

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

Sun 19th Feb Welcome Back to School Pool Party
Fri 24th Feb Cluster Swim Carnival, Elmore (Gr 3-6s)








Term 1

Mon 27th Feb School Captain speeches, 9am.
Playgroup, 10.00—11.30am
School Council Meeting
Wed 1st Mar Preps first Wednesday at school.
Fri 3rd Mar MARC Library
Wed 8th Mar No After School Care today.
Fri 11th Mar MARC Library
Mon 13th Mar Public Holiday
Wed 15th Mar Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Writing Test
Thurs 16th Mar Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Reading Test
Fri 17th Mar MARC Library
Mon 20th Mar Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Language Test
School Council AGM & Meeting
Tues 21st Mar Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Numeracy Test
Mon 27th Mar Playgroup, 10.00—11.30am
Fri 31st Mar MARC Library
Thurs 6th April Last day of Term 1, 2.15 dismissal
Fri 7th April Good Friday

2023 Term Dates

Term One 31st Jan—6th Apr
Term Two 24th Apr—23rd June
Term Three 10th July—15th Sept

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Archie O	Darcie F
P-2 Maths 	Chase R	Mason D-F
P-2 Values 	Bryttney B	Harper S
3-6 Literacy 	Eddie S	Milla P
3-6 Maths 	Lola A	Mayla P
3-6 Values 	Marli O	Emilie J
Principal Award 	Marli O	Harper S

Welcome Back to School BBQ & Fun Day

We invite all of our families and members of our school community to our **'Welcome Back to School BBQ'** at the Goornong Swimming Pool.

Sunday 19th February, 12noon—2pm.

Free Sausage Sizzle.

Drinks available for purchase from the pool kiosk.

Opportunity to meet new teachers and new families.

Please join us for a fun afternoon.

There will be no entry cost for this event—thank you to the Goornong Pool Committee for this!

*Please feel free to come along even if you are yet to return the RSVP.



Our After School Care program is back up and running for 2023. We would love to have more students coming along so please feel free to enrol your child and book them in so they can see what all the fuss is about.

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

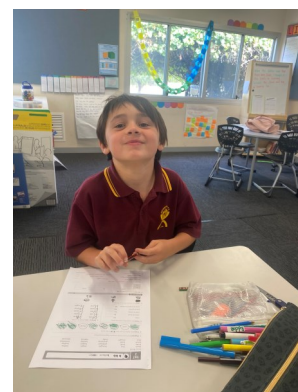
What's coming up at OSHClub?



Important Notice

Please be aware that there will be no OSHClub available on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th March. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

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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 approach each school day with enthusiasm—your support is greatly appreciated by the school staff.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of our wonderful teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly over the last couple of weeks to ensure that the school year got off to a successful start—thank you all for making sure that every student has a great day every day!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

We are looking forward to our community BBQ this coming Sunday at the Goornong Pool. This is always a nice afternoon and a great opportunity for new and existing students, staff and families to mingle. A big thank you to all those who returned the RSVP—this is a big help with catering. Even if you are yet to return the RSVP, please feel free to come along.

PLAYGROUP

Once again the school will be running a community playgroup. We usually aim to hold two sessions per school term over the course of the year. The first session is scheduled for Monday 27th February so please spread the word as we would love to have lots of local children and their parents come along. A flyer with further information is in today's newsletter.

BENDIGO'S HEALTHIEST SCHOOL AWARDS

I'm excited to let our school community know that Goornong PS has been selected as a finalist for the 2022—2023 *Bendigo's Healthiest School* award. This is terrific acknowledge for the programs and environment that our school provides which promote healthy eating, positive wellbeing and physical activity. I look forward to sharing more details and the outcome of our nomination in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS OPEN!

School Council Elections take place in Term One every year. This year, we have 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 24th February.

Nomination and Election Time Frame

Friday February 17th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 24th	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed...	
Friday March 3rd	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 10th	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 14th	Counting of votes and declare election results.
Monday March 20th	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, Jess Nickson 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.

For our current school councillors, please note the change of date for our first meeting of the year, which will now be held on the evening of Monday 27th February at 6.15pm at the school.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Each year our Grade 6 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. The 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 27th February. We invite parents to come along.

PREP HEALTH CHECKS

A big thank you to our Prep families who returned the Prep Health Forms. The school nurse visited our school yesterday to conduct health checks on each of the Prep students. The school nurse will have contacted families directly should there have been anything that she needed to follow-up on after completing the health check. However, should parents have any further questions please feel free to contact me at school.

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Principal's Report Continued

GRADE 3/4/5/6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Campaspe Cluster Grade 3/4/5/6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 24th February at the Elmore Swimming Pool. This day will see our Grade 3/4/5/6 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.

Permission forms and further details for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

SCHOOL PRIVACY POLICY

At the beginning of each school year we remind our school community of our privacy policy. Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website:

[Privacy Collection Statement](#)

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.](#)

Jason Cox

Principal



Goornong Playgroup

The first session for 2023 will be held on

Monday 27th February

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.

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.

Term 1, 2023 session dates:

Monday 27th February

Monday 27th March

**Dates for Terms 2, 3, and 4 to be confirmed.*

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Lunch Order Roster Terms 1 & 2

A big thank you to the parents that have volunteered to help out with the lunch orders—we really appreciate it! Below is the roster for Terms 1 and 2. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

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 1		Term 2	
Terri J	Mon 6th Feb	Jessica P	Mon 24 th April
Ruth S	Mon 13 th Feb	Shahn M	Mon 1 st May
Shahn M	Mon 20 th Feb	Merryn N	Mon 8 th May
Dot B	Mon 27 th Feb	Dot B	Mon 15 th May
Jessica P	Mon 6 th March	Terri J	Mon 22 nd May
Public Holiday	Mon 13 th March	Lauren L	Mon 19 th May
Lauren L	Mon 20 th March	Dot B	Mon 5 th June
Merryn N	Mon 27 th March	Public Holiday	Mon 12 th June
Terri J	Mon 3 rd April	Shahn M	Mon 19 th June

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