

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

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

Term 1

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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON STUDENT-FREE DAYS SURVEY








A big thank you to those who have taken the time to complete the online survey regarding demand for After School Care on Student-Free Days.

If you haven't already done so, the survey only takes a couple of minutes to complete and your input provides us with valuable information. Thank you.

To link to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G2FWQJR>

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Jackson L	Amity L
P-2 Maths 	Rosie S	Archie O
P-2 Values 	Chase R	Oliver S
3-6 Literacy 	Ruby R	Lucy O
3-6 Maths 	Lucy O	Olivia M
3-6 Values 	Mayla P	Audrey A
Principal Award 	Amy O	Robert S



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 Term 2 TBC.



COLOUR RUN

Friday 24th March, 2.30pm—3.00pm.

Excitement is building with the Colour Run just one week away!

On this day, the students will be doing short cross country running track around the school and having colours thrown at them throughout the course!

The purpose of the day is about having fun, whilst getting in training for the upcoming Cluster Cross Country run.

There is no cost to enter the Colour Run, but students will need to wear a white T-shirt on the day. We are told that the paint will wash out of clothing. However, parents may wish to send their child to school in older casual clothes on this day just to be safe.

The colour powder is non-toxic and is made from corn starch and food grade colours. It is gluten free and biodegradable. It is completely safe for students' skin and eyes.

We would love to welcome families into our school for this special celebration of an amazing start to 2023. We will have the usual Friday afternoon assembly following the Colour Run.

Families and friends are welcome to run or watch this event.



Goornong Primary School + OSHClub

STAY *and* PLAY

Goornong After School Care has a new name! We're now called Goornong Stay and Play. New name, same terrific service and programs! We would love to have more students coming along to join our Program. 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 OSH-Club* button.

What exciting things does the Purple Chest hold over the coming weeks...?



Principal's Report

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder that Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon next week. A big thank you to those parents who have already booked a time for their interview.

Bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews are made via the UEducateUs System on either your mobile device or PC. If you are having trouble booking your interview via UEducateUs, please contact your child's teacher.

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

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.

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 5th April and is for all students in Years P-6.

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.

12.50pm 8,9,10yo 2km Race.

1.40pm 11,12,13yo 3km Race.

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 find accompanying today's newsletter a permission form for this excursion.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The first meeting of our new school council is the Annual General Meeting, which will be held this coming Monday 20th March, beginning at 6.15pm. A normal meeting will

immediately follow the AGM. Finance Committee will meet at 6pm. Packs with agendas etc. have been sent home with the children of our school councillors today.

2023 SCHOOL CAMPS—EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

I ask our Grade 3-4 and Grade 5-6 families to please take note of the following information regarding our 2023 school camps.

School camps are provided for students in Grades 3/4/5/6 and provide a wonderful opportunity to gain new experiences, build resilience and develop teamwork. Our school combines with schools from the Campaspe Small Schools Cluster for all camps. This gives our students the opportunity to meet and make friends with students from other schools. The following camps will be offered in 2023.

Grade Three-Four Camp

Destination: Billabong Ranch, Echuca.

Dates: Mon 2nd—Wed 4th October
(first 3 days of Term 4).

Approx. Cost: \$ 220.

Grade Five-Six Camp

Destination: Canberra

Dates: Mon 20th—Fri 24th November.

Approx. Cost: \$ 600

Accompanying today's newsletter is an Expression of Interest for each of these camps. I ask that families please return these, along with a \$50 deposit should you intend for your child/children to attend camp. I also encourage families to contact me should financial constraints be a concern as there are supports available to ensure that no student misses out should they wish to attend a school camp.

Jason Cox

Principal

HIGH FIVES

A high five this week to David Mill for successfully fixing the main entrance door near the reception desk. We really appreciate your help with this David!



PROTECT



We wish to inform parents of important information related to the Child Safe Standards.

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools.

Goornong Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Goornong Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

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.

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.

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.
- ◆ Child Safe Reporting Obligations Policy.
- ◆ Child Safe Standards Risk Register.

Further information on the Child Safe Standards and the policies above are available on our school website at www.goornongps.vic.edu.au.

We thank our school community for their support in ensuring that Goornong PS maintains a child-safe environment for all students and children.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

We wish to remind our school community, including parents, of our school's policy regarding working with Children Checks.

Goornong Primary School values the many volunteers that assist in our classrooms, with sports events, excursions, school concerts and other school events. To ensure that we are meeting our legal obligations under the *Worker Screening Act* and the *Child Safe Standards*, Goornong Primary School is required to undertake suitability checks which in most cases will involve asking for evidence of a Working with Children (WWC) Clearance.

As such, we ask that all parents have a valid WWCC card.

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 the school if you require support or have any questions regarding Working with Children Checks.

We thank our school community for their support with this important matter!

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.

Find out more at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Applications close Wednesday, 10 May 2023.