

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

### Next Week

Mon 11th Dec	Swimming Program
Tues 12th Dec	Orientation Day
	Little Learners Program, 9.00am-12.30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas Concert, 6.15pm at The Hall
Thurs 14th Dec	Swimming Program
Fri 15th Dec	Swimming Program








### Term 4

Mon 18th Dec	Swimming Program
Tues 19th Dec	Visitor from North Pole, 2.45pm
Wed 20th Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2.15pm dismissal

### 2024 Term Dates

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

## Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
<b>P-2 Literacy</b> 	Archie O	—
<b>P-2 Maths</b> 	Chase R	—
<b>P-2 Values</b> 	Jackson L	—
<b>3-6 Literacy</b> 	Marli O	—
<b>3-6 Maths</b> 	Lola A	—
<b>3-6 Values</b> 	Mayla P	—
<b>Principal's Award</b> 	Oliver S, Brock K & Mason D-F	—

## CLASS OF 2023

On Tuesday we celebrated the completion of primary school for Audrey, Harry, Milla and Ted. It was a lovely night and great to see all the Grade 6's and their families come together to celebrate the completion of their primary school years. We wish them all the best as they begin next chapter - good luck!



## LOLLY JAR 'FUN' RAISER

Correctly guess the number of lollies in the jar to win!

Gold coin donation to have a guess.

The jar is currently at the reception desk if you wish to have a guess. It will also be at The Hall on Concert night.



# 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.

*December 2023*  

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8	4	5	6	7	8 Reindeer Cookies	9
10	11 Christmas cards	12 Hot Chocolate Christmas bar	13 Christmas decorations	14 Candy cane hunt	15 Bauble head snowmen	16
17 	18 Christmas treat presents	19 Christmas party	20 Surprise day full of fun	21	22	23 
24 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	25	26	27	28	29	



# Principal's Report

## **SWIMMING PROGRAM**

A reminder that the Swimming Program begins on Monday. Please see accompanying today's newsletter further details.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Excitement is building for this year's production and the students are looking forward to showcasing their talents to our school community. The students have been working hard with Scott (our visiting artist) and Mrs Kemp to rehearse their lines and practice their roles.

A reminder that the Concert will now be held this coming Wednesday 13th December at the Goornong Hall. We are asking students to arrive at 6pm for a 6.15pm start.

## **BBQ FOLLOWING THE CONCERT**

A reminder that we are having a school community BBQ on the back lawn area at the Drovers Arms Hotel following the concert. We invite all families and members of our school community to come along as we celebrate the end of the school year. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. A reminder that the School Council asks that families please respect our wish for this area to be alcohol-free during our gathering; and that all children are accompanied and supervised by their parent.

## **ORIENTATION DAY**

Orientation Day will be held this coming Tuesday 12th December. This is an important day on the school calendar as it provides a valuable opportunity for students to get used to new schools, new classrooms, new teachers and new peers.

On this day, all students will 'step up' to their 2024 Grade level. Our Little Learner's will become Preps for the morning and our Grade Sixes will go to their secondary school. This year's Grade 2s will 'step up' to Grade 3 and spend the day in the Grade 3/4/5/6 classroom.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding Orientation Day.

## **2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

The first day of school in 2024 for all students is Tuesday 30th January. As has been the case in previous years, we ask that parents come to the school between 10am—2pm on Monday 29th January to collect their child's supplies and pay the Curriculum Contributions and Educational Items portion of the fees (\$185). Eftpos will be available on this day. We ask parents that are unable to get to the school at this time to please contact us to make an alternative arrangement.

## **2024 CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENTS**

With planning for the 2024 school year in regards to teachers and classrooms now finalised, I am pleased to

share with our school community these arrangements. Next year we will be running the same classroom structure as in 2023—a P/1/2 class and a 3/4/5/6 class.

For the P/1/2 class, we will be implementing a team-teaching structure for 3 days per week. Kylie Brown will be continuing in her full-time role as the Grade P/1/2 classroom teacher. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Naomi Grieves will be team-teaching with Mrs Brown for the Literacy and Numeracy blocks, as well as some other periods on these days. This will ensure that there is a significant amount of teaching support for all students in the P/1/2 class.

For the Grade 3/4/5/6 class, the arrangements will be the same as in 2023. Rebeckah Mirabito will continue to be the homeroom teacher, with the class being split into the Grade 3-4 and Grade 5-6 cohorts for Mathematics.

As I'm sure parents would appreciate, a great deal of consideration goes into the planning of classes and staff for each school year and we are pleased that the arrangements for 2024 will give our students the best opportunity to thrive.

## ***Team Goornong PS 2024***

- ◆ Jason Cox—Principal.
- ◆ Kylie Brown—Grade P/1/2 Teacher.
- ◆ Naomi Grieves—Grade P/1/2 Teacher (part-time)
- ◆ Rebeckah Mirabito—Grade 3/4/5/6 Teacher.
- ◆ Tarna Filbey—Education Support.
- ◆ Brooke Jones—Education Support.
- ◆ Karren Jackman—Education Support.
- ◆ Jacinta Deane—Business Manager.
- ◆ Sue Gentry—MARC Library Teacher.
- ◆ Chunjing Zhang—LOTE (Chinese) Teacher.
- ◆ Anna Kemp—Performing Arts Teacher.
- ◆ Trudy Smith—After School Care Coordinator.
- ◆ Mel - After School Care
- ◆ Jordan Ridge—Cleaner.
- ◆ Ben Matthews—Groundskeeper.
- ◆ Jason Carty—Bus Driver.

The school is still finalising arrangements for both the garden science and tutoring programs and will confirm these arrangements early in 2024.

## **Quote of the Week**

"It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows." - Epictetus

***Jason Cox, Principal***

## 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

# THANK YOU!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents who volunteered their time to help our school with the lunch orders throughout the year. Our school wouldn't have been able to operate a lunch order system without your help and support.



## GOORNONG PS – SWIMMING PROGRAM UPDATE

Dear Parents,

Please be aware that we have needed to make a couple of changes to the dates and session times for this year's Swimming Program. As such, please see below an updated timetable and information. Due to these changes, we do require parents to complete and return a new permission note. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about the Swimming Program.

### **Program Dates/Times**

<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Goornong Pool</i>	<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Goornong Pool</i>	<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Goornong Pool</i>	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Goornong Pool</i>	<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Goornong Pool</i>
Grades P/1/2 12.10pm – 1.00pm	Grades P/1/2 12.10pm – 1.00pm	Grades P/1/2 12.10pm – 1.00pm	Grades P/1/2 12.10pm – 1.00pm	FUN DAY!
Grades 3/4/5/6 1.05pm - 1.55pm	Grades 3/4/5/6 1.05pm - 1.55pm	Grades 3/4/5/6 1.05pm - 1.55pm	Grades 3/4/5/6 1.05pm - 1.55pm	Grades Prep-Six 11.30am – 1.00pm

### **What students will need on each day of the Program.**

Students will need a separate swimming bag to take to the pool each day with their swimmers, rashy or t-shirt, towel, dry underwear to change into and drink bottle. Please note that students are required to wear school uniform to and from the pool (no thongs please) and must have a sunsmart wide-brimmed hat for the trip to and from the pool. It is our school's SunSmart policy that students who do not have a rashy or t-shirt are not able to swim (shoulders and tummy must be covered!)

