

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

**Please note that all dates are subject to change given the Covid-19 restrictions that are in place at the time.*

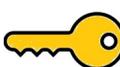
Term 4

Wed 27th Oct.	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
Tues 2nd Nov	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Wed 3rd Nov	Bike Ed Begins (Gr 3-6s)
Thur 4th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Fri 5th Nov	Book Week Dress-Up Day
Tues 9th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Wed 10th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Fri 12th Nov	School Photos
Thurs 11th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Tues 16th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Wed 17th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Thur 18th Nov	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Tues 23rd Nov	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Mon 29th Nov	Student-Free Day
Tues 30th Nov	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Tues 7th Dec	Orientation (Step Up) Day
	Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm
Wed 8th Dec	Swimming Program Session 1
Fri 10th Dec	Swimming Program Session 2
Mon 13th Dec	Swimming Program Session 3
Tues 14th Dec	Swimming Program Session 4
Wed 15th Dec	Swimming Program Session 5
Thur 16th Dec	Fun Day at the Goornong Pool
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2.15pm dismissal

2022 Term Dates

Term One	Mon 31st Jan—Fri 8th Apr
Term Two	Tues 26th Apr—Fri 24th June
Term Three	Mon 11th July—Fri 16th Sept
Term Four	Mon 3rd Oct—Tues 20th Dec

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Amy O	Mason D
P-2 Maths 	Olivia M	Olivia M
P-2 Values 	Brock, Max, Mack	Max M
3-6 Literacy 	Ted C	Daniel J
3-6 Maths 	Jesse C	Harry M
3-6 Values 	Kahlia R	Wade
Principal Award 	Mason D	Max M
P-2 Home Reading 	—	Patrick, Eddie, Amy, Brock
3-6 Home Reading 	—	—



Fortnightly Video Wrap

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

https://youtu.be/vRSzNwZ_vPU



Now Taking Enrolments for 2022

Our school is now taking enrolments for the 2022 school year. We encourage prospective families, including those with a child beginning Prep in 2022, to contact our school to discuss the enrolment process and how we can support your child to achieve their best.



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Our values: Care, Honesty, Teamwork, Respect

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Learning, Laughing, Playing at School



Principal's Report

Today we were thrilled to have all students back at school for the first time since early in Term 3. It was wonderful to have the Grade 3/4/5/6 class back together and the students reconnecting with friends and peers. Whilst the P-2s have enjoyed 'running the school' over the past few weeks, they too were excited to have the 'big kids' back at school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are pleased to announce that school photos will be going ahead in 2021. Our school photo day is Friday 12th November.

As was the case last year, photos will be taken by Felicity Johnson, who is a staff member of our school and also a professional photographer. Many in our community would be familiar with the quality of Felicity's photography.

Accompanying today's newsletter is the order form for school photos and we ask that these are filled in and returned to the school prior to school photo day.

School photo day is always a very special day in our calendar, with the photos taken on the day providing families with memories that can be passed on to future generations. In the past, our families have been very good at ensuring that students attend school in correct school uniform on photo day. Again, we ask for the support of parents with this to ensure that our photos are of the highest quality. In particular, I draw parents attention to the following points in our uniform policy:

- ◆ Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- ◆ Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- ◆ The wearing of visible under-garments such as colourful long-sleeve shirts under a short-sleeve shirt or leggings/tights under shorts, skirts or dresses is not permitted, with the exception of those in the colours navy blue or maroon.
- ◆ Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- ◆ Shoulder length hair or longer needs to be tied back.

HATS AT SCHOOL

With the warmer and sunnier weather now upon us, it is timely to remind our school community that as per our school's SunSmart Policy, hats need to be worn outside during Terms One and Four. Please ensure that

your child has a navy blue wide-brimmed hat to wear at school. Students who do not have a suitable hat are asked to play in the shade on the veranda during play-time and lunchtime.

2022 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

At the School Council meeting on Monday night School Council reviewed and approved the Parent Payment Arrangements for the 2022 school year. As has been the case for the over the past 5 years, I am pleased to inform families that there will be no increase to school fees for 2022.

For 2022, the Education Department has made some changes to the categories for which schools are able to allocate charges. These new categories replace the previous Essential, Optional and Voluntary charges that were in place this year. A Summary of the Parent Payment Arrangements is outlined below. Parents can access the full [Parent Payment Policy](#) via our school website.

2022 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS SUMMARY

Curriculum Contributions **\$ 135**

(Due at beginning of the school year)

Educational Items **\$ 50**

(Due at beginning of the school year)

Other Contributions **\$ 50**

(Grounds Maintenance Levy)

Extra-Curricular Activities **\$ TBC**

(All camps, the whole-school excursion & events such as Grade Six Graduation are extra-curricular activities and are on a user-pays basis).

2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Our school has begun planning for the 2022 school year. This includes planning around the structure of the school in relation to classrooms, teachers and support staff. The number of students attending the school has a significant impact on our planning as school funding is directly linked to the number of enrolments. As such, I ask that those parents intending to enrol new students at Goornong PS in 2022 (including Preps) please now return their enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available from the school should you require one. I also ask that parents please contact me if they are not intending to send their child to Goornong PS in 2022. I thank families for their support with this.

Principal's Report

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXCURSION LEVY

This year we have not been able to run a number of the excursions that are covered in the 'excursions levy' portion of the school fees. As such, for those families who are in credit, please find accompanying today's newsletter a letter outlining your family's credit for this. We are asking these families to return the slip at the bottom of the letter selecting an option to process their credit.

Please note that some families are yet to pay the full portion of their school fees and are thus not in credit. For these families, statements showing outstanding balances are attached. We ask that these families now make arrangements to finalise payment of school fees for 2021.

VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS

A reminder that one of the CovidSafe requirements recommended for schools is to increase the fresh air flow into indoor spaces by keeping doors and windows open as much as possible. Whilst we use our common sense with regards to opening up the school when the weather isn't conducive to do so, we encourage students to bring a jumper to school to put on should they need to.

COVID-19

As many parents would be aware, over the past week there has been a number of cases of Covid-19 which have caused the temporary closure of some schools in the Bendigo area. I wish to assure our school community that, as has been the case right throughout this pandemic, our school will continue to follow the guidelines and health orders set by the Education Department. These are in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission in our school community and, now that all students are back at school, to keep them in the classroom. The Education Department has clear procedures for managing Covid-19 cases in schools and should our school be impacted at some point, we are well-prepared to manage the situation and support our community.

We understand that the health measures currently in place may be the cause of frustration for some in our community. We ask for people's understanding that, as a school staff, we are responsible for implementing the current Education Department guidelines and health directives at our school; and 'in good faith' we will continue to do so.

Principal

Jason Cox

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

After a number of false starts, we are hopeful of being able to hold our Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 5th November.

In usual circumstances, we would be looking forward to welcoming parents and special friends into the school for our Book Week Parade. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions, unfortunately we are unable to do this.

Therefore, as we did last year, we have a modified plan to involve parents in Book Week this year.

The students will be parading along the new footpath along Grant and Langdon Streets at 9am. We invite parents to park their cars along these streets to watch as we walk past. For this plan to be successful, we are asking for parent cooperation to ensure Covid-19 guidelines are met. This includes:

- ◆ Parents staying at least 1.5m from the new footpath.
- ◆ Parents avoiding gathering in groups.
- ◆ Parents maintaining at least 1.5m from the school group during the parade.
- ◆ Parents wearing a face mask.

We appreciate the support of parents and our school community in respecting the above arrangements, as this ensures that we are able to offer this opportunity to our students and families.

BOOK WEEK 2021

Our Book Week dress-up day is

Friday 5th November

We will be doing a parade along the new footpath on Grant and Landon Streets at 9am. Thus, we encourage parents to park their cars along these streets to watch as we go past (please see Principal's Report for more details on this).

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 will be based on some of the short-listed books.



Classroom News

GRADE PREP/ONE/TWO

P/1/2 will be exploring different countries and cultural this term, making connections to similarities and differences that we as a country, class and individual families have. Students have fully immersed themselves in researching China this fortnight investigating schools, families, landmarks, food, clothing, language and tradition. (Tearna has pictures).

Prep/1/2 are once again doing their annual class Read-a-Thon. Students record nights they have read as indicated by either a guardians signature or for Grade 2s a page range that was read and the students signature. The class goal is 326 night of reading as a class. For this to be achieved **each** student will need to read a minimum of 3 times a week. If the goal is achieved it will result in a class party. This is a great opportunity for students to not only be more motivated to read but understand the importance of team work and unity.



GRADE THREE/FOUR/FIVE/SIX

It has been wonderful to be back in the classroom teaching the students face to face! Over the last fortnight, the Grade 5/6 students have been busy researching a state of Australia. They have investigated their assigned state and formed 20 questions they will use to make a Kahoot! This Kahoot will then help the rest of the class to learn about Australia! The Grade 3/4 students have enjoyed their own mini investigation, where they used an Atlas to construct a jigsaw of 'Australia' and labelled all the states and capital cities.

In Art the Grade 3-6 will be making musical instruments from recycled materials. As such it would be fantastic if families could donate any washed enclosed plastic or sturdy cardboard containers they have around.

Our Grade 6 students will be participating in a Virtual Transition to Weeroona College this coming Monday at 2.15pm. The students will be dialling in via MS Teams to connect with the College's transition coordinator and also some of the secondary students. The students will participate in activities and also have the opportunity for a Q&A during this session.



Community News

Supporting your child to start school in 2022

You are invited to a **free information session** to support parents and carers to understand what is involved in a positive transition to school and how this can be supported at home, as well as through strong links with children's kindergarten and school.

Presented by: Early childhood experts Louise Dorrat and Heather Barnes

When: Tuesday 19 October, 7pm – 8pm

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/supporting-your-child-to-start-school-in-2022-loddon-campaspe-tickets-183118521427>



AFL Central Victoria Junior/Youth Academy – Netball Program

Nomination Form

Nominations are now being sought for the AFL Central Victoria Netball Academy. Nominate for trials by completing the form on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gj0X8gYVhL>

Nominations close on Friday 5th November 2021.

In 2022, we will be running the following programs:

- A specialist program for 14-year-old players in shooting, centre court or defence. Players select their specialty area with sessions conducted concurrently

- 13-year-old program
- 12-year-old program

Ages are taken at 31st December 2022:

- Players turning 14 in 2022 (DOB 2008) will be considered for the 14-Year-Old Program
- Players turning 13 in 2022 (DOB 2009) will be considered for the 13-Year-Old Program
- Players turning 12 in 2022 (DOB 2010) will be considered for the 12-Year-Old Program

Please retain the following trial information

Trials will be conducted at the QEO Netball Courts from 4.30-6pm:

12 Years (DOB 2010)

- Monday 22nd November – registration at 4.15pm
- Thursday 25th November
- Tuesday 30th November

13 Years (DOB 2009)

- Tuesday 23rd November – registration at 4.15pm
- Thursday 2nd December
- Monday 6th December

14 Years (DOB 2008)

- Monday 29th November – registration at 4.15pm
- Tuesday 7th December

It is recommended that players attend a minimum of two trials.

Please email Carol Cathcart,

carol.cathcart@aflcentralvic.com.au, if you have any further questions.

Up to 5 hours of funded 3 year old kindergarten in 2022

Enrol now for funded 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten in 2022.
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Orders returned to school by 10th November
Kits will be ready for collection 10th December

\$39.99
per kit

