

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

### Next Week

- Mon 21st Mar Parent-Teacher Interviews (P-2)  
Tues 22nd Mar Tree Planting at Goornong Station  
School Council AGM & Meeting  
Wed 23rd Mar Parent-Teacher Interviews (P-2 & 3-6)  
Thurs 24th Mar Parent-Teacher Interviews (3-6)

### Term 1

- 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	Archie O	Chase R
P-2 Maths	Lola A	Mason F
P-2 Values	Riley B	Ted A
3-6 Literacy	Mayla P	Wade N
3-6 Maths	Audrey A	Amy O
3-6 Values	Marli O	Ted C
Principal Award	Ruby R	Archie O



Congratulations to Jesse C and Jaxson R, who were elected school captains for 2022 following a vote by their peers this week. Well done also to Wade N who will ably assist as vice-captain.

## POSITION VACANT—CLEANER

Cleaning of local school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, 6 hours per week.

Apply to Jodale Cleaning Pty Ltd.

Phone Craig 0419 007 349

## Breakfast Club is Back!

It's been terrific to have lots of students arriving early on a Wednesday morning for Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club runs each Wednesday morning in the staff room and provide a free breakfast of toast, cereal, fruit and a milo.

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.

There's plenty of space so please feel free to send your child along!

Karen Jackman  
Breakfast Club Coordinator



# Learning, laughing and playing at school!



GOORNONG AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
**OSHClub**



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

# Principal's Report

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Well done to our Grade Six students who presented their School Captain speeches this week. Despite a few nerves, the students showed lots of character to stand up in front of the school community and present their speeches.

I am pleased to announce that Jesse C and Jackson R have been elected as our School Captains for 2022, following a vote by their peers. Our School Captains will be greatly supported by Wade N who has been elected as vice-captain.

It was great to hear all candidates outline what they will do to be excellent role models in our school and they all have some excellent ideas which they are excited to share with the teachers and other students. I look forward to working with our Student Leadership Group throughout 2022.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As was communicated to parents over the past couple of weeks, due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to make some changes to the scheduling of the Parent-Teacher Interviews. This meant that a small number of parents had to have their interview rescheduled to a different time. I wish to thank parents for their flexibility and understanding with regards to this and again apologise for the inconvenience that was caused.

For those parents who are yet to make an appointment, your child's teacher would love to talk to you and interviews are still available to be booked via UEducateUs on the following afternoons:

Mon 21st March: Grade P/1/2 only.

Wed 23rd March: Grade P/1/2 and Grade 3/4/5/6.

Thurs 24th March: Grade 3/4/5/6 only.

## TREE PLANTING EXCURSION

After a false start a couple of weeks ago, I am pleased to announce that we will be heading to the new Goornong Station this coming Tuesday to assist with the planting of trees as part of the landscaping works being undertaken. Further details and a permission form accompany today's newsletter.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The first meeting of our new school council is the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 22nd March, beginning at 6.15pm. A normal meeting will immediately follow after the AGM. For our new and returning school councillors, packs with agendas etc have been sent home with your child today.

## CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY RUN DETAILS

Each year our school participates in the Campaspe Cluster Cross Country run. This year's event will be held at the

Elmore Field Days site on Wednesday 6th April and is for all students in Years Prep-Six.

On the day, students are split into three age groups according to their age at 31st December this year. Five, six and seven year olds will run a 1km course; eight, nine and ten year olds a 2km course; and 11 & 12 year olds a 3km course. The approximate program for the day is:

11.15am	Depart Goornong PS on the bus.
12.15pm	5,6,7yo 1km Race.
12.40pm	8,9,10yo 2km Race.
1.20pm	11,12,13yo 3km Race.
2.00pm	Presentations.
2.30pm	Depart for Goornong PS.

The Cluster Cross Country is always an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to seeing many parents at the venue to cheer our students along. Please note that our Cluster Cross Country event falls in line with the current School Sport Victoria guidelines regarding Covid-19. We ask parents to note the following:

- Whilst spectators are welcome to come along, we ask families to please limit their attendance to no more than two adults per child.
- Parents and spectators attending on the day will be required to show proof of vaccination status (two doses) on entry. We encourage parents to have their vaccination certificate linked to the Service Victoria App on their smartphone prior to the day to avoid any issues entering the venue.
- Parents and spectators are asked to maintain physical distancing at all times.

Please find attached to today's newsletter a permission form for this excursion.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those families who have already paid the voluntary financial contributions for 2022. Your support with this is greatly appreciated and ensure that we are able to offer the best possible educational opportunities for the students who attend our school.

If you are yet to do so, please consider paying the voluntary contributions. A copy of our school's Parent Payment Policy is available on our school website at [www.goornongps.vic.edu.au](http://www.goornongps.vic.edu.au) under the documents tab.

*Jason Cox*

*Principal*

# PROTECT

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!

# Community News



## AGES

U6 - U7s (non-competitive)

U8 - U10s (non-competitive)

U11 - U16s

## PLAY JUNIOR SOCCER WITH EAGLEHAWK

TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE 28TH MARCH 2022

Register online here: [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

Phone: Jase on 0417 380 591

Email: [admin@fceaglehawk.com.au](mailto:admin@fceaglehawk.com.au)

Facebook: FC Eaglehawk



## Play in the Garden Day

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK

10AM - 1PM  
TUESDAY MARCH 22  
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE  
BENDIGO BOTANIC GARDENS, WHITE HILLS

FREE EVENT

## LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES AT GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE INCLUDING:

- ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDES
- BUBBLE PLAY, BALLOON SCULPTING AND CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- STORYTIME SESSION
- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EARLY YEARS SERVICES



FREE FRESH FRUIT • \$2 SAUSAGES and VEGGIE BURGERS • COFFEE AVAILABLE  
Coliban Water refill unit available please remember to bring your drink bottle.

**Please Note:** Proof of vaccination certificate is required for participants 18 years and over

