

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Tues 14th Nov Little Learners Program, 2.00pm-3.15pm








Term 4

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
Grade 6 Excursion to Jumpz
Grade 6 Graduation
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

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: 30th January to 28th March
Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Bryttney B	Riley B
P-2 Maths 	Amity L	Jackson L
P-2 Values 	Patrick S	Chase R
3-6 Literacy 	Max M	—
3-6 Maths 	Harry M	—
3-6 Values 	Brock K	—
Principal's Award 	Mack S	Lavina & Ruby



Goornong Playgroup

The final session for 2024 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.

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!**



PREP, ONE, TWO SLEEPOVER



Principal's Report

LITTLE LEARNERS PROGRAM

The school was abuzz with excitement on Tuesday as we welcomed next year's Prep students for their first Little Learner's session. A big welcome to Oliver, Lucas, William, Colin, Isobelle and Skylah. The Little Learners will be participating in classroom activities once a week over the next few weeks, preparing them for their first year of school next year.

STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENTS

With the end of the school year fast approaching, it's the time of year where the classroom teachers conduct a number of summative assessments in reading, writing, spelling and maths to determine the learning progress of the students. As some of these assessments are conducted individually with each student, Mrs Grieves has spent time this week teaching both classes to give Miss M and Mrs Brown the time needed to complete these important assessments.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

With the end of the school year fast approaching, our Grade 6 students now have just 27 days of primary school remaining. As we celebrate the completion of their primary schooling, I am pleased to confirm the arrangements for the Grade 6 Graduation.

The Graduation Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday 5th December at the Drovers' Arms Hotel. We invite the parents, grandparents and families of our Gr 6 students to join us as we celebrate this important occasion. Further details accompany today's newsletter.

To help make the night special for our Grade 6s, we are asking our Grade 6 families to provide us with any kindergarten photos and school photos from the junior years. We wish to scan these and add them into the Grade 6 Graduation Movie. Thanks in advance.

END-OF-YEAR CONCERT

We are excited to once again be able to present an End-of-Year Concert to our school community. The students have been learning and practising a range of items during Performing Arts with Anna and Scott and are looking forward to presenting these to their families.

The concert will be held at the Goornong Hall on the evening of Thursday 14th December, beginning at 6pm. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

With many people's calendars filling up quickly in December, families may wish to add the date to their

calendar and invite grandparents, aunties, uncles and other family & friends to come along.

Once again, we will be inviting our school community to the outdoor area at the Drovers Arms Hotel for a BBQ following this year's concert.

2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that the parent payment arrangements for the 2024 school year were approved at the most recent School Council meeting. 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

Curriculum Contributions	\$ 135
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(Due at beginning of the school year)

Educational Items	\$ 50
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(Due at beginning of the school year)

Other Contributions	\$ 50
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(Grounds Maintenance Levy)

Extra-Curricular Activities	\$ TBC
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(All camps, the whole-school excursion & events such as Grade Six Graduation are extra-curricular activities and are on a user-pays basis).

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

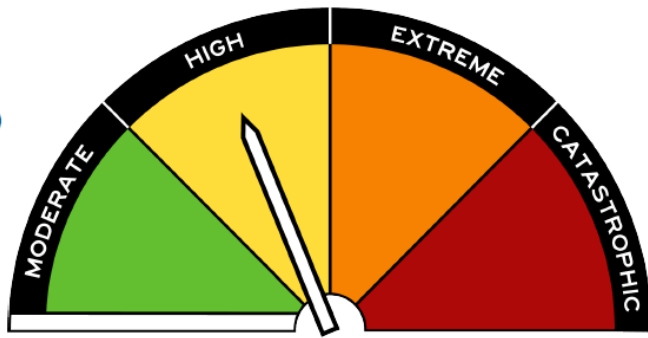
The final meeting of our school council for 2023 will be held on Friday 4th December at 6pm. The venue for this meeting will be confirmed soon.

Quote of the Week

"In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." —Tom Bodett

Jason Cox

Principal



BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER

We wish to inform our school community that our school is included on the Bushfire At Risk Register, as set by the Education Department, for the 2022-2023 Summer. This means that our school is required to close on days declared as Catastrophic in the Northern Country Bureau of Meteorology district.

Catastrophic days are announced by the Emergency Management Commissioner of Victoria, usually no later than 1.00pm on the day preceding the declared Catastrophic day. Once a Catastrophic day is announced, our school will notify all families that the school will be closed.

We again remind families to setup the UEducateUs App on their phone to ensure that they are receiving important information that may be communicated by the school.

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.



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.



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 nd Oct
Alisha R	Mon 9 th Oct
Dot B	Mon 16 th Oct
Terri J	Mon 23 rd Oct
Merryn N	Mon 30 th Oct
Alisha R	Mon 6 th Nov
Jess P	Mon 13 th Nov
Merryn N	Mon 20 th Nov
Alisha R	Mon 27 th Nov
Dot B	Mon 4 th Dec
Jess P	Mon 11 th Dec
Terri J	Mon 18 th Dec

Final Borrowing from the MARC Van

The last borrowing day for **Goornong** was

Today, Friday 10th November

After this date it is collection of books ready for end of year stocktake!



Grade 3/4/5/6 Bike Ride



Last week, the Grade 3/4/5/6 Bike Education Program culminated with the bike ride to English's Bridge and the Muskerry Church. A big thank you to Adam and Terri who volunteered their time to help out; and to Mr D who coordinated another fabulous Bike Ed program for our school! Grade 5 student Lucy has written a fabulous recount about the day, which is published below.

Thee Humongous Bike Voyage

Alas, it was the end of the bike education course, to celebrate this nefarious, annual occasion, we went on a fine pilgrimage to the Muskerry Catholic Church, (for it's the prettiest building around.)

It prepared ourselves for a battle of a journey in the clearing known as 'Thee Project Space', we prepared by slathering sun protection liquids on our flesh, and putting our feast pouches inside the box for our travels, we also grabbed our drinking bottles and placed them in a travel box. We put on our vests of neon colour, and prepared for our adventure! We gathered under the shade tree and grabbed our loyal steeds (AKA bikes.) We organised ourselves in a single file line, with two stead-lengths apart. We were meant to stay in the line, which, you will soon see, did not work well. Darn fopdoodles!

We started the voyage with our usual route, I was in front of assistant Tearna, behind all the other childrens, almost alike a shepherd to sheep. Behind assistant Tearna, was a carriage, being driven by coachman Adam, father of young Eddie, who was a few steeds in front of me. We went and went throughout the fields of farming, and past the GE silos, which *TOATALLY*, fits into this medieval perspective.

After, we went down a large hill, and went to the clearing of trees close by the riverbank, but not quite there. We spoke and ate EVERYTHING in our feasting pouches, (or at least, I did). Thee food was quite delectable. Next, we went up the gigantuous mountain, in which we had to walk up, Lola, good soldier she was, fell over whilst going up the hill. But I and the other had to persist around her, bless her heart. RIP. We got up the obstacle, and waited for Lola... we hoped she was fine, and hoped more, then we started getting impatient, and then we tried to get a carriage to beep at us, to no avail. (disappointing little cockalorum!) Then, Lola finally came up, I wanted to cheer, but that isn't professional, and the aristocrats would surely judge me for the ugly cheering. We were on the gravel road. Church territory.

We persisted, some were falling over, some were out of the line, some were complaining with heavy hearts. BUT THEY PERSISTED. (Good soldiers, may thee rest now, or not, for it was pagan's season, for it was.... HALLOWEEN! But now we're getting off track,) we kept persisting, flies, an omen of death and evil, came for us and swarmed us. It was bad. Really, really annoying. BUT WE PERSISTED. Persistence and determination fuelled us... until... One turn later and... WE WERE THERE. The beautiful building stood before us with its majestic bricks and lazy sign font. Sir Mr. Cox, leader of our patrol, painted a portrait, as in, his phone painted us in pixels, (as in, he took a photo.) The surviving soldiers will now be remembered for decades; centuries even.

We were tired, and awaited the journey back, then, it was take-off time. Lola went into the back carriage, and Mayla went into the front carriage, like aristocratic queens. We got up to the hill in which that brave soldier, Lola Anthony, was injured. Most tried their luck and laughed in the face of demise, except for Audrey and I, we walked down most majestically with our bike steeds by outside, down the valley of doom, which I've promptly decided to nickname it.

We got to the place we had our feast earlier, and had another feast. This one of blueberry confectionaries (, blueberry muffins) and fine juice concoctions (, juice.) We ate our feast with flying colours, listening to ye olde river canal near our resting place. We continued and continued.

Assistant Tearna kept yelling at some certain miscreants to get back in the line, if she'd gotten a single cent for each time she repeated the phrase 'BACK IN THE LINE.' She'd be a rich woman! I see why there is an educator shortage now.

We finally got to headquarters. I argued with my brethren, Amy about if we should take the bikes home today (spoiler alert: I won but it turns out I WAS MEANT TO DO AS SHE SAID) and I folded up the armour of neon yellow and went inside, then, a sudden BEEEEEP BEEEEEEEEEEEP BEEP BEEEEEP. It was home time. And that, my brethren, was the story of how we pillaged all the way to the Muskerry Church and showed our resilience! May we be honoured for millennia for our bravest sacrifices and our gruelling journey.

By Lucy (Grade 5)

Muskerry Church Big Bike Ride

On the 31st of October, the whole of grade 3-6 class took a long ride (18km) to the most beautiful church I have ever seen. There were stages we came across that were hard to handle, but we never let our hope down. From asphalt, to hills and loose gravel and then finally, our destination.

First, we got to school like normal, but the only thing that wasn't normal was that we had to have our recess at 10:30am and play until 10:45am, before we got called back inside. Then, when we headed inside, Mr D was still not there, so Mr Cox wrote up the arrangements of the adults who were on their bikes. When Mr D got there, we all blissfully skipped to the "Project space," thinking that we would all get away with no work for school!

We made sure to put our sun screen on and our brightly coloured vests on, and that's when we met Terri, Eddies mum, who offered to ride her bike with us. Then after a while, we met Adam, Eddies dad, who offered to drive at the very back of all the bikes, Tearnna was at the very back too, but she was on a bike. The only reason we have cars in front and on back, is so the on-coming cars know that there are kids and they have to shuffle off to the side of the road, especially on the loose gravel roads.

Secondly, we walked our bikes out of the bus gate and off we went, on our 18km journey to Muskerry Church. We rode 5.3km to get to English's Bridge, we passed my house too and saw my dog! Just chilling, gosh I wished I was her then. Anyway, when we arrived at English's Bridge, there was already a porta-potty positioned at our location, and all we had to do is put down a seaweed coloured picnic mat. We ate our lunch there, and had a little chinwag with our friends beside us, until we had to set off east to Muskerry Church.

Thirdly, there were SOO many sticky flies sticking to everyone's back, but we pedalled on, pushing on 3.7 more km to go to get to... MUSKERRY CHURCH! We made it!! Then after that, me and Lola A, took a ride back in Mr Cox's car, back to English's Bridge where we had a "treat." It was a muffin and prima of any kind. Then EVERYONE rode back to school. I will never forget that day, and my legs still hurt. A GIANT thanks to Mr D and Eddie's mum and dad, for firstly, letting us *ride* that far, and making sure we had a safe and fun journey to Muskerry Church. It was definitely worth it, and I can't wait to do it again next year.

By Mayla Pianto



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BIKE ED



Community News

RAISE SOME
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The Goornong Recreation Reserve



DOMINO'S EPSOM WILL BE DONATING \$1 FROM EVERY PIZZA* AND 50CENTS FROM EVERY GARLIC-BREAD SOLD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 13TH TO SUPPORT THE GOORNONG RECREATION RESERVE FOR MUCH NEEDED UPGRADES TO THE GOORNONG POOL!

What: \$1 per pizza & 50 cents per garlic bread sold

Where: Domino's Epsom, Epsom Village

When: Monday November 13th

Time: 11am – 11pm

*Excludes mini pizzas



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