri 27th Aug MARC Library Book Week Dress Up Day

Mon 30th Aug Parent-Teacher Interviews

Tues 31st Aug Playgroup @ school, 10am—11.30am

Fri 10th Sept MARC Library

Mon 13th Sept School Council Meeting

Fri 17th Sept 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

Weekly Awards

Awards are presented at assembly, which begins at 3pm each Friday afternoon.

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Eddie S	Hunter R
P-2 Maths 	Max M	Will W
P-2 Values 	Brock K	Eddie S
3-6 Literacy 	Marli O	Wade N
3-6 Maths 	Indi A	Marli O
3-6 Values 	Ted C	Lucy O
Principal Award 	Mary K	Patrick S
P-2 Home Reading 	Mack, Patrick, Eddie	—
3-6 Home Reading 	—	—

Out of School Hours Care Parent Survey

Dear Parents,

The school would like to understand the demand for Out of School Hours Care amongst our current families. The school is in the process of submitting a grant application which if successful, would enable us to potentially offer before and/or after school care. We ask our current families to please take a couple of minutes to complete a short online survey. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VNLFJZ5>

Please only complete the survey once per family.

Soft Drink Bottles Needed!

Ms Mac and Mrs Patton are collecting empty 1 and 2 litre soft drink bottles, with the lids, and asking if families could please bring them in ready for an activity next term. Thank you!





Goornong Playgroup

The next playgroup session for 2021 will be held on

Tuesday 31st August

at the school, from 10.00am—11.30am.

Provided Covid-19 restrictions allow.

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

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	Tues 31st Aug	

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

BOOK WEEK 2021



Our Book Week dress-up day is

Friday 27th August

On this day students are encouraged to dress up in a costume related to this year's theme—

Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

MARC lessons on this day (and for most of Term 3) will be based on some of the short-listed books.

Families may wish to begin planning their child's costume for this day.

KEY COVID-SAFE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS FROM WEDNESDAY 28th JULY, 2021

The below arrangements are provided to schools as per the advice of the Chief Health Officer. These arrangements will remain in place until further notice (at least the next two weeks).

- It continues to remain important that students **do not attend school when unwell**. The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.
- Access to the school is limited to **essential visitors only** at this time. This means that parents should not enter the school site when dropping off or collecting their child unless absolutely necessary. We also ask that parents do not congregate in groups at pick-up time.
- The wearing of **face masks** remains mandatory for people over the age of 12 both **indoors and outdoors**, including at the school. As such, I ask that parents please wear a fitted face mask if needing to visit the school. Please note that primary school children are not required to wear a mask; and that school staff are not required to wear a mask when teaching, communicating with or caring for students.
- All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake **regular hand hygiene**, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Our staff will continue to teach and encourage the students to practise good hygiene.
- The sharing of food is not permitted.
- All staff, students and visitors should use **non-contact greetings** (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing). At Goornong PS we are in the habit now of doing a 'foot five'.
- Visitors continue to be required to check-in electronically when visiting the school to support **contact tracing**. This can be done by either scanning the QR code with the Service Victoria App on your smart device, or by filling-in your details on the **KIOSK Check-In** computer which has been setup at the reception desk
- **Physical distancing** (1.5m) from other adults continues to be required in both indoor and outdoor environments, including when at the school.
- We are not able to hold whole school **assemblies** at present.

Principal's Report

It was fabulous to welcome the students back to on-site learning this week. The staff and I were certainly thrilled to see the enthusiastic faces of our students who were excited to reconnect with their peers and teachers on Wednesday.

Once again, I wish to thank all students, parents and staff for their efforts over the past two weeks during remote learning. As has been the case right throughout the pandemic, I have been extremely proud of the contribution all in our school community have made to ensuring that the remote learning periods have been as successful as possible.

We are now 18 months into this pandemic and I can certainly empathise with people's frustrations about going in and out of lockdowns and remote learning. Whilst our school will continue to follow the advice of the Victorian Government and Health authorities, I have my fingers crossed that remote learning is now a thing of the past.

CAMPASPE CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

We have a number of activities planned this term with the Campaspe Cluster schools. These include the Science Day, Athletic Sports and Grade 3-4 Camp. At present, the Education Department has advised that on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, interschool activities and school camps can proceed, but with significant restrictions in place. As such, the Campaspe Cluster schools are currently working together to determine which of these activities are able to go ahead based on our capacity to implement the necessary Covid-Safe procedures. I will be providing further information to parents on this in the next week or so. Stay tuned!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The teachers and I have met to confirm the dates for the Term 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews. These will be held in weeks 7 and 8 of the term. We are hoping that by this time we will be able to invite parents into the school to conduct the interviews. Details on how to book an interview will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday 16th August at 6.15pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm on this evening. With the current Covid-19 restrictions for schools, this meeting will now need to be held remotely via Webex Meetings.

DISCOVERY CENTRE—VIRTUAL SCIENCE

This week the Grade P-2 class participated in their first of five virtual science lessons with the Discovery Centre. The students dialled in to their educator via Webex videoconferencing. In the lesson, the students used a scientific method and observational techniques to explore the concept of floating and sinking, using resources such as milk, food colouring, dishwashing detergent, water and various objects. The students were excited to find that some items that they expected to sink, actually floated; and some items that they expected to float, actually sank.

Next week's lesson is called 'The Milky Rainbow' and we are excited to find out what this will involve!

Jason Cox

Principal





FOTS NEWS

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	Rachel Mill
Friday 2nd July	Alisha Robinson
Friday 6th August	
Friday 3rd September	Nadia Johns
Friday 1st October	
Friday 5th November	
Friday 3rd December	



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Works Notification

Site establishment Goornong Station

August 2021

Site establishment works are taking place to enable construction of a new station at Goornong.

Thanks for your patience while this important work is underway.

What we are doing

A construction compound will be established at the site of the new Goornong Station to support construction.

Works will include:

- construction of a temporary access road
- installation of portable site sheds and temporary fencing
- traffic management
- putting tree protection markings in place to protect sensitive trees and vegetation
- earthworks and site clearing
- tree and vegetation removal
- service installation.

These works will take place between 7am - 6pm on weekdays and 7am - 1pm on Saturdays.

What to be aware of

You may notice an increase in noise, dust and vehicle movements while works are taking place.

There will be machinery, heavy vehicles and workers within the rail corridor and surrounding areas, please be mindful and observe all safety signage in place.

Temporary fencing will be installed to ensure the safety of the public and workers during construction.

The speed limit on the Midland Highway between Goornong-Fosterville Road and Darling Street will be temporarily reduced to 40km/h. This limit will be in place from early August 2021 until construction is complete.

Please plan your road journey ahead of time to avoid delays. Allow extra travel time and take care when travelling through the area.

The public barbecue will be closed for the duration of construction and will be relocated to an alternative location once construction is complete.

Access to the public toilets will be maintained, however a temporary closure may be required while excavation works take place near the entrance. Signage and wayfinding will be in place to help pedestrians move safely through the area.



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Minimising impacts

Dust

We use a range of measures to minimise dust from construction activities, including placing dust monitors in and around the construction site, staging works to minimise exposed areas and using water carts to wet down work areas.

Noise

We monitor noise levels to ensure they are within the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) noise control guidelines and limit out-of-hours works as much as possible.

Vegetation removal

Where native vegetation cannot be retained, clearance will be approved by relevant authorities and will be offset in an approved location. Before being removed, vegetation is inspected for the presence of wildlife, and qualified handlers will be on site to safely rehoming wildlife if needed.

Health and safety

Bendigo and EchUCA Line Upgrade works are progressing safely under the current coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions in Victoria.

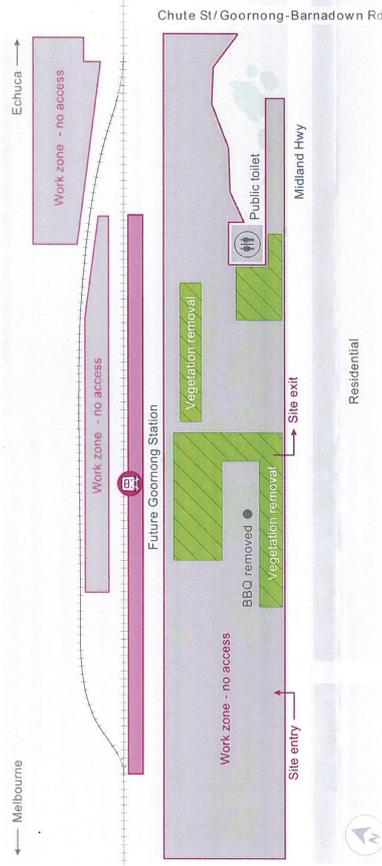
The health and safety of our workforce and community is our top priority. COVIDsafe Plans are in place on all our project sites.

For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Keep informed

Coronavirus restrictions are changing the way we communicate our project works and disruptions.

Please sign up to our email updates via the Regional Rail Revival website (regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/bendigoechuca) so we can continue to keep you informed about works in your area or call **1800 105 105** (24 hours a day, seven days a week) for more information.



More information
To find out more about Regional Rail Revival:

- regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au
- 1800 105 105 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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