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Dear Parents,

With next week being the last week of school for the year, the purpose of this letter is to provide you with information related to a range of topics.

Grade 3-6 Classroom Teacher 2022

As was communicated earlier this week, Sheridan Patton will not be teaching at Goornong PS in 2022. I am pleased to announce that the school has appointed Rebeckah Mirabito as Mrs Patton's replacement. Rebeckah completed a pre-service teacher placement at our school some years ago and she was highly rated by the staff and I. Since then, Rebeckah has gained a range of experience which has enabled her to develop into an excellent teacher. Rebeckah is excited to be joining the Goornong PS team and will be visiting our school next week to meet the students and begin planning for the 2022 school year.

Awards Presentation

As was communicated in last week's newsletter, we will be presenting the traditional Grade 5/6 End-of-Year Awards at a special assembly on Thursday at 2.45pm. Please find over the page information on the awards that will be presented. We will be holding this event outdoors at the school and invite parents and family members to come along.

Santa Visit

We have received confirmation from the North Pole that Santa will be visiting our school at 1.45pm on Friday. We will also be holding this event outdoors at the school and invite parents and family members to come along. A reminder that we ask parents to provide a book to the value of \$15 for Santa to hand out. Parents may also wish to provide a book for any younger siblings that may be present on the day. Please drop these at the office by close of business Thursday.

For both of the events above, we remind parents of the Covid-19 requirements which apply. *Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending an outdoor event or gathering held at schools are required to be fully vaccinated, or have a valid medical exemption. In these instances, parents, carers and adult visitors must check in using the QR code and schools are required to sight vaccination information.*

Ginger Bread Houses

The Ginger Bread Houses have arrived at the school and are now ready to be collected for those who placed an order. A big thank you to Rachel Mill who has done a power of work organising and coordinating this fundraiser. Great job Rachel!

Fun Day at the Goornong Pool

We have our Fun Day at the Goornong Pool on Thursday. On this day, we will be providing a free lunch for the students – pizzas and hot chips! Students are welcome to bring their lunch from home if they wish.

After School Care Coordinator Position

Our after school care provider, OSHClub, is searching for a suitably qualified and talented individual for the position of After School Care Coordinator at Goornong Primary School. Further details are available via the link below. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may be interested.

<https://junioradventuresgroup.avature.net/careers/JobDetail/After-School-Coordinator-Goornong/18620>

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Jason Cox

Principal

GOORNOONG PRIMARY SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

The Nance Brown Award

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 Marjorie Shaw Award

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 John Bickley Award

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 schoolbooks 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 School Council Academic Achievement Award

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 STEM Award – Proudly Supported by Tim and Glenyce McCrohan

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.