

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 February.

Next Week

Mon 21st Feb School Council Meeting
Fri 25th Feb School Council nominations close

Term 1

Mon 28th Feb School Captain Speeches, 9am
Wed 2nd Mar Breakfast Club begins
Preps first Wednesday at school.
Fri 4th Mar Campaspe Cluster Swimming Carnival
Grades 3-6 @ Rochester
Fri 11th Mar Tree planting at the new Train Station
MARC Library
Mon 14th Mar Public Holiday
Fri 18th Mar MARC Library
Mon 21st Mar School Council AGM & Meeting
Fri 1st April MARC Library
Wed 6th April Cluster Cross Country, P-6 @ Elmore
Fri 8th April Last day of Term 1, 2.15 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 	Lola A	Riley B
P-2 Maths 	Jackson L	Chase R
P-2 Values 	Archie O	Harper S
3-6 Literacy 	Audrey A	Jess C
3-6 Maths 	Milla P	Max M
3-6 Values 	Hunter R	Jaxson R
Principal Award 	Max M	Milla, Marli, Audrey

Breakfast Club

We are excited to announce that, once again, our school will be running a Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club will run each Wednesday morning in the staff room and provide a free breakfast of cereal, fruit and a glass of milk.

We are asking those students who wish to attend to arrive at school between 8.15am—8.30am. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide breakfast to students who arrive after 8.30am.

We look forward to seeing lots of students for our first Breakfast Club on Wednesday 2nd March.

Karren Jackman
Breakfast Club Coordinator

Plastic Bottles Wanted

If anyone has any spare plastic bottles, such as used soft drink bottles, we would appreciate if you could drop them off at the school. We will be using these in a few weeks for a classroom activity. Thank you.



It's been great to see more students beginning to attend After School Care. This week the students have been using the 'magic sand', cooking up treats in the pretend kitchen and even playing ping pong. As always, we would love to have more students coming along. To enrol your child go to:

<https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/goornong-primary-school/> and click on the **Join OSHClub** button.



See below for details on how you could win a free term of After School Care, thanks to OSHClub!

MORE FUN THAN

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Amazing Adventures Await...

OSHClub is bringing the FUN back in 2022 with your chance to WIN!
Secure your permanent Before and After School Care bookings for your chance to win a whole term for FREE!

We're reimagining FUN with enriching, exciting new programs created by children for children. Exciting clubs, activities and incursions await.

The world outside of school may be changing every day, but we will always be here to provide a consistent, high-quality Outside School Hours Care to your school community.

You can count on us.

[If you would like to learn more, you can visit our website here.](#)
Secure your permanent bookings today!

WIN

A TERM FOR FREE!

T&Cs Apply

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OSHClubChildCare



Learning, laughing and playing at school!



Principal's Report

POSITIVE START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

I wish to congratulate all students on making a positive start to the school year! The teachers and I have been very impressed with the positive attitude and behaviour that you have all demonstrated over the first few weeks—keep up the good work!

I also wish to thank all of our wonderful parents for your efforts supporting your child to be organised and ready to attack each school day with enthusiasm—your support is greatly appreciated by the school staff.

A reminder to parents to please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher should you have a question or concern. We find that effective communication between home and school and vice versa ensures that we are all on the same page with regards to any issues relating to your child.

2022 SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS OPEN!

School Council Elections take place in Term One every year. This year, we have a number of vacancies for Parent Representative positions. As such, we seek nominations from parents to fill these vacancies.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please see Jason at the school for a nomination form. Nominations close at 4pm next Friday 25th February.

Nomination and Election Time Frame

Friday February 18th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 25th	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed...	
Friday March 4th	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 11th	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 15th	Counting of votes and declare election results.
Monday March 21st	School Council AGM & first meeting of new school council.

We encourage parents to consider nominating for School Council. It is a great way to make a contribution to the development and direction of our school. We meet in the evening on the third Monday of each month at the school. Current School Councillors include Rachel Mill, Ben Matthews, Terri James and Sarah Ormesher.

If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please feel free to contact Jason or one of our current School Councillors.

The first meeting for the year of our current school council will be held this coming Monday 21st February at 6.15pm at the school. School Council packs have been

sent home today with the children of councillors.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Each year our Grade Six students are able to nominate for the position of School Captain. At Goornong PS we have a boy School Captain and a girl School Captain who are elected through a vote by their peers. Those candidates not elected School Captain become members of our Student Leadership Group.

This year's candidates will be presenting their speeches at a special assembly at 9.00am on Monday 28th February. We invite the parents of Grade 6 students to come along if they so wish. Unfortunately, other members of our school community will be unable to attend due to Covid restrictions.

GRADE THREE-SIX SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Campaspe Cluster Grade Three-Six Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 4th March at the Rochester Swimming Pool. This day will see our Grade Three-Six students compete in various events against students from the other Cluster Schools.

The purpose of the day is fun and participation and the events are designed to cater for the various levels of swimming ability amongst the students. Students are not asked to compete in events that are beyond their swimming ability or confidence level. Events range from walking races across the shallow end of the pool to freestyle races the length of the pool, with students participating in the events that are at their swimming level.

Permission forms and further details for this excursion accompany today's newsletter. Please note that Grade 3/4/5/6 students will not be able to have a lunch order on this day.

TREE PLANTING AT NEW TRAIN STATION

We have been invited to assist in the landscaping at the new Goornong Train Station. As such, on Friday 11th March we will be walking to the new station to help plant trees. We will be leaving school at about 9.15am and returning in time for recess at 11am. This excursion will provide a terrific opportunity for our students to connect with the local community and will also provide a link to our Garden Science Program which begins in Term 2.

Jason Cox

Principal

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Child Safe Standards



What are the Child Safe Standards?

The *Betrayal of Trust* report released by the Victorian Government identified that more can be done in the community to reduce and remove the risk of child abuse. As such, Ministerial Order 870 outlines a set of requirements (Child Safe Standards) that Victorian schools need to meet.

The Child Safe Standards are a set of principles that require organisations working with children to implement strategies to prevent child abuse.

There are seven Child Safe Standards, plus a Principle of Inclusion.

Our Commitment to Child Safety

Goornong Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Goornong Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and children who are vulnerable.

Every person involved in Goornong Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Goornong Primary School has in place the following policies and documents which outline approaches to remove and/or reduce the risks of child abuse; and our commitment to providing a child-safe environment.

- ◆ Child Safety Policy.
- ◆ Child Safe Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Staff Selection, Supervision & Management Policy.
- ◆ Child Safe Reporting Obligations Policy.
- ◆ Risk Management Strategies for a Child Safe Environment.

A copy of all of these policies and further information regarding the Child Safe Standards is available on our school's website.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

A reminder of our school's policy regarding Working with Children Checks.

Goornong Primary School asks that all parents have a valid WWCC card. This is to maximise the safety for all students, eliminate any confusion regarding activities that a non-cardholder can and cannot engage in; and to ensure that our school meets the legislation with regards to the *Working with Children Act (2005)*.

The process to apply for a Working with Children Check card is not arduous and the school is able to support parents if necessary. We strongly encourage parents who do not currently have a WWCC card to now begin the process of applying for one. Parents who do not hold a valid card will not be able to participate in school activities such as morning reading, attending excursions or volunteering at sports days.

Please feel free to contact Jacinta on a Tuesday or Wednesday at the school if you require support or have any questions regarding Working with Children Checks.

We thank our school community for their support!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2022 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Please note these activities will only take place if they meet COVIDSafe requirements.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 03 5432 2236 and ask for an application form.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. **Jacinta Deane, Business Manager**



BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER

We wish to inform our school community that our school is included on the Bushfire At Risk Register, as set by the Education Department, for the 2021-2022 Summer. This means that our school is required to close on days declared as Code Red in the Northern Country Bureau of Meteorology district.

Code Red days are announced by the Emergency Management Commissioner of Victoria, usually no later than 1.00pm on the day preceding the Code Red day. Once a Code Red day is announced, our school will notify all families that the school will be closed.

We again remind families to setup the UEducateUs App on their phone to ensure that they are receiving important information that may be communicated by the school.



JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB
Q Play Cricket

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



LEARN BALL SKILLS

- Easy to join, fun to play
- Inclusive program for all abilities
- Outdoors non-contact



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-10

Sign up for Huntly's very own Junior Blaster's 4-week program at the Play Cricket website or come along to Session 1, Sunday 20th Feb, 10am at Strauch Reserve, Huntly, for a try first

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB

Huntly Nth Epsom Jnr Cricket Club
10-11am, Feb 20, 27 & March 6, 13
Feb 27 part of Huntly Family Fun Day

For all inquiries:
Ann Archer 0428 009 361
registerhnejcc@gmail.com



Q Play Cricket

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



Runnymede Junior Football Club is looking for expressions of interest from families for 2022.

If you're new to Runnymede, games are usually played Friday night or on Sundays. Training is on a Wednesday @ 5pm alternating between Elmore and Colbinabbin football ovals. Please go to our Face Book page - Runnymede Junior Football Club or email emilymcfadzean3566@gmail.com and express your interest with the age of your child at 1.1.22.

We are looking for coaches for 2022, so if you are interested in coaching or joining the committee, we'd love to hear from you.

Regards – Runnymede JFC committee