

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

A reminder that Prep students have a rest day and do not attend school on Wednesdays during the month of February.

2022 School Year

Fri 28th Jan Collect Supplies and Pay Fees
(10am—2pm)
Mon 31st Jan First Day of School (all students)

2022 Term Dates

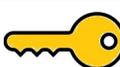
Term One Mon 31st Jan—Fri 8th Apr
Term Two Tues 26th Apr—Fri 24th June
Term Three Mon 11th July—Fri 16th Sept
Term Four Mon 3rd Oct—Tues 20th Dec



End-of-Year Performance Video

After much hard work from the students and some challenges along the way, we are pleased to present to our school community our End-of-Year Performance Video. The video includes both music and drama performances which the students have been working on since they returned to on-site learning earlier this Term. We ask parents to be aware that the filming of the items was done over several weeks and as such, students who were absent on a filming day may not feature in some items. We thank our Performing Arts Teacher, Mrs Kemp, for her work planning the items with the students; and Miss Mac, Mrs Patton, Mr Cox, Tearna and Karren for their support in bringing the production together. The 'unlisted' YouTube link to access the video has been sent to families via the UEducateUs App. Enjoy!

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 		Hunter R
P-2 Maths 		Edward S
P-2 Values 		Lola A
3-6 Literacy 	There were no awards presented this week!	Wade N
3-6 Maths 		Mary K
3-6 Values 		Kahlia R
Principal Award 		Hunter
P-2 Home Reading 		—
3-6 Home Reading 		—

FOTS News

This week the Ginger Bread Houses arrived and were collected by those who had placed an order. A big thank you to Rachel Mill and the FOTS team for coordinating this fundraiser on behalf of our school. Thanks to the support of the local and wider community, we were able to raise \$647.75 for the school—a terrific result! We hope families enjoy creating their ginger bread house and then eating it over the holidays.



Principal's Report

Today was the final day of school for 2021. What an amazing year it has been! It has been terrific to finish the school year off with some special, extra-curricular activities such as the Swimming Program, Grade 6 Graduation, P/1/2 camp out at school and the Grade 3/4/5/6 Bike Education program this term.

Despite the challenges presented by Covid restrictions and remote learning this year, our students, staff and families have demonstrated tremendous resilience and maintained a positive attitude throughout. I couldn't be more proud of the way our school community has supported each other and together we have been able to maintain continuity of learning for the students as much as possible.

From a personal perspective, it has been a pleasure to come to school each day and support our teachers, students and community. There are a number of people who make up 'Team Goornong' and contribute to making our school a vibrant and positive environment for teaching and learning.

Firstly, I congratulate all students on their successes throughout the year and thank them for making our school an energetic place to learn and work.

I thank our entire staff team for their care, enthusiasm and commitment towards the education of the students. We are very lucky to have such a strong team of classroom teachers, specialist teachers and support staff who come to work each and every day with a positive attitude and always with our core purpose in mind— the academic, social and emotional development of the students. Thank you all and enjoy a well-earned break!

Thank you to Mr D for his continued involvement and support of our school—you are always willing to help out when needed and this is really appreciated by the students and staff.

Thank you to our cleaner Fiona and groundskeeper Les, who together ensure that our buildings and grounds are kept clean and tidy for each and every school day.

Thank you to our bus driver, Mr Carty, who each day takes on the enormous responsibility of ensuring that the students arrive safely at school and home—thanks for your work Mr Carty!

To all School Councilors, I thank you for your leadership, vision and support of our school; and for always making decisions based on the best interests of the students.

Thank you to all parents who have supported the school throughout the year. Whilst there haven't been as many opportunities as we would have hoped for parents to have volunteered in the school, your support during remote learning was tremendous—my sincere gratitude.

To the members of our *Friends of the School* group, I thank you for your passion, commitment and willingness to 'have a go'. Despite the challenges of running fundraising events this year, \$2039 has still been raised for school.

Good luck to our departing Year Six students – Kahlia, Daniel, Max and Indi. On behalf of the entire school community I wish you all the best at secondary school! Farewell also to Daniel and Indi's families who have their youngest child graduating. We thank you for your support of our school and wish you all the best for the future!

I wish all students, parents, staff and members of our school community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. See you in 2022!

FAREWELL MRS PATTON

Today we said farewell to Mrs Patton, who has accepted a position at another school for the 2022 school year. As such, Mrs Patton will not be teaching at Goornong PS in 2022. I thank Mrs Patton for her dedication and commitment to both the students and our school over the past seven years. Mrs Patton has been able to form positive relationships with students, parents and staff alike; and has made a valuable contribution to the teaching and learning program at our school. I congratulate Mrs Patton on her appointment and wish her every success in her new role.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

- Dr Seuss.

Principal's Report

2022 CLASSROOM STRUCTURE

Planning for the 2022 school year with regards to classrooms and teachers is now finalised.

I wish to welcome Rebeckah Mirabito, who has been appointed as Mrs Patton's replacement, into our school community. Mrs Mirabito has visited the school a couple of times over the past week to meet the students and staff and begin planning for 2022.

The classroom structure for 2022 will be the same as in 2021. Miss Mac will continue to be the Grade Prep-Two teacher and Miss Mirobito will take over as the Grade 3/4/5/6 homeroom teacher.

Team Goornong PS 2022

- ◆ Jason Cox—Principal.
- ◆ Jane McAdam—Grade P-2 Teacher & Art Teacher.
- ◆ Rebeckah Mirabito—Grade 3-6 Teacher.
- ◆ Karren Jackman—Education Support.
- ◆ Tearnna Filbey—Education Support.
- ◆ Jacinta Deane—Business Manager.
- ◆ Felicity Johnson—Garden Science Program.
- ◆ Sue Gentry—MARC Library Teacher.
- ◆ Jenny Fu—LOTE (Chinese) Teacher.
- ◆ Anna Kemp—Music Teacher.
- ◆ Fiona Ryan—Cleaner.
- ◆ Les Varker—Groundskeeper.
- ◆ Jason Carty—Bus Driver.

2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of school in 2022 for all students is Monday 31st January. As has been the case in previous years, we ask that parents visit the school on Friday 28th January between 10am—2pm to collect their child's supplies and pay the Curriculum Contribution and Educational items (\$185 in total) portions of the 2022 voluntary contributions. A copy of the Parent Payment Policy is available under the 'documents' tab on the school website for further information. We ask that parents please contact the school on the Friday if they are unable to attend on that day to make an alternative arrangement.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year's school photos have been sent home with the students today. Please note that due to a postage delay, the individual passport photos are not included in the packs. Once these arrive we will distribute them to families. Mrs Johnson has placed a note in the packs for

those families who are affected. We apologise for the delay, but hope that parents enjoy looking at their child's school photos. Thanks again to Mrs Johnson for being our photographer this year.

Jason Cox

Principal

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS



Thank you to those families who have already enrolled their child with OSHClub for 2022!

Congratulations to Sarah Ormesher who is the winner of the \$150 Drovers Arms Hotel voucher!

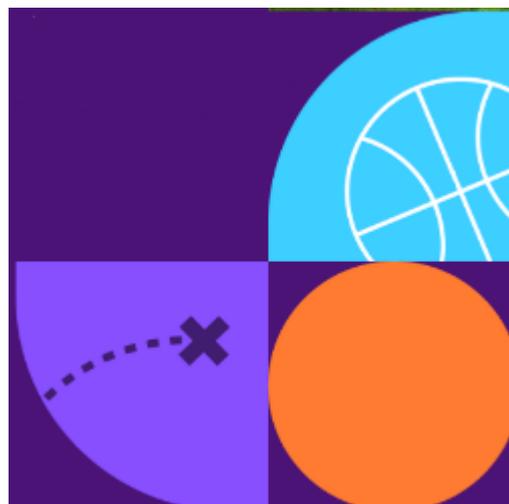
A reminder that we encourage parents to enrol their child now for After School Care in 2022 as this will make the process of booking your child into individual sessions much easier once the new year comes around.

After school care will be offered each school day at Goornong PS from 3.15pm—6.00pm.

To enrol your child go to <https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/goornong-primary-school/> and click on the **Join OSHClub** button.

Parents may also wish to click on the link below to find out more about OSHClub

<https://vimeo.com/612390286/46e0e8f784>



Farewell Mrs Patton



Grade 6 Graduates!



Learning, laughing & playing at school!



2021 Award Winners

As is tradition, the annual Grade 5/6 Awards were presented at the end of the school year. Congratulations to the following students whose achievements were recognised. A big thank you to Linda, Jill, John, Tim and their families who continue to support the presentation of these awards for our school.



The Nance Brown Award

2021 Winner: Jaxson R

Each year an achievement award is presented to a Grade Five student. This award is to honour the memory of Mrs Nance Brown and is made possible by money placed in a trust which was organised by the Goornong Branch of the C.W.A (Country Women's Association).

Mrs Brown dedicated her service to the community through involvement in the Goornong Hall committee, the Red Cross, the Goornong Brownies, the Barnadown Uniting Church, the 'Know your Bible' group and the welfare of children when she became involved with the Mother's Club.

Mrs Brown was a part of the Goornong C.W.A for 24 years. Mrs Brown's life epitomised a valued ideal of the C.W.A. Collect – 'A calm serene lady who takes time for all things'.

The recipient of the Nance Brown Award receives a certificate and a gift, courtesy of the Goornong C.W.A. The award was first presented in 2004.

The John Bickley Award

2021 Winner: Max A

The John Bickley Encouragement Award is presented to a Grade Six student as an incentive for students to achieve their best academically.

Whilst a Grade Six student at Wollert State School, John won a C.W.A. scholarship which enabled him to purchase all of his school-books for the following school year at Preston Technical College.

When John's children began attending Goornong Primary School, he became aware that there was a lack of incentive for students to achieve their best academically. Thus, the John Bickley Encouragement Award was established in 1977 to recognise students who were suited to the award.

The Bickley children and grandchildren have attended Goornong Primary School over the past years and it still gives John great pleasure to continue his award.

The recipient of the John Bickley Award receives a certificate and \$100, donated by John Bickley, to go towards the purchase of educational resources to support the student at secondary school.

The Marjorie Shaw Award

2021 Winner: Kahlia R

The Goornong Branch of the C.W.A (Country Women's Association) presents an annual Citizenship Award to a Grade Six student. This award is given to honour the memory of Miss Shaw who was a member of the Goornong community all her life.

Miss Shaw was part of the Goornong C.W.A for more than 25 years; she participated in all aspect of the C.W.A. She was also involved with the Goornong Red Cross, the Goornong Memorial Hall committee, the Huntly Shire Home Help Service and many more. Miss Shaw also taught the Barnadown Presbyterian/Uniting Church Sunday School.

In January 1976, Miss Shaw was awarded a British Empire Medal for her services to the community. She is particularly remembered by those who knew her as a gracious lady who was dedicated to helping all in the community.

The recipient of the Marjorie Shaw Award receives a certificate and a gift, courtesy of the Goornong C.W.A. The award was first presented in 1986.

The School Council Academic Achievement Award

2021 Winner: Daniel J

The School Council Academic Achievement Award is presented to the DUX of the school – the student who demonstrates the most outstanding academic achievement across the wide range of learning areas at Goornong Primary School.

The School Council is proud to present an award each year in acknowledgement of outstanding academic achievement, recognising that high quality learning outcomes for all students is ultimately what our school is striving for.

The recipient of the School Council Award receives a certificate and \$100 to go towards the purchase of educational resources to support the student at secondary school. The award was first presented in 2000.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Award

2021 Winners: Jesse C and Wade N

The STEM Award was first presented at Goornong Primary School in 2017. The Award is presented to a Grade Five student who demonstrates a passion and capability in either Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics. The recipient of the award receives a certificate and \$50 as encouragement to continue to pursue their interest in STEM. The award is proudly supported by Tim and Glenyce McCrohan.