

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Term 4

Mon 3rd Oct	First day of Term 4
4th—6th Oct	Elmore Field Days
Wed 5th Oct	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Thurs 6th Oct	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Fri 7th Oct	Gr 5-6 Camp Forms Due School Photo Orders Due
Mon 10th Oct	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Tues 11th Oct	PAWS in Schools Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Wed 12th Oct	Playgroup Session, 10.00—11.30am Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Thurs 13th Oct	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Fri 14th Oct	MARC Library
Mon 17th Oct	School Photos School Council
18th—20th Oct	Gr 5-6 Anglesea Camp
Mon 24th Oct	Bike Ed (Gr 3-6s)
Wed 26th Oct	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
Fri 28th Oct	MARC Library
Thurs 3rd Nov	P/1/2 Sleepover at School
Tues 8th Nov	PAWS in Schools Little Learners 2.00pm—3.15pm
Fri 11th Nov	MARC Library
Mon 14th Nov	Gr 5-6 Puberty Session 1
Tues 15th Nov	Little Learners 2.00pm—3.15pm
Mon 21st Nov	Gr 5-6 Puberty Session 2 School Council
Tues 22nd Nov	Little Learners 2.00pm—3.15pm
Wed 23rd Nov	Playgroup Session, 10.00am—11.30am
Fri 25th Nov	MARC Library
Mon 28th Nov	Gr 5-6 Puberty Session 3
Tues 29th Nov	Little Learners 2.00pm—3.15pm
Fri 2nd Dec	Student-Free Day
Tues 6th Dec	PAWS in Schools Little Learners 2.00pm—3.15pm
Fri 9th Dec	MARC Library
Tues 13th Dec	Orientation (Step Up) Day Little Learners 9.00am—12.30pm
Thurs 15th Dec	Christmas Concert
Tues 20th Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2.15pm dismissal

Weekly Awards

<u>Award</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
P-2 Literacy 	Jackson L	—
P-2 Maths 	Lola A	—
P-2 Values 	Riley B	—
3-6 Literacy 	Audrey A	—
3-6 Maths 	Harry M	—
3-6 Values 	Ted C	—
Principal Award 	Mason D-F	—

FOTS NEWS

ELMORE FIELD DAYS ROSTER 2022

Once again, a big thank you to those who have put their name down on this year's Elmore Field Days Roster. During the first week of next term, we will have volunteers from our school and the wider community volunteering around 118 hours of time to raise money for our school! We wish all of the volunteers representing our school the best of luck and again offer our sincere gratitude for the contribution they are making.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL CARE & BREAKFAST CLUB DURING ELMORE FIELD DAYS

A reminder that OSHClub is providing after school care free of charge on Tues 4th, Wed 5th and Thurs 6th October for all families. This is a great opportunity for new students to come along and see what all the fuss is about! Students will still need to be enrolled and booked in to OSHClub to take up this opportunity.

The school will also be providing Breakfast Club from 8am on these dates for all students that wish to come along.

Principal's Report

Today was the last day of Term 3. I wish all students, parents and staff a safe and enjoyable school holidays and look forward to seeing everyone for the start of what will be a busy Term 4.

PARENT HELPERS—MORNING READING!

With the impact of Covid-19 and other illnesses decreasing amongst our community, we are pleased to once again be in a position to invite parents to help out at the school.

From the beginning of Term 4 we would love to have lots of parents coming into both the P/1/2 and 3/4/5/6 classrooms between 8.30am—9.00am to help with morning reading. Evidence shows that students who read aloud regularly achieve enhanced reading outcomes, so please, if you can, consider coming in and listening to yours and other children read. Please note that all helpers will require a Working with Children Check.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Accompanying today's newsletter is the order envelope for school photos. Our photo day is Monday 17th October and we are asking parents to return their photo order by Friday 7th October.

As was the case last year, photos will be taken by Felicity Johnson.

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.

2023 SCHOOL YEAR

It is at this time of year where we begin planning for the coming school year. As I'm sure you can appreciate, there is a great deal of work behind the scenes to ensure the best structure 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 2023 (including Preps) please now return their enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available from the school should you require one. I also ask any current families whose child/children will not be attending Goornong PS in 2023 to please let me know. I thank families for their support with this.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Earlier this year our Grade 3 and 5 students sat the annual NAPLAN tests. Individual student results have been sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students today. Please feel free to speak with me or your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's result. Due to the small number of students who completed the tests, the school is unable to publish a summary of our school's results for confidentiality reasons. Nevertheless, the staff and I are very pleased with the outcomes of both our Year 3s and Year 5s, who have generally achieved results that show both positive learning gain and compare positively to the national average. Well done Grade 3s and 5s!

LUNCH ORDERS

Please note that beginning in Term 4, our lunch order day will be swapping from a Friday to a Monday. Lunch orders will be available on the first day of Term 4.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

On Monday Ted C represented our school and the Campaspe Cluster at the Division Track and Field Championships in Bendigo. Ted competed in both the 100m sprint and shot put events, acquitting himself well against some very stiff competition—well done Ted!

HATS AT SCHOOL

A reminder 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 for the start of Term 4. Students who do not have a suitable hat are asked to play in the shade on the veranda during playtime and lunchtime.

Principal's Report Continued

BIKE EDUCATION—GRADES THREE-SIX

Our Bike Education Program is for all students in Years 3/4/5/6 and will be held over the first four weeks of Term Four, beginning on the first Wednesday of Term 4.

The aim of the Program is to teach students about road safety; and to develop the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road.

Once again, our Bike Education Program will be run by Mr D. Mr D has coordinated the Bike Ed Program at Goornong PS for many years and is an accredited Bike Education instructor.

For our Grade Three-Six families, please find attached to today's newsletter further information about the Bike Education Program and a permission form to be completed and returned to the school.

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

BIKE EDUCATION BIKE RIDE—PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!

In pre-Covid times our Bike Education Program would culminate with the students completing a long Bike Ride to the Muskerry Church via English's Bridge. This was a special event for the students and a tradition for our school. We are hoping to get 'The Bike Ride' back up and running this year and are seeking the help of parents. To ensure we can safely do this activity, we require two pilot vehicles to accompany us on the ride (one drives at the front of our group and the other at the rear). It is also handy if one of the vehicles can have a trailer to store any bikes that break down during the journey. The proposed date for 'The Ride' is Tuesday 25th October. If you think you may be able to help out, please let me know. Thank you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the recent School Council meeting policies related to the new Child Safe Standards, which were announced by the Victorian Government, were reviewed and approved. This included the school's Child Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and Volunteers Policy. All three policies are available on the school website. We particularly encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the Volunteers Policy as this has important information related to parents volunteering at the school. Please also feel free to contact the school should you have any questions or feedback regarding these policies.

Jason Cox
Principal



Goornong Playgroup

The next session for 2022 will be held on

Wednesday 12th October

at Goornong Primary School, from 10.00am—11.30am.

We invite all members of the Goornong community with young children to please come along and meet other people in the area who have young children.

We would love to have lots of younger siblings of current students come along also.

Morning tea will be provided for both parents and children.

We hope to see you there!

Please contact school on 5432 2236 if you require any further details.

Remaining 2022 Session Dates

Wednesday 12th October

Wednesday 23rd November

**All sessions run 10.00am—11.30am.*

Community News



What's coming up at OSHClub?

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Holiday show and tell Sensory Experiment Taste/Smell/touch blindfolded	Holiday show and tell Sidewalk Chalk	Holiday show and tell Outside picnic and play with new sports equipment	Holiday show and tell Sensory Experiment Taste/Smell/touch blindfolded	Holiday show and tell Sidewalk Chalk



I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our wonderful Educator Ella on her recent promotion to Assistant Coordinator at OSHCLUB Strathfieldsaye. She has brought so much to OSHCLUB Goornong, the children and their families and I know she will be sadly missed by all, especially me! This is an amazing opportunity for her to further her career in the industry and I have no doubt she will do amazing things in her new role. We will have a new educator starting with me on day one of term 4 and I look forward to introducing her to everyone when the time comes. **Trudi Smith, Coordinator**

Lunch Order Roster Term 4

A reminder that our lunch order day in Term 4 is Monday!

A big thank you to the parents that have volunteered to help out.

What to do:

The school rings through the orders to the Oasis Café in the morning. Parents do not need to make 2 trips to Elmore!

- 1) Pick up lunch order envelopes from the school prior to heading to Elmore.
- 2) Head to Oasis Café, drop off lunch order envelopes and pick up the food. Aim to do this about 1.10pm.
- 3) Deliver the lunch orders to the school ready for lunch at 1.30pm. If you are unable to fulfil your allocated day, please attempt to arrange a swap with another parent, or let the school know ASAP so a replacement can be found. Thank you!

Term 4	
Mon 3rd Oct	Terri James
Mon 10th Oct	Danni Robertson
Mon 17th Oct	Terri James
Mon 24th Oct	Alisha Robertson
Mon 31st Oct	Danni Robertson
Mon 7th Nov	Nicole Anthony
Mon 14th Nov	Nicole Anthony
Mon 21st Nov	Alisha Robinson
Mon 28th Nov	Terri James
Mon 5th Dec	Nicole Anthony
Mon 12th Dec	Nicole Anthony
Mon 19th Dec	Danni Robertson

Learning, Laughing and Playing at School

