

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Mon 29th May	PAWS in Schools visit
Tues 30th May	Palmers Gym Excursion
Fri 2nd June	Student-Free Day








Term 2

Mon 5th June	Playgroup, 10.00am—11.30am
Tues 6th June	Palmers Gym Excursion
Thurs 8th June	Cluster Winter Sports, Colbinabbin (Gr 3-6)
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
	Pies and/or sausage rolls for lunch
	Last day of Term 2, 2.15pm dismissal
Sat 24th June	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

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 	Lavina G	Chase R
P-2 Maths 	Ted A	Jackson L
P-2 Values 	Darcie F	Robert S
3-6 Literacy 	Ruby R	Brock K
3-6 Maths 	Max M	Audrey A
3-6 Values 	Milla H	Amy O
Principal Award 	Patrick S	Brock K

Use of the School Grounds After School

We wish to inform our school community that due to the school now running an after school care program, the school grounds and facilities will no longer be available for public use prior to 6pm on school days.

Outside of these hours, the school invites members of the local community (including current and former students) to use the playground, basketball court and oval. We do ask that visitors please respect the school facilities and leave the grounds as they found them. We also ask that visitors please be aware of the following:

- ♦ All minors (including current and former students) visiting the school after hours must be supervised by their parent or guardian.
- ♦ Bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds at any time.
- ♦ Dogs and other animals are not permitted on school grounds.
- ♦ The school expects that those using the school facilities will leave the grounds in a neat and tidy state.

We thank our community for their support!

Gr 6s Jokes of the week!

Why did the old man fall down the well?

Because he couldn't see that well.

What did one plate say to the other plate?

Dinner's on me.



Goornong Primary School + OSHClub

STAY and PLAY

To enrol your child go to: <https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/goornong-primary-school/> and click on the *Join OSHClub* button. Please feel free to see Jacinta at the school office on a Tuesday or Wednesday if you need any assistance enrolling your child.

TERM 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
National reconciliation week	Acknowledgement of country and learn what reconciliation week means. Express yourself dot painting	Acknowledgement of country and learn what reconciliation week means. Express yourself dot painting! Damper cook up	Acknowledgement of country and learn what reconciliation week means. Express yourself dot painting	Acknowledgement of country and learn what reconciliation week means. Express yourself dot painting! Damper cook up	Friday Sunday!! Disco and Karaoke

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Great News!

From 10 July 2023, child care will be cheaper for most families.

If your family earns under \$530,000, you'll get an increased Child Care Subsidy (CCS).



To find out more, visit our website here



Or click on this link: [Child Care Subsidy | CCS | Child Care Subsidy Calculator \(junioradventuresgroup.com\)](https://www.junioradventuresgroup.com/child-care-subsidy-calculator)



FRIDAY

Funday!



Join us this Friday –
02/06/23 as we “sing and
dance our way.” to the
weekend!

At this week's Friday
Funday, dance and
sing to your favourite
songs, wear your
disco outfits and
chow down on some
exciting party food

**Speak to your
coordinator to learn
more!**

OSH CLUB

DISCO AND

KARAOKE

AFTERNOON



Principal's Report

GRADE 3-4 CAMP—CHANGE OF DATE!

For our Grade 3-4 families, please be aware that there has been a date change for this year's Grade 3-4 Echuca Camp. The camp will now run from Wednesday 4th October—Friday 6th October.

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

What a fabulous morning it was last Wednesday as we celebrated Education Week with our annual Special Person's Day! Without a doubt, Special Person's Day is the best day of the school year! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family members who visited our school, including those who travelled long distances. It was a pleasure to see smiles on our students faces as they engaged in their learning with their parents and special friends.

Thanks to the FOTS for coordinating the morning tea and to all families who provided a plate to share—your support is greatly appreciated!

Thanks also to the teachers and staff, who put in lots of work, both in the lead up to the day and on the day itself, to ensure that things ran smoothly—great job!

GYM PROGRAM

Our Gym Program begins this coming Tuesday and will see our students travel to Palmer's Gym in Bendigo over the coming four weeks to participate in gymnastics sessions. The students will be participating in activities around fitness, coordination, flexibility and fun, using a range of equipment including trampolines, balance beams and the foam pit. The Gym Program forms part of our school's Physical Education curriculum.

Attached to today's newsletter is further details and a permission form for these excursions.

CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS (GRADES THREE-SIX)

A reminder that our Grade 3-6 students will be attending the Campaspe Cluster Winter Sports day at the Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve on Thursday 8th June. The students have selected from three sports—netball, soccer or football and will participate in activities and matches in mixed teams with students from the other Campaspe Cluster Schools.

The students and teachers will be travelling by bus, departing Goornong PS at 11.15am and returning by 3.15pm. The activities and matches for each sport will begin at about 12.00pm.

Our Winter Sports is always a fun day and I encourage parents and other family members to come along and support.

WELCOME NEW STUDENT

This week we had a new student begin. We welcome Milla H (Grade 4) and her family into the Goornong PS community.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Over the past few weeks the staff have noticed that some students are attending school in casual jumpers and hoodies. Whilst we understand that students want to keep warm now that the cooler weather is upon us, we remind parents that students should be attending school in full school uniform. A navy-blue rugby windcheater or navy-blue polar fleece jumper with the school's logo are the permitted items on our uniform policy. New uniform items can be purchased from our uniform supplier, Noone, in Queen Street Bendigo. Alternatively, the school has heaps of second-hand polar fleece jumpers that are in good condition which are available for purchase.

We thank parents for their support in ensuring that their child attends school in proper school uniform.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council will be held at the school on Monday 19th June, beginning at 6.15pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm.

BUNNINGS BBQ

School Council have organised for the school to do a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on the first Saturday of the school holidays—24th June. Accompanying today's newsletter is a roster and we are seeking volunteers from our school community to help fill these shifts. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the roster and return it to the school. Thank you!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."
—Dr. Seuss

Jason Cox

Principal

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!



We are very lucky to be having Chris Kennett visit Goornong PS on

Friday June 9th (next MARC day).

Chris is a local illustrator who has worked on LOTS of amazing projects, from Star Wars to School of Monsters. He is also responsible for the fabulous artwork on the MARC Van.

If you own any of Chris's books make sure you bring them along for him to sign on the day!

Mrs G



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

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

HELP YOUR CHILD HANDLE UPS AND DOWNS

2nd June, 9:30am – 11:00am at Elmore Primary School

We all want our children to be resilient and learn how to cope with and bounce back from set backs and disappointments. This Triple P – Positive Parenting Program seminar offers tips on how to develop your **child's** ability to cope with problems, now and in the future. The seminar is only 90 minutes, fun and friendly, and it's **FREE!** It'll help kids AND parents take the drama out of family life and find ways to deal with issues calmly and more confidently. REGISTER NOW: [visit the Triple P website](#) to learn more and book your free spot.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

The school will be doing a Bunnings BBQ at Bunnings Epsom on **Saturday 24th July**. We are asking families to help out by putting their name down on the roster below. If you are able to help out, please add your name into one of the available shifts below and return to the school.

Shift—Saturday 24th July	Volunteer
8.30am—11.30am:	<i>Jason C</i>
8.30am—10.30am:	
8.30am—11.00am:	
10.30am—12.30pm:	
11.00am—2.00pm:	
11.00am—2.00pm:	
11.30am—1.30pm:	
12.30pm—2.30pm:	
1.30pm—4.30pm:	
2.00pm—4.30pm:	
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Free Winter Lunch

Friday 23rd June—Last Day of Term 2!

The FOTS have been lucky enough to be donated some **pies** and **sausage rolls**. As such, we will be offering the students a free lunch on the last day of Term 2.

There are a limited number of each so please mark a preference of which item your child would prefer and return back to school by Friday 16th June.

Don't worry about returning the form if your child doesn't want a pie or sausage roll.

Please note that these are the large pies and sausage rolls (not the party size).

Free winter lunch Last day of term 2 - 23rd June

Child's Name:

Please mark preference 1 and 2 next to items.

If child will **only** eat one in particular just put number 1.

☐

Plain Pie

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Sausage Roll



Please hand back to school by June 16th