

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

*A reminder that Prep students have a rest day and do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.*

### Term 1

Sun 11th Feb	Welcome Back to School Family Day @ Pool
Mon 19th Feb	School Council Meeting
Fri 23rd Feb	MARC Library
Mon 26th Feb	Cluster Swim Carnival, Elmore (Gr 3-6s)
Wed 6th Mar	Preps first Wednesday at school.
Fri 8th Mar	MARC Library
Mon 11th Mar	Public Holiday
13th—25th Mar	NAPLAN Testing (Gr. 3 & 5)
Mon 18th Mar	School Council AGM & Meeting
Fri 22nd Mar	MARC Library
Thurs 28th Mar	Last day of Term 1, 2.15 dismissal
Fri 29th Mar	Good Friday

### 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

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is back for another year. The Breakfast Club will run each Wednesday morning in the staff room and offers a free breakfast of toast, cereal, fruit and a milo.










We are asking students who wish to attend to please arrive at school between 8.15am—8.30am. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide breakfast to students who arrive after 8.30am.

Tearna Filbey

Breakfast Club Coordinator

## Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Jackson L	—
P-2 Maths 	Edwin F	—
P-2 Values 	Rosie S	—
3-6 Literacy 	Mason D-F	—
3-6 Maths 	Lola A	—
3-6 Values 	Max M	—
Principal Award 	Olivia M	—

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Free Sausage Sizzle.

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Opportunity to reconnect with the school community and meet new families.

Please join us for a fun afternoon.

There will be no entry cost for this event—thank you to the Goornong Pool Committee for this!

\*To assist with catering, we ask that families please RSVP by returning the form attached to today's newsletter.



## COMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS

We wish to make parents aware of the different smart phone Apps and communication mediums that the schools uses to communicate and connect with parents and families.

Whilst some of these Apps do have messaging capability for parents, we would prefer that parents contact the school by phone if they need to inform their child's teacher or the school of something important.

	<p>This year the school is going to trial a Facebook group. This will be a private group open only to parents/carers of current students. The group will be managed by the school staff, with the purpose of helping parents to stay connected to the school. We will be sharing important school events and keeping parents up-to-date with what's happening at school via this group, as well as sharing photos and stories from special events.</p> <p>To join the group, simply search or click on the link below and ask to join. Please note that we will only be accepting parents/carers of current students into this group.</p> <p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/1792475721175814/">http://www.facebook.com/groups/1792475721175814/</a></p>
	<p>We have used Class Dojo for the past few years to share happenings in the classrooms and the school with parents. Whilst the content of Class Dojo will be similar to that of the new Facebook group, we plan to run both mediums concurrently initially and then review what's working well and what can be changed.</p> <p>Parents have received a sheet containing easy to follow steps on how to connect to Class Dojo, including their 2024 class codes, which are different from the 2023 ones.</p> <p>If you have any further questions in regards to Class Dojo, feel free to contact your child's teacher.</p> <p><u>Please note that Class Dojo includes 'pop-ups' that ask parents to pay for a subscription. We wish to confirm with parents that there is no need to pay any fees or subscriptions as all of the functions that the school uses are free! Please ignore any requests for payments from Class Dojo!</u></p>
	<p>Parents will need access to the UEducateUs system for a few reasons. Parents are able to book their interview time during scheduled Parent-Teacher Interviews and also access a digital version of their child's report through UEducateUs. As such, We <u>strongly encourage all</u> parents to download the UEducateUs App onto their smart phone and to enable notifications. For our new families, a letter with your your username and password was provided earlier this week.</p> <p>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.</p>

Please feel free to contact Jason or Jacinta if you have any questions or feedback regarding the communication platforms the school uses to connect with parents. Our aim is to utilise technology to keep parents connected with what's happening in the school, whilst keeping things as simple as possible.

# Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2024 school year! Whilst I hope that the school holidays were relaxing and enjoyable for all students, parents and staff, my thoughts are with those in our community who have been impacted by the recent weather and subsequent flooding.

As we begin the school year, I encourage all families to please feel free to come and see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling, or have any questions or concerns.

## **WELCOME NEW STUDENTS**

This year we have six students beginning Prep at Goornong PS. Welcome to Colin, Lucas, Skylah, Isabelle, Oliver and William. We hope you all make lots of friends and enjoy learning and playing at Goornong PS!

## **WELCOME NEW FAMILIES**

This year we welcome seven new families into our school community. We look forward to building a strong partnership with you all. We understand that starting at a new school may be daunting so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

It has been wonderful to see all students proudly wearing the Goornong PS uniform over the first week of the new school year. Thank you to all parents and students who have supported our uniform policy.

A copy of our Uniform Policy is available on our website.

There are many second hand uniform items available for sale at the reception desk. Please see Jacinta or Tearnna if you wish to make a purchase.

## **HATS AT SCHOOL**

Well done to those students who have been organised with their hat! A reminder that hats need to be worn from mid-August until the end of April as part of our school's SunSmart Policy. Please ensure that your child has a navy blue wide-brimmed hat to wear at school. Students who do not have a hat are asked to play in the shade on the Outdoor Learning Space during playtime and lunchtime.

Please note that on days of extreme heat we tend to stay indoors during playtime and lunchtime.

## **FRESH FRUIT AT SCHOOL**

The school day can be very long for some students and as such, our school offers a short break during class time where the students may eat some fresh fruit. This break is usually at about 10am and runs for about five minutes. In this time students are able to eat fresh fruit such as apples, bananas, grapes or carrots.

We do ask that parents send only fresh fruit which their child is able to eat promptly during the fruit break. Other foods such as chips and processed fruits can be eaten at playtime.

In the past we have found that some students have used the fruit break as an opportunity to delay returning to their schoolwork. As such, once the fruit break is finished we ask students to place any unfinished fruit in their lunchbox, which can then be finished at playtime.

## **ASSEMBLY**

There are two assemblies each week at Goornong PS. The first is a short assembly at 9.00am on Monday mornings where the students and teachers sing the National Anthem and are filled in on upcoming events for the week.

The second is on Friday afternoons at 3pm and is where student awards are presented.

Parents are welcome to come along to both assemblies.

## **SCHOOL DROP-OFF**

We remind parents that students are not to arrive at school prior to 8.30am, as we are not able to meet our duty of care with regards to supervision prior to this time. We thank parents for respecting our school's operating hours.

## **SCHOOL PICK-UP**

3.15pm can be very busy as the students head home after a day at school. To meet our duty of care we allocate a staff member to be on duty at the 'bus gate' on Langdon Street, another staff member to be on duty at the main entrance on Grant Street, and a third staff member to be on duty at the 'bike' gate near the large green tank on Grant Street.

To ensure that students are safe at this busy time, we ask that parents please meet their child on the school side of Grant Street at the main entrance when collecting their child, and then walk with them if needing to cross the road. Grant Street is very busy with lots of cars taking off and this will help to ensure that everyone gets home safely after school.

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Our school's lunch orders are provided by the Oasis Café in Elmore and lunch order day is Monday. Please see in today's newsletter a copy of the current Lunch Order Menu.

Also in today's newsletter is a request for parents to put their name down on the roster to collect the lunch orders from Elmore on a Monday. We are very appreciative of those who are able to help with this.

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

# Principal's Report Continued

## 2024 STAFF

I am excited to introduce our staff team for 2024. In particular, I welcome Miss Emalee Deane as a new staff member to Goornong PS. With Mrs Grieves stepping into the Grade P/1/2 classroom alongside Mrs Brown this year, Miss Deane will be taking on the tutoring role and will also be doing some part-time teaching in both the P/1/2 and 3/4/5/6 classrooms. As part of Miss Deane's role, she will be doing cooking with each class on a Friday in Term 1.

### **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.
- ◆ Emalee Deane—Tutor and Teacher (part-time).
- ◆ Tearnna Filbey—Education Support (3/4/5/6)
- ◆ Brooke Jones—Education Support (P/1/2)
- ◆ Cooper Filbey—Education Support (P/1/2)
- ◆ Jacinta Deane—Business Manager.
- ◆ Sue Gentry—MARC Library Teacher.
- ◆ Chunjing Zhang—LOTE (Chinese) Teacher (Sem 1)
- ◆ Anna Kemp—Performing Arts Teacher.
- ◆ Trudy Smith—After School Care Coordinator.
- ◆ Mel Blackburn - After School Care
- ◆ Jordan Ridge—Cleaner.
- ◆ Ben Matthews—Groundskeeper

## SCHOOL TIMETABLE

To give parents some insight into what a typical day at Goornong PS looks like for the students, below is our usual timetable:

9.00am—11.00am:	Literacy Block.
11.00am—11.30am:	Recess.
11.30am-12.30pm:	Mathematics.
12.30pm-1.30pm:	Other Curriculum Subjects.
1.30pm—1.40pm:	Eat Lunch.
1.40pm—2.15pm:	Lunch Play.
2.15pm—3.15pm	Other Curriculum Subjects.

We also ask that parents please note the Specialist Subject days for each class:

Subject	Grade P-2	Grade 3-6
PE	Tuesdays	Mondays
Art	Tuesdays	Mondays
Performing Arts	Thursdays	
MARC Library	Every 2nd Friday	
Cooking	Fridays (odd wks)	Fridays (even wks)
Chinese	Thursdays (Sem 1 only)	

## COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

From time to time parents may have a question or concern regarding their child's time at school. We find that effective communication between home and school and vice versa ensures that we are all on the same page with regards to any issues relating to your child.

Whilst our school staff aim to be approachable, we do ask that parents be aware that in the morning prior to school is a busy time with teachers getting organised for the day ahead and listening to students read. As such, this is not always the best time for an effective conversation to take place. Similarly, immediately after school the teachers are on duty to ensure the safety of the students as they exit the school.

As such, we encourage parents to make an appointment to see their child's teacher or the school principal if they have a concern or have received a report from their child. This ensures our staff are able to allocate the time necessary for an effective conversation and we can work together to clarify the issue and work out a resolution.

## SCHOOL FEES AND COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES

A big thank you to those parents and students who came into the school on Monday to collect the school supplies and pay a portion of the student contributions—your support with this is greatly appreciated!

## BUSINESS MANAGER DAYS

Please note that our Business Manager, Jacinta, will be working every Tuesday and Wednesday this year. We encourage parents to contact the school on Jacinta's work days with any financial or administration queries as the reception desk is unattended on the other days.

## GRADE 5-6 DASH PROGRAM

We have an exciting program for our Gr 5-6 students beginning next week and running throughout Term 1. The DASH Program is a government funded program focussing on **Dynamic** activities, **Active** voices, **Safe** communities and **Healthy** engagement. The program is delivered by specialist facilitators who work with the students to build their capability to become responsible citizens who are able to contribute positively to their local community. We look forward to keeping parents up-to-date with this program and things get underway.

**Jason Cox**

**Principal**

# GOORNONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - LUNCH ORDER PRICE LIST

Updated 19.01.2024



## Hot Food

Pie	\$5.30
Sausage Roll / Small Pie	\$2.50
Spicy Wings	\$2.50
Steamed / Fried Dim Sims	\$1.30
Mini Spring Rolls	\$2.30
Potato Cake	\$1.30
Hot Chips - Bucket	\$4.30 (Gravy + \$0.50)

## Sandwiches & Rolls

Meat & Salad Sandwich	\$5.70
Meat and Salad Roll	\$8.00
Ham and Cheese	\$5.00
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$5.50
Egg	\$4.50
Egg and Lettuce	\$5.00
Silverside and Pickles	\$5.00
Chicken, Cheese and Mayo	\$5.50

*No added charge for toasted*

## Hamburgers

<b>Cheeseburger</b> – Burger, cheese and tomato sauce	\$6.50
<b>Plain</b> – burger, lettuce cheese and tomato in a toasted roll	\$7.00
<b>Chicken Burger</b> - Lettuce, Cheese Tomato, Bacon & your choice of sauce	\$10.50
<b>Sweet Chilli Tenders Wrap SMALL</b> - lettuce, tomato, cheese & sweet Chilli Sauce	\$7.50
<b>Sweet Chilli Tenders Wrap LARGE</b> - lettuce, tomato, cheese & sweet Chilli Sauce	\$11.00

**Salad Plates** – Your choice of meats and all the salads (Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Chicken, Silverside) \$10.00

**Muffins** - Blueberry, Choc Chip, Double Choc, Raspberry, White Chocolate \$4.50

**Fruit Salad** \$8.00

## Drinks

<b>Pressed Juice</b> – Tropical, Apple, Orange, Green Supreme	\$5.30
<b>Water</b>	\$3.20
<b>Nippys</b> – Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb	\$3.60
<b>Small Bluey</b> – Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana	\$3.20
<b>Golden Circle</b> – Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange	\$3.50
<b>Noahs Juice</b> - Apple, Peach, Kiwi, Mango & Lime	\$5.00
- Orange, Apple, Guava, Banana, Pineapple & Paw Paw	\$5.00

Monday is lunch order day. Please write your child's name and their order neatly on an envelope. Include the correct change for the order in the envelope and seal the envelope. Place your lunch order in the tub at school by 9.00am on Monday.





## Can you help us with the Lunch Orders in Terms 1 & 2?

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 had last year. 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 return this form to the school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February if you are able to help out.***

☐ Yes, I am available to collect the lunch orders on a Monday.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Please tick all the dates that you would be available.

<u>Term 1</u>		<u>Term 2</u>	
	Available all dates in term 1.		Available all dates in term 2.
T.S	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April
	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mon 29 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May
	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March		Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>X</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March ( <b>Labour Day</b> )		Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May
	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May
	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March		Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
		<b>X</b>	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June ( <b>Kings Birthday</b> )
			Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June
			Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June



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**Yes, the \_\_\_\_\_ family will be attending the 'Welcome Back to School BBQ'.**

**Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_.**