

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember








### Next Week

Tues 31st Oct Bike Ed Bike Ride (Gr 3/4/5/6s)  
Wed 1st Nov Bendigo Cup Public Holiday  
Fri 3rd Nov Gr 6 Excursion to Weeroona College

### Term 4

Tues 7th Nov Little Learners Program, 2.00pm-3.15pm  
Thurs 9th Nov P/1/2 Sleepover at School  
Fri 10th Nov MARC Library  
Gr. 5-6 Canberra Camp Payment Due  
Tues 14th Nov Little Learners Program, 2.00pm-3.15pm  
20th—24th Nov Grade 5-6 Canberra Camp  
Tues 21st Nov Little Learners Program, 2.00pm-3.15pm  
Fri 24th Nov MARC Library  
Tues 28th Nov Playgroup (10.00am—11.30am)  
Little Learners Program, 2.00pm-3.15pm  
Fri 1st Dec Student-Free Day  
Mon 4th Dec School Council Meeting  
Tues 5th Dec Little Learners Program, 2.00pm-3.15pm  
Wed 6th Dec Summer Sports Carnival (Gr 3/4/5/6s)  
Fri 8th Dec MARC Library  
Swimming Program begins  
Mon 11th Dec Swimming Program  
Tues 12th Dec Orientation Day  
Little Learners Program, 9.00am-12.30pm  
Wed 13th Dec Swimming Program  
Thurs 14th Dec Christmas Concert, 6.15pm at The Hall  
Fri 15th Dec Swimming Program  
Mon 18th Dec Swimming Program  
Wed 20th Dec Last day of Term 4, 2.15pm dismissal

## Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Rosie S	Harper S
P-2 Maths 	Oliver S	Robert S
P-2 Values 	Eddie F & Ted A	Bryttney B
3-6 Literacy 	Harry M	Eddie S
3-6 Maths 	Emilie J	Lucy O
3-6 Values 	Lola A	Ted C
Principal's Award 	Ted C & Lola A	Patrick S



## Goornong Playgroup

The next session will be held on

**Tuesday 28th November**

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 4 Dates are:**

Tuesday 28th November.

# 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.

**Enrol Now for After School Fun  
this Term!**



## HIGH FIVE

It's been terrific to see an increase in the number of enrolments at After School Care throughout 2023. Last week we had 14 students attend on the Thursday afternoon, which is the highest attendance for a single afternoon since the service began last year. There have been many afternoons recently where 10 or more children have been in attendance, which is a terrific result!



Our school is very proud to offer a high quality After School Care service to our families and we acknowledge the fantastic job that Trudy and Mel do every day to make sure the program is fun and engaging for the children.

A massive high five to Trudy and Mel; and to all the families that continue to support After School Care at Goornong PS!



# Principal's Report

## WORLD TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

On Wednesday we celebrated World Teacher Appreciation Day at Goornong PS and had lots of fun with Mrs Brown, Mrs Grieves and Miss M being presented with special 'Super Teacher' capes by the students. We are very fortunate to have a team of skilled, passionate and committed teachers who work at our school and teach our students. Whether they be our full-time classroom teachers or our part-time specialist teachers, they all care deeply about the students and this helps to make Goornong PS such a positive environment for learning. I sincerely thank our team of teachers for the enthusiasm and expertise that they bring to our school on each and every school day!

## SCHOOL DATA

The Education Department recently shared back to schools a summary of their data related to NAPLAN, the Student Attitudes to School Survey and the Parent Opinion Survey. These important data sources help schools to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement. Our school is very proud of this years data, with many results being above the state average, and I wish to share some of the highlights with our school community.

- ◆ Across the 4 NAPLAN test areas, 82% of Goornong students achieved either an 'exceeding' or 'strong' rating. Importantly, no students were rated as 'needing additional support'.
- ◆ On the Student Attitudes to School Survey, 92% of Gr 4-6 students 'agree' that the school has high expectations for success, 83% of students responded positively for their sense of inclusion at school and 85% of students responded positively for how the school manages bullying concerns.
- ◆ On the Parent Opinion Survey, 100% of parents responded positively for the general satisfaction, school communication and effective teaching domains.

Building a positive school culture is a team effort and I wish to thank students, parents, school council and our staff for their contribution to making our school a positive environment for teaching and learning, as is reflected by this years data.

## GRADE 5-6 CANBERRA CAMP

Excitement is building for our Grade 5-6 students with the Canberra Camp now just 3 weeks away! Accompanying today's newsletter is a 'camp pack'

containing all the information that families will need to prepare for camp.

I am pleased to let our families know that the cost of the camp has been reduced to \$607.50, as the school was successful in receiving the Australian Government's Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. To assist families in meeting the cost of the camp, \$67.50 per student will be paid directly to the school, thus reducing the camp figure by this amount.

I understand that the cost of this camp is significant, and thus wish to thank families for making arrangements to pay off the camp. We are asking families to have finalised camp payment by Friday 10th November.

As the camp approaches, please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions regarding camp.

## 2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

At the School Council meeting last week Council reviewed and approved the Parent Payment Arrangements for the 2024 school year. As has been the case for many years, I am pleased to inform families that there will be no increase to school fees for 2024.

A Summary of the Parent Payment Arrangements is outlined below. Parents can access the full *Parent Payment Policy* via the school website.

## 2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS SUMMARY

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>
<i>(Due at beginning of the school year)</i>	
<b>Educational Items</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<i>(Due at beginning of the school year)</i>	
<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<i>(Grounds Maintenance Levy)</i>	
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b>	<b>\$ TBC</b>
<i>(All camps, the whole-school excursion &amp; events such as Grade Six Graduation are extra-curricular activities and are on a user-pays basis).</i>	

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The final meeting of our school council for 2023 will be held on Friday 4th December at 6pm. The venue for this meeting will be confirmed soon.

***(Principal's Report continued over page)***



# Principal's Report Continued

## GRADE 6 EXCURSION TO WEEROONA COLLEGE

Next Friday (3rd Nov) our Gr 6 students will be heading to Weeroona College to participate in the 'Transition Trophy'. This will see our students join with other Gr 6 students to participate in a round robin sports carnival. Accompanying today's newsletter is a permission form for this excursion.

## DRINK BOTTLES

We have noticed that some students are arriving at schools with various types of flavoured drinks. We remind parents and students that only refillable water bottles with water should be brought to school. We thank parents for their support with this.

## 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

A reminder that it is at this time of year where we begin planning for the coming school year. As I'm sure you can appreciate, there is a great deal of work behind the scenes to ensure the best structure in relation to classrooms, teachers and support staff. The number of students attending the school has a significant impact on our planning as school funding is directly linked to the number of enrolments. As such, I ask that those parents intending to enrol new students at Goornong PS in 2024 (including Preps) please now return their enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available from the school should you require one. I also ask any current families whose child/children will not be attending Goornong PS next year to please let me know. I thank families for their support with this.

## Quote of the Week

"The 5 most common words heard by a school principal: "Have you got a minute?" - John Blaydes

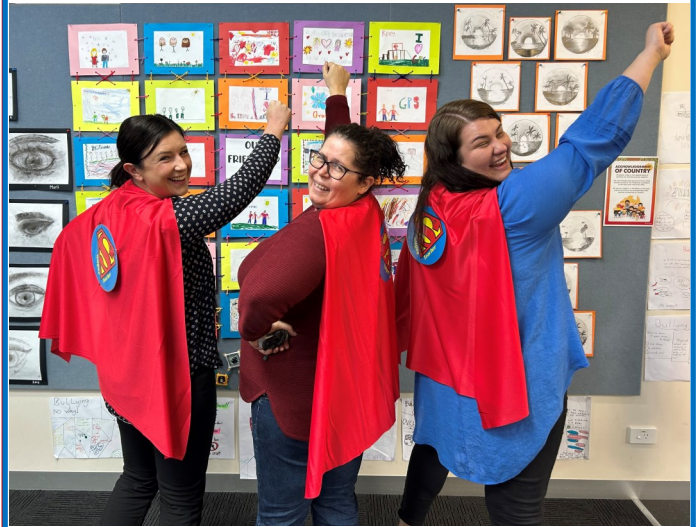
*Jason Cox*

*Principal*

**Our school wishes to acknowledge the support of the Fosterville Gold Mine, who provided a grant of \$37,000 towards the construction of the recently completed outdoor learning space.**



## ★ WORLD TEACHERS APPRECIATION DAY ★



## LUNCH TIME CLUB



A big thank you to Mrs. Grieves, who has been running a Lunch Time Club every Monday for the students. Each week there has been a new activity organised and the students are having a wonderful time.



## Lunch Order Roster Term 4

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 4. 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 4	
Ruth S	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Alisha R	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Dot B	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Terri J	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
Merryn N	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Alisha R	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Jess P	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Merryn N	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Alisha R	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Dot B	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Jess P	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Terri J	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec



## BREAKFAST CLUB

It's been terrific to see so many students attending Breakfast Club lately. Breakfast Club has become a real little community at Goornong PS, providing a great opportunity for the students to interact and socialise with peers of all ages in a safe and calm setting, all whilst enjoying some toast and a warm milo. A big thank you to Tearna who does a terrific job running Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club runs every Wednesday morning from 8.15am—8.45am so please feel free to send your child along.



# Community News

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Saturday October 28**  
**11am to 2pm**  
**Hargreaves Mall and**  
**Williamson Street**

Join us to celebrate Children's Week with a range of FREE fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy! Scan the QR code to follow this inclusive event on Facebook.

This event is proudly sponsored by:

## Holiday Camps

# 2024

**DATES**

**Malmsbury Camp:** Monday 8th - Friday 12th January

**City Camp:** Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

<b>MALMSBURY</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Ropes Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Big Bash & Aus Open
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canoeing & Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pool & Beach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archery & Orienteering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Zoo & Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia

**TRANSPORT**

**Malmsbury:** Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo

**City:** Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

**COST**

Our holiday camps are FREE.

Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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