

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

### Next Week

Mon 12th June Public Holiday  
Tues 13th June Palmers Gym Excursion

### Term 2

Mon 19th June PAWS in Schools visit  
School Council Meeting  
Tues 20th June Palmers Gym Excursion  
Wed 21st June STEM Carnival, 2.15pm  
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








### Term 3

Mon 10th July First day of Term 3  
Mon 17th July School Council  
Mon 14th Aug Cluster Athletics Carnival, Bendigo (Gr 3-6)  
Mon 21st Aug School Council  
Tues 12th Sept Cluster Science Day (Gr P-6)  
Fri 15th Sept Last day of Term 3, 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 	Patrick S	—
P-2 Maths 	Mason D-F	—
P-2 Values 	Archie O	—
3-6 Literacy 	Milla P	—
3-6 Maths 	Ted C	—
3-6 Values 	Audrey A	—
Principal's Award 	Ted A & Edwin F	—

## STEM CARNIVAL!

We invite families and friends into our school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2.15pm for our STEM Carnival! Grade 3/4/5/6 students have worked hard this term to harness their creativity to plan and build an arcade game that they are keen to share with our wonderful school community. Students in P/1/2 will have a range of push and pull activities and games to share with you during this event.



## Friends of the School NEWS

### BUNNINGS BBQ

A reminder that the school is running a Bunnings BBQ on the first Saturday of the school holidays—24th June.

Thanks to those who have put their name on the roster. To date we have filled 7 of the 11 shifts on the roster.

The roster is attached to today's newsletter and also at the reception desk if you are able to help out. Thank you!

# 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.

## FRIDAY FUNDAY IS HERE!

We've had some very excited students at school today, getting ready for the Disco Party at OSH Club tonight. Have fun everyone!



## 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 \(junioradventuresgroup.com\)](#)

# Principal's Report

## ACTING PRINCIPAL—TERM 3

I wish to inform our school community that I will be taking leave for the duration of Term 3. I will be returning for the start of Term 4. During this time, Mr Matthew Lehane has been appointed as the acting principal of Goornong PS. Mr Lehane is an experienced teacher who holds a number of leadership roles in his current school, and I have great faith that he will do a terrific job in my absence. In addition to filling the acting principal role, Mr Lehane will also be taking the classes which I currently teach, including Grade 5-6 Maths. Mr Lehane will be visiting our school prior to the end of term to meet the staff and students and to get to know our school before he begins next term.

## CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS (GRADES THREE-SIX)

Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, the Winter Sports Carnival for our Grade 3/4/5/6 students had to be cancelled this week. The Campaspe Cluster schools are currently working through whether there is the possibility of rescheduling to another date. However, with such busy calendars it is often tricky to find an alternate date that is suitable for all schools in these circumstances. Stay tuned!

## GYM PROGRAM

We've completed 2 of our 4 excursions to Palmers Gym for the Gym Program and it has been fabulous to see the students participating with such enthusiasm. With so much running, jumping and somersaulting we do find that the students warm up quickly and get quite hot and sweaty during gym. With this in mind, we encourage parents not to send their child to school with too many layers of clothing beneath their school shirt on gym days. We also ask that each student has a refillable drink bottle with them on gym Tuesdays.

## BUNNINGS BBQ

A reminder that the FOTS have organised for the school to run a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 24th June. To date, we have managed to fill 7 of the 11 shifts available on the roster. A big thank you to those parents who have already put their name down. The roster accompanies today's newsletter if you are able to help out.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have lots of second-hand uniform items on display at the reception area which are available for purchase.

## 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.

## END OF SEMESTER STUDENT REPORTS & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Over the past few weeks the teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing the end of Semester student reports. These will be sent home at the end of Term 2 and provide parents with information regarding the progress of their child in each learning area.

A reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held midway through Term Three and we will communicate the schedule for these early next term via the newsletter. Of course, parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher at any time throughout the school year should they wish to discuss their child's progress at school. We encourage parents to take this opportunity should they have any queries regarding their child's report.

## Quote of the Week

"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results!"

-Albert Einstein.

*Jason Cox*

*Principal*

## **TERRY FLOYD DONATION**



A huge thank you to the Terry Floyd Foundation for donating lots of fresh fruit and juice to our school. The students enjoyed these snacks in breakfast club and at recess on Wednesday.



# RECONCILIATION WEEK

Last week we recognised National Reconciliation Week. The students learnt about elements of the rich culture and history of Aboriginal people. We also learnt about the difference between an Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country, what they mean and when an appropriate time would be to give these.

As part of the week, the students enjoyed dressing up in yellow to raise money for the indigenous children's charity, Children's Ground. Through the gold coin donations made by our students and staff, we were able to raise \$67—well done to all involved!



## SPECIAL GUEST

Today our school was lucky enough to have book illustrator, Chris Kennett visit us. Chris ran a directed drawing with the students, on how to illustrate one of the monsters from his books and shared lots of cool facts on how he creates his own drawings when illustrating. A big thank you to Chris for visiting our school and also to Mrs G for organising this special opportunity!



## Smile Squad is coming to Goornong PS

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in Term 3, 2023.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

### Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens. Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

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



## uEducateUs Mobile

Dear Parents,

UEducateUs has advised that they have refreshed their mobile app for both Android and Apple devices. As such, parents will need to download the new version of the App as the old version will soon be deactivated.

A reminder the UEducateUs system is the primary tool for the school to communicate administration and logistical messages. Parents are also able to book their interview time during scheduled Parent-Teacher Interviews and access a digital version of their child's report through UEducateUs. As such, We strongly encourage all parents to download the UEducateUs App onto their smart phone and to enable notifications.

If you need any help in getting this setup, please feel free to come and see Jacinta on a Tuesday or Wednesday and she will be happy to assist.



**Download the APP today**

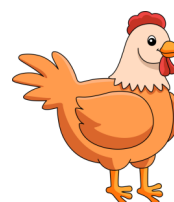
Ask your school for login details



## Help Needed!

With the end of term fast approaching, we are once again looking for a family to look after the chooks during the school holidays. This involves topping up their water, feeding them some pellets, collecting eggs and occasionally letting them out of their coup for a run around.

If you think you may be able to assist please let us know!



# Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

The school will be doing a Bunnings BBQ at Bunnings Epsom on **Saturday 24th June**. 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.

A big thank you to those who have already put their name down to fill a shift—your support is greatly appreciated!

Shift—Saturday 24th June	Volunteer
8.30am—11.30am:	<i>Jason C</i>
8.30am—10.30am:	<i>Alisha R</i>
8.30am—11.00am:	<i>Jess N</i>
10.30am—12.30pm:	<i>Laurence H</i>
11.00am—2.00pm:	
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11.30am—1.30pm:	<i>Nadia J</i>
12.30pm—2.30pm:	<i>Danni R/Jess O</i>
1.30pm—4.30pm:	<i>Rachel M</i>
2.00pm—4.30pm:	
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# Volunteer Helpers Needed!

## Can you help us with the Lunch Orders in Terms 3 & 4?

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents to volunteer to pick the lunch orders up from Elmore and deliver them to our school on Mondays. We are hoping that enough parents are able help out that we can continue with the roster system which we have currently. The job would entail collecting the lunch orders from the Oasis Café in Elmore at approximately 1.10pm and delivering them to the school at 1.30pm.

***Please add your name to the dates that you would be available and then return this form to the school by Friday 16th June if you are able to help out.***

*The school will endeavor to create a roster that 'shares the load' and try to avoid having anyone doing multiple trips in a term, if possible.*

Term 3		Term 4	
	Available all dates in term 3.		Available all dates in term 4.
	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July		Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> October
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July		Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> October
	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> July		Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> August		Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> August		Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October
	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> August		Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> August		Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> November
	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> September		Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> November
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> September		Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> November
			Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December
			Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> December
			Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> December

A big thank you to the parents whom have helped us out over the past two terms with collecting our schools lunches.