

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Mon 30th Aug Parent-Teacher Interviews

Term 3

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

During lockdowns my favourite thing to do is get up early in the morning and walk around my local neighbourhood with my headphones on listening to an ebook. I have managed to read 20 books in just over 3 months which is my positive from these testing times. This week during one of my walks I came across this fabulous footpath artwork. The house it belonged to also had some of their favourite books displayed in a window.

If you have some chalk at home maybe you could decorate the front of your house with some book inspired artwork!

Keep reading,

Mrs G



Weekly Awards

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

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Edward S	Patrick S
P-2 Maths 	Brock K	Lola A
P-2 Values 	Emilie J	Mary K
3-6 Literacy 	Max A	Mayla P
3-6 Maths 	Max A	Lucy O
3-6 Values 	Jesse C	Daniel J
Principal Award 	Wade N	—
P-2 Home Reading 	—	—
3-6 Home Reading 	—	—



The 3-6s did a fantastic job at the Campaspe Cluster Athletics Sports last Friday. It was great to see everyone having a go at all the events. The students should be very proud of their efforts.

Principal's Report

REMOTE LEARNING

Once again, I wish to congratulate all students, parents and staff for the positive attitude in which you have approached remote learning this week. Clearly, we would all much prefer for things to be normal and for the students to be attending on-site. Unfortunately, this is not the situation with which we are presented. Nevertheless, each day I see students (both at school and via Google Meetings) with smiles on their faces and trying hard to do the best school-work that they can. I have spoken to a number of parents this week and all have been so positive and determined to do the best that they can to support their child/children. Our teachers and support staff are working harder than ever to try and provide our students with the best possible learning opportunities during this period. It is this resilience, determination and positive attitude that makes me incredibly proud to be part of the Goornong PS team. I wish you all the best for the coming week of remote learning and have my fingers crossed that we are able to return to face-to-face learning soon. Please feel free to reach out and contact me if there is any way that the school can further support you during this time.

At this stage, the plan is for the current lockdown to end at midnight on Thursday 2nd September and for face-to-face learning to resume on Friday 3rd September. Obviously, we eagerly await any announcements from the Victorian Government regarding this timeline.

GRADE 3-6 CAMP

After managing to secure a camp for our Grade 3-6 students for next week, the announcement of this current lockdown has thrown these plans into disarray. Obviously, we are not able to attend school camps during lockdown, so I have had to cancel our booking with the camp provider. This is a real shame for our students who I know were looking forward to the camp immensely.

Whilst I have not given up on finding a camp for our students, the uncertainty around lockdowns and Covid-19 restrictions, coupled with the limited availability of suitable camps, mean that a Grade 3-6 camp is now unlikely. I will keep trying to find a solution and will update our community should anything arise.

All families who have paid a deposit for camp will receive a full refund.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It has been a pleasure for the teachers and I to meet with a number of parents this week for the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

For those parents who are yet to meet with their child's teacher/s, interview appointments are still available for this coming Monday 30th August. Simply login to your UEdu-cateUs portal where a notification will appear regarding parent-teacher interviews and then follow the links to book your time.

We thank parents for taking the time to participate in a Parent-Teacher Interview given the current challenges.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the School Council meeting held last week, council discussed the potential application for an Out of School Hours Care Establishment Grant. Council reviewed the results of the recent survey of our school community regarding the demand for OSHC at our school:

- 14 of our 20 families responded to the survey.
- 9 of 14 said they would be interested in accessing OSHC in 2022.
- There would be 12 children who would access OSHC at some point each week.
- 3 children would be 5 days a week in before and after school care.
- 9 would be part-time before and after school care.

Based on the survey of our current families, the following would be the expected enrolment in OSHC in 2022.

	Before School	After School
Mon	4	6
Tues	5	6
Wed	5	7
Thur	4	5
Fri	4	4

Based on the results of the survey, it is clear there are not enough numbers at present for OSHC to be viable at Goornong PS. This is based on the costs of running the service versus the income generated from enrolments. However, School Council has decided to submit a grant application, on the basis that if successful, the school would hope to build the service to a point where enrolments would increase to a level that made the service viable, so that once the grant ceases in 3 years time, we are able to continue offering OSHC at Goornong PS. There are no guarantees that the grant application will be successful, but we have our fingers crossed. We will update the school community once we have received notification of our application.

Principal

Jason Cox



Goornong Playgroup

Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 restrictions mean we are not able to run our Playgroup at this time. We are hoping to be able to run the session scheduled for Oct 19th.

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	

BOOK WEEK 2021



Our Book Week dress-up day is

Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 restrictions mean our Book Week Dress-Up Day has been postponed. We will instead run our day on the first MARC Library day once back to on-site learning.

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	

Learning, Laughing and Playing at School!

