

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Wed 8th Mar No After School Care.

Term 1

Mon 13th Mar Public Holiday
 Tues 14th Mar Footy 4 Fun Clinic, 3.30pm—4.30pm
 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
 Parent-Teacher Interviews
 School Council AGM & Meeting
 Tues 21st Mar Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Numeracy Test
 Parent-Teacher Interviews
 Wed 22nd Mar Parent-Teacher Interviews
 Fri 24th Mar Colour Run
 Mon 27th Mar Playgroup, 10.00—11.30am
 Fri 31st Mar MARC Library
 Wed 5th April Cluster Cross Country, Elmore (P-6)
 Thurs 6th April Last day of Term 1, 2.15 dismissal
 Fri 7th April Good Friday








Term 2

Mon 24th April Student-Free Day
 Tues 25th April ANZAC Day
 Wed 26th April First day of Term 2 for students
 Sun 14th May Mother's Day
 Fri 23rd June Last day of Term 2, 2.15pm dismissal

2023 Term Dates

Term One 31st Jan—6th Apr
 Term Two 24th Apr—23rd June
 Term Three 10th July—15th Sept
 Term Four 2nd Oct—20th Dec

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Edwin F	Ted A
P-2 Maths 	Robert S	Poppy S
P-2 Values 	Mack S	Jackson L
3-6 Literacy 	Olivia M	Max M
3-6 Maths 	Milla P	None
3-6 Values 	Lola A	Ted C
Principal Award 	Audrey A	None

COLOUR RUN

We would like to welcome all families into our school on Friday the 24th of March to join in on our colour run! Students will be running a short cross country and having colours thrown at them throughout the course! There is no cost to enter the colour run but, students will need to wear a white T-shirt on the day. Families and friends are welcome to run or watch this event. More details to come. Hope to see you all there!





Goornong After School Care

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.

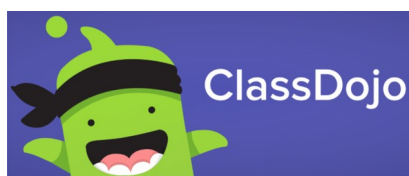
To enrol your child go to: <https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/goornong-primary-school/> and click on the *Join OSHClub* button.

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.



IMPORTANT



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that some parents have inadvertently been charged to upgrade to 'premium' features when using the Class DoJo app.

I wish to inform parents that there is no need to be purchasing any additional paid features on Class DoJo; and that parents will still be able to access the photos and messages that the school posts on Class DoJo without having to pay for any features of the app.

We encourage parents to ignore any pop ups that appear requesting payment for additional 'premium' features whilst using the app.

I offer my sincere apologies for any confusion or inconvenience caused.

Jason Cox

Principal

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ELMORE FIELD DAYS DIVIDEND

This week our school received its dividend from the Elmore Field Days Catering Committee following last years Field Days. We are pleased to let our community know that we raised **\$3349.48**.

A big thank you to the volunteers from our school who filled the 20 shifts (totalling 118 hours) on our roster.

We also offer our sincere gratitude to David Mill for his efforts as our school's Roster Coordinator and Catering Committee Representative; and thank Rachel Mill for her work supporting the coordination of the roster. Both David and Rachel did a power of work last year and filled multiple spots on our school's roster—thanks heaps Rachel and David!

School Uniforms

Just a reminder that our second hand uniforms are still available for purchase at the office. Please see Jacinta or Tearnna if you wish to purchase any of these items.



Principal's Report

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Well done to our Grade 6 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 Milla P has been elected as our girl School Captain, and Ted C & Harry M as our boy School Captains, following a vote by their peers. Our School Captains will be ably supported by Audrey A, 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 Grade 6 Student Leadership Group throughout 2023.

BENDIGO'S HEALTHIEST SCHOOL AWARDS

In the last edition of the newsletter I let our school community know that our school had been selected as a finalist for the 2022—2023 *Bendigo's Healthiest School* award. I'm excited to announce that we came runners up! This is terrific acknowledgement for the programs and environment that our school provides which promote healthy eating, positive wellbeing and physical activity. Our school receives \$1000 to go towards our health and wellbeing programs as a result. A big thank you to the Fosterville Mine, who are the sponsors of the award.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher Interviews are held twice a year, in March and again in July.

The first Parent-Teacher Interviews for 2023 will be held after school on the following dates:

Mon 20th March: Grade P-2 & Grade 3-6.

Tues 21st March: Grade P-2 & Grade 3-6.

Wed 22nd March: Grade P-2 & Grade 3-6.

These are an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher/s and discuss how their child is progressing socially, academically and behaviourally following the first few weeks of school. It is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions or raise any concerns they may have.

Bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews are made via the UEducateUs System either on your mobile device or PC. Please see Jacinta at the school on a Tuesday or

Wednesday if you need help with this. Bookings are now open and are able to be made up to 24 hours prior to the appointment time.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend the interview, we do encourage students in the Grade 3/4/5/6 class to be involved as this ensures that parents, students and teachers are all on the same page as to the learning goals of the student for the first semester.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL—EVERY DAY COUNTS

We're five weeks in to the school year and it's been terrific to see most students getting into the routine of regular attendance at school.

I wish to remind parents of the importance of regular and consistent attendance. Attendance patterns are established early—a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school creates habits which can be very difficult to break. As an example, a child missing one day every two weeks is the equivalent of missing 20 days a year! That's the equivalent of almost one year of schooling by the end of Grade 6!

It is Education Department Policy that schools notify parents on the day when a student is absent and the school has not been provided with a reason for the absence. As such, we ask that parents please notify the school in the morning if their child is going to be absent from school that day. Parents are able to notify the school of absences via uEducateUs, or by contacting the school by phone. Please be aware that the school is not able to accept verbal messages from siblings of absent students.

To ensure our school is meeting the requirements of the Education Department, each morning, our teachers mark the attendance roll for the day using the uEducateUs system. The system automatically generates a notification that is sent to parents where a student is marked as an unexplained absence.

We encourage parents to meet with their child's teacher if they are having attendance issues so we can work together to get your child to school each day.

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Principal's Report Continued

STUDENT-FREE DAY

Please be aware that Monday 24th April has been designated as a Student-Free Day. The teachers will be joining with other schools from the Bendigo area for a professional development workshop on this day. With ANZAC Day the following day, this means that the first day of Term 2 for the students will be Wednesday 26th April.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENT—GRADES THREE AND FIVE

In a couple of weeks time our Grade 3s and 5s will complete the NAPLAN tests. These tests are completed by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia. There are four tests which the students complete—Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

Individual student results from the NAPLAN tests are provided to the school later in the year and are available to parents.

As a school we are often asked by parents what they can do to ensure their child does well on the NAPLAN tests. The tests are designed to assess Literacy and Numeracy skills that students have developed over the course of their entire education. They assess a student's overall understanding of concepts which are built on throughout a child's schooling, thus cramming or completing extra study for the tests is not recommended.

Some tips to help your child do their best are:

- Encouraging your child to do the best they can.
- Reassuring your child that whilst it is important to do your best, the result of the tests will have no impact on their future opportunities.
- Ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep prior to the testing days.
- Ensuring your child eats a healthy dinner and breakfast prior to the testing days.
- Understanding that NAPLAN is not the be all and end all—performance on NAPLAN has no impact on a person's success in life.

If you would like further information please feel free to come and see me. We wish all our Grade 3s and 5s good luck when completing the tests!

2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Thank you to those parents who nominated for a parent-member position on our School Council.

This year we had one parent member vacancy and received one nomination. As such, an election was not

required. I would like to thank Terri James, Jess Nickson, Rachael Mill, Sarah Ormesher and Ben Matthews who are all returning as members of our School Council for 2023.

The first meeting of our new school council is the Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th March, beginning at 6.15pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm.

PERSONAL PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. As such students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Jason Cox

Principal

Healthy School Award



It's official! Goornong Primary School has been announced as runners up in the Bendigo's Healthiest School Award. The school staff were presented with the award by Fosterville Mine's Trudi Jackson and Lance Faulkner At the awards ceremony last week. More details in Principal's Report.

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

Community News

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

Apply for up to \$200 to support your child in sport and active recreation activities.

To be eligible your child must be:

- aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card.

Visit getactive.vic.gov.au

Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities.



Goornong Playgroup

The next session will be held on

Monday 27th March

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.

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