

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Mon 1st May Playgroup, 10.00am—11.30am
Wed 3rd May School Photo Order Envelopes Due
School Photo Day








Term 2

Mon 8th May PAWS in Schools visit
Wed 10th May Bendigo 7-10 Secondary Colleges Info Evenings for 2024 Year 7s
Fri 12th May MARC Library
Year 7 2024 Placement Forms Due
Sun 14th May Mother's Day
Mon 15th May School Council Meeting
Wed 17th May Special Person's Morning, 9-11am
Wed 24th May 2024 Prep Parent Info Session, 5.30pm
Fri 26th May MARC Library
Mon 29th May PAWS in Schools visit
Tues 30th May Palmers Gym Excursion
Fri 2nd June Student-Free Day
Mon 5th June Playgroup, 10.00am—11.30am
Tues 6th June Palmers Gym Excursion
Fri 9th June MARC Library
Mon 12th June Public Holiday
Tues 13th June Palmers Gym Excursion
Mon 19th June PAWS in Schools visit
School Council Meeting
Tues 20th June Palmers Gym Excursion
Fri 23rd June MARC Library
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 	Poppy S	
P-2 Maths 	Amity L	
P-2 Values 	Edwin F	
3-6 Literacy 	Marli O	
3-6 Maths 	Eddie S	
3-6 Values 	Lola A	
Principal Award 	Olivia M	



The staff and students of Goornong Primary School would like to invite **parents** and **family members** to our

Special Person's Day

Wednesday 17th May, 2023

9.00am—10.30am: Classrooms Open

Come into our learning spaces and participate in learning activities and games with your child.

10.30am—11.00am: Morning Tea

We kindly ask that each family please bring a plate to share—thank you!





We hope to see you there!

Goornong Primary School OSH Club

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.

TERM 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2 Science week					
WEEK 3 Kindness week					

Each day of week 3 we will also be doing Mother's Day cards and gifts.

Tuesdays and Thursdays the children will also cook a surprise snack.



Goornong Playgroup

The next session will be held on

Monday 1st May

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 2 Dates are:

Monday 1st May & Monday 5th June.

FOTS News

Mother's Day

A reminder that the FOTS are arranging for a special gift for each student to give to their Mum for Mother's Day. We ask that each student please bring \$5 to school in a clearly named and labelled envelope. This is to cover the cost of the materials for the special gift. Thank you!

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the school runs a Breakfast Club each Wednesday morning in the staff room, providing a free breakfast of toast, cereal, fruit and a milo to students.

We are asking 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!

Karren Jackman, Breakfast Club Coordinator

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2 of the 2023 school year! I hope that all students, parents and staff had an enjoyable Easter break and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to attack the term with enthusiasm. Term 2 promises to be a busy one, with just nine weeks of school and plenty of special events and activities taking place. I encourage students and parents to keep an eye on the 'Dates to Remember' section of the newsletter to stay abreast of what's happening at the school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day is this coming Wednesday 3rd of May. This year we have engaged The Loft Studio to take our school photos. Photo order forms were sent home at the end of last term. Please ensure you return these before photo day.

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.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions regarding school photos.

SCHOOL UNIFORM—LABELLING CLOTHING ITEMS

I wish to congratulate our students and families for their efforts to ensure that students are attending school in proper uniform—keep up the good work! With the cooler weather now upon us, we ask that parents please ensure that their child's jumpers are clearly labelled. The students often begin the day with

their jumper on and take them off when they get hot running around at playtime, increasing the possibility of the item being lost or misplaced. Clearly labelled clothing items can easily be returned to their owner!

HATS

With the warmer months now behind us, students are no longer required to wear their wide-brimmed hats when outside at school. As such, we have sent each child's hat home today so they can be washed and stored in a safe place over winter.

As per our school's SunSmart Policy, hats need to be worn during the months of October-April.

PAWS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Students and families who were part of our school last year would be aware of the PAWS in Schools Program and the impact that this had in promoting positive mental health amongst our students in 2022. I am excited to share with our school community that again in 2023, we will be running this program for our students. As part of this program, two therapy dogs and their handlers will be visiting our school on selected dates throughout the remainder of year. The PAWS in Schools Program is run by Therapy Dogs Australia and involves the use of therapy dogs in schools to support students to manage anxiety, develop social skills and confidence, build resilience and regulate emotions. Our first visit will be on Monday 8th May.

YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

For our Grade 6 families with a child heading into Year 7 in 2024, accompanying today's newsletter is information regarding the process to apply for a secondary school for Year 7, along with the *Application for Year 7 Placement Form*. This form is due back to Goornong PS by Friday 12th May. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you require support or have any questions regarding the Year 7 application process.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council will be held on Monday 15th May, beginning at 6.15pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm. This meeting will be held remotely via Webex Meetings.

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Principal's Report continued

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our school is part of the Bendigo Small Schools Community of Practice. This is a group of eight schools who collaborate and combine for staff professional development, aimed at continually improving the capability of our schools to deliver high quality education outcomes for our students.

On Monday's student-free day the teachers and I attended a professional development workshop with other staff from the community of practice in Bendigo. The focus of the session was on the teaching of writing. Specifically, the teachers looked at effective teaching approaches to support students to implement the traits of good writers—voice, ideas, presentation, conventions, organisation, word choice and sentence fluency. The session was extremely valuable and provided a wonderful opportunity for our staff to network with teachers and leaders from other schools. We are now excited to implement some of the learnings from the day into the teaching of writing at our school.

Quote of the Week

"It is never too late to learn, but we sometimes learn when it is too late."

- W.G.P.

Jason Cox
Principal

HIGH FIVES

A high five to Olivia and her family who looked after the chooks over the school holidays.

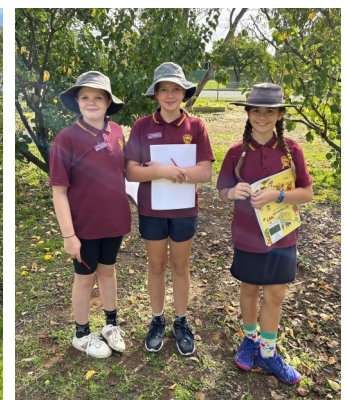
A high five also to Ben M who spent a great deal of time maintaining the school's grounds over the holidays. Thanks Ben!

Finally, a high five to Jordan, Ann and Nick, our cleaners, who have ensured that the school was spick and span for our return this week. Thanks heaps!



Hay Bales Wanted

If anyone has any spare bales of hay (spoilt even), we would love to have them to use as mulch for the garden. If you are able to help, please just drop them at the front of the Chook Camp anytime. Thank You.



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.

2023 Grade 6 Information Evening

Wednesday 10th May 2023

2024 Year 7 Information Sessions
at the following
Bendigo Secondary Colleges



6.30 - 8.00pm
Location: Performing Arts Centre

EAGLEHAWK
SECONDARY COLLEGE
5446 8099
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



6.30pm - 8.00pm
Location: Global Learning Centre

WEEROONA
5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.00pm
Location: Year 7 Building (B1 and B7)

Bendigo South East
COLLEGE
5443 4522
bse.vic.edu.au



6.30 pm - 8.30pm
Location: College Gymnasium

CRUSOE
COLLEGE
5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au

