

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Mon 16th Aug School Council Meeting (via Webex)
 Fri 20th Aug Cluster Athletic Sports @ Bendigo (3-6s)

Term 3

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 	Olivia M	Emilie J
P-2 Maths 	Max M	Mason D
P-2 Values 	Amy O	Hunter R
3-6 Literacy 	Milla P	Indi A
3-6 Maths 	Wade N	Audrey A
3-6 Values 	Indi A	MarliO
Principal Award 	Olivia M	—
P-2 Home Reading 	Amy, Max, Mason, Mary	—
3-6 Home Reading 	Lucy, Milla, Daniel, Max	—



The students enjoying some whole school shared reading.

Fortnightly Video Wrap

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

https://youtu.be/g6_NgVeJwE



Principal's Report

Following a couple of days of remote learning, it was fabulous to welcome the students back to on-site learning this week. The staff and I were certainly thrilled to see the smiling faces of our students and it was wonderful to hear students speaking openly with their peers and teachers about how happy they were to be able to come to school.

Once again, I wish to thank all students, parents and staff for your ability to remain agile and ensure the transition to on-site and remote learning and vice-versa is as smooth as possible.

Fingers crossed we are now able to have an extended period of on-site learning through the remainder of 2021.

ATHLETIC SPORTS CARNIVAL

I am pleased to announce that current Covid-19 restrictions do not preclude schools from participating in interschool sporting carnivals. As such, our Grade 3-6 students will be participating in the annual Campaspe Cluster Athletic Sports Carnival next Friday (20th August). The students will travel by bus to the Athletics Centre in Flora Hill, Bendigo. They will complete a round robin of track and field events in their age group with the students from the other Campaspe Cluster schools.

Further details and a permission form for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

CLUSTER SCIENCE DAY

As was communicated to families via the UEducateUs portal this week, the Cluster Science excursion to Elmore that was scheduled for today has been postponed to later in the school year.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year our school conducts a survey of families as one of multiple sources of feedback that our school uses to direct future planning and school improvement.

Today, parent's will receive a notification via the UEducateUs portal with an invitation to complete this year's *Parent Opinion Survey*. The notification includes a link to the online survey and your unique pin to access the survey.

I encourage parents to take the time to complete the survey as the staff and I value the information that is provided, both in terms of celebrating our achievements and identifying areas for improvement.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Term Three Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held over three days later this term—**Monday 23rd August, Thursday 26th August and Monday 30th August**. These are an opportunity for parents to find out about how their child is progressing with their schooling.

Once again, parents are asked to book their parent-teacher interview via the UEducateUs system either on their mobile device or PC. Simply login to your UEducateUs portal where a notification will appear regarding parent-teacher interviews and then follow the links to book your time.

As current Covid-19 restrictions currently stand, our parent-teacher interviews would need to be held remotely, either by telephone call or videoconference. We are hopeful that by the time the parent-teacher interviews come around restrictions will have eased and we will be able to conduct them on-site.

In any case, parents will have the option of booking both an on-site or remote interview.

Option 1: Interview via videoconference. *The school will provide instructions for parents on how to connect. A computer and internet connection is required.*

Option 2: Interview via telephone call. *Teachers would contact parents on their mobile phone number at the allotted interview time.*

Option 3: On-Site Interview. *We are hoping that parents will be able to visit the school come the parent-teacher interviews. If not, interviews booked as 'on-site' will become an 'Interview via telephone call'.*

Please note that different to in the past, there is no expectation for students to join their parents at the parent-teacher interview. However, parents are welcome to include their child with if they so wish.

Parents will be able to book their interview time from this afternoon and bookings will be able to be made up to 24 hours prior to the appointment time.

Please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any trouble booking your interview online.

Principal's Report

2021 SCHOOL CAMPS

Recently, the Campaspe Cluster school principals met to discuss this year's planned Cluster camps for our Grade 3-4s and Grade 5-6s. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, in particular restrictions which don't allow the mixing of separate school groups at school camps, we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's Cluster camps. This includes the Grade 3-4 Echuca Camp, which was scheduled for next week; and the Grade 5-6 Canberra Camp, which was scheduled for later in the year. Please note that parents will receive a full refund for any money paid towards these camps, including the deposit.

I understand that this is a real shame for the students and they were understandably disappointed when I shared this news with them this week.

At present, I am endeavoring to organise a replacement camp for our Grade 3-6 students for later this year. It is likely that this would be a combined Grade 3-6 camp just for the Goornong students. There are some challenges in securing a camp as most camps are fully-booked well in advance. Thus, it is possible that no suitable camp will be available. However, I am hopeful of being able to secure a camp that will provide our Grade 3-6 students with an engaging and valuable program to replace the camps that they have unfortunately missed out on.

I will provide further information to families once I am able to confirm the details.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is this coming 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. Packs have been sent home with the children of our councillors today.

Jason Cox

Principal

Learning, Laughing & Playing at School





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.

CURRENT COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

The below arrangements are provided to schools as per the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

- 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.



Attached is the new price list for the Goornong Primary Uniform. There is also a new fleece jacket available for purchase at Noone and we currently have a sample at the office if you wish to have a look at it.

UNIFORM

Short sleeve polo shirt (Maroon w/ logo)	4 - 6 / S - M	\$24.50
Long sleeve polo (Maroon w/ logo)	4 - 16	\$26.50
Rugby Top (Navy w/ logo)	4 - 16	\$34.00
Polar fleece top (Navy w/ logo)	4 - 16	\$35.00
Polar fleece vest (Navy w/ logo)	4 - 14 / S	\$26.00
Polar fleece Full Zip Top (Navy w/ logo)	4 - 14 / S	\$38.00
Dress (Navy check)	4J -14J / S - M	\$22.50
Pinafore (Navy pleat)	4 -16	\$51.00
Trackpants (Navy fleece)	4 - 16	\$29.95
Shorts (Navy microfibe)	4 -14 / XS -2XL	\$25.50
Broad brim hat (navy)		\$15.00
Beanie (Navy w/ logo)		\$15.50
Socks (White, 3pack)		\$14.95
Tights (navy ,cotton)	from	\$17.50
Tights (navy, microfibre 2pk)		\$18.95

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	Melissa Garratt
Friday 5th November	
Friday 3rd December	

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

In STEM over the past few weeks the Grade P-2s have been learning about the 5 senses and exploring object weights, optical illusions and colours. This has been as part of the Discovery Centre Virtual excursions.



In STEM the Grade 3-6s have been engineers—solving problems to meet a specific purpose. The students enjoyed designing and creating their ‘envelope houses’ and their ‘cargo ships’.

