

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.

Next Week

Mon 19th Feb	School Council Meeting
Tues 20th Feb	Gr 5-6 Somers Camp Expression of Interest Due
Fri 23rd Feb	MARC Library School Council Nominations Close

Term 1








Mon 26th Feb	Cluster Swim Carnival, Elmore (Gr 3-6s)
Mon 4th March	9am: Gr 6 School Captain Speeches
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)
Fri 15th March	Gr 5-6 Camp Expression of Interest Due Gr 3-4 Camp Expression of Interest Due
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 th January to 28 th March
Term 2:	15 th April to 28 th June
Term 3:	15 th July to 20 th September
Term 4:	7 th October to 20 th December



Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Poppy S	Archie O
P-2 Maths 	Robert S	Bryttney B
P-2 Values 	Riley B	Skylah T
3-6 Literacy 	Eddie S	Emilie J
3-6 Maths 	Chase R	Milla H
3-6 Values 	Amy O	Mary K
Principal Award 	Edwin F	Jackson L



Baby Photo Competition



Our P/1/2 class are currently learning about Families in Themes and the continuity of change. To involve our school community, we are inviting all staff and students to bring in a photo of yourself as a baby. It will be displayed in our school and everyone will have the opportunity to guess who is who. We ask that the photos please be provided to the staff by next Friday 23rd Feb. You are welcome to send them via direct message on our Facebook group, class dojo, or bring them into school and we will scan them for you. We are so excited to see all the photos of our school community as babies.

- Mrs Brown, Mrs Grieves and the P/1/2 Class.

Principal's Report

POSITIVE START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

I wish to congratulate all students on making a positive start to the school year! The teachers and I have been very impressed with the positive attitude and behaviour that you have all demonstrated over the first few weeks—keep up the good work!

I also wish to thank all of our wonderful parents for your efforts supporting your child to be organised and ready to approach each school day with enthusiasm—your support is greatly appreciated by the school staff.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of our wonderful teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly over the last couple of weeks to ensure that the school year got off to a successful start—thank you all for making sure that every student has a great day every day!

SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS OPEN!

School Council Elections take place in Term One every year. This year, we have vacancies for Parent Representative positions. As such, we seek nominations from parents to fill these vacancies.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please see Jason at the school for a nomination form. Nominations close at 4pm next Friday 23rd February.

Nomination and Election Time Frame

Friday February 16th	Call for nominations.
Friday February 23rd	Nominations close at 4pm.
If an election is needed...	
Friday March 1st	Ballot papers sent out.
Friday March 8th	Election closes 4pm.
Tuesday March 12th	Counting of votes and declare election results.
Monday March 18th	School Council AGM & first meeting of new school council.

We encourage parents to consider nominating for School Council. It is a great way to make a contribution to the development and direction of our school. We meet in the evening on the third Monday of each month at the school. Current School Councillors include Rachel Mill, Ben Matthews, Terri James, Jess Nickson and Sarah Ormesher.

If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please feel free to contact Jason or one of our current School Councillors.

For our current school councillors, please note that the first meeting of the year is this coming Monday 19th February, finance committee at 6pm followed by the normal meeting at 6.15pm. Packs have been sent home with the students today.

SOMERS CAMP

A reminder for our Gr 5-6 families that the Expression of Interest the Somers Camp is due back to the school by this coming Tuesday 20th February.

GRADE 3/4/5/6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Campaspe Cluster Grade 3/4/5/6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 26th February at the Elmore Swimming Pool. This day will see our Grade 3/4/5/6 students compete in various events against students from the other Cluster Schools.

The purpose of the day is fun and participation and the events are designed to cater for the various levels of swimming ability amongst the students. Students are not asked to compete in events that are beyond their swimming ability or confidence level. Events range from walking races across the shallow end of the pool to freestyle races the length of the pool.

Permission forms and further details for this excursion accompany today's newsletter.

The Swimming Carnival is always a fun day and we encourage parents to bring their deck chairs and their hats and come along and support our students.

2024 SCHOOL CAMPS—EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

I ask our Grade 3-4 and Grade 5-6 families to please take note of the following information regarding our 2024 school camps.

School camps are provided for students in Grades 3/4/5/6 and provide a wonderful opportunity to gain new experiences, build resilience and develop teamwork. Our school combines with schools from the Campaspe Small Schools Cluster for all camps. This gives our students the opportunity to meet and make friends with students from other schools. The following camps will be offered in 2024.

Grade Three-Four Camp

Destination:	Kookaburra Camp, Corop
Dates:	Wed 16th—Fri 18th Oct
Approx. Cost:	\$ 300

Grade Five-Six Camp

Destination:	Burnside Camp, Anglesea
Dates:	Tues 22nd—Thurs 24th Oct
Approx. Cost:	\$ 380—\$ 430

Accompanying today's newsletter is an Expression of Interest for each of these camps. I ask that families please return these, along with a \$50 deposit should you intend for your child/children to attend camp. I also encourage families to contact me should financial constraints be a concern as there are supports available to ensure that no student misses out should they wish to attend a school camp.

(Principal's Report continued over page).

Principal's Report Continued

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP ELECTIONS

Each year our Grade 6 students are able to nominate for the position of School Captain. At Goornong PS we usually have a boy School Captain and a girl School Captain who are elected through a vote by their peers. This year, with three girls only in Grade 6, the students will be electing two girl school captains. The candidate not elected School Captain will be elected as vice-school captain.

This year's candidates will be presenting their speeches at a special assembly at 9.00am on Monday 4th March. Parents and family members are welcome to come along!

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

As we begin another school year, the Department of Education has some necessary reminders for parents and families.

Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our *Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy*, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Personal Property Brought to School

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. As such students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Student Accident Insurance

The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Jason Cox
Principal



MARC LIBRARY 2024

Welcome back to another year full of wonderful books!

There will be lots of exciting things happening this year, the first is that we have a NEW van! It should look just like the last one, and as I am typing this Chris Kennett's amazing art is being organised to be put on. Can't wait to get it all on the road!

I would like each student to return the INmag consent form that will be sent home in coming weeks. This fabulous magazine has been created by 2 local teachers and is packed full of content created by kids. By giving permission to submit work I will be able to upload activities we do throughout the year, which then might be included in future publications. Below is the link to the magazine's website if you would like to look into it further.

<https://www.theinmag.com.au/>

What better way to start the year than celebrating our libraries! We will be talking about why we love our MARC (and school) libraries in class.

I will be visiting Goornong PS fortnightly this year, with the first visit to be on Friday 23rd February.

Mrs G



COMMUNITY NEWS



ELMORE TRACTOR PULL

ELMORE
TRACTOR PULL

16th MARCH 2024

DOWN UNDER
MODIFIED TRACTOR
PULLING ASSOCIATION

McKEES
EST 1935
Garage and Engineering Pty Ltd

The poster features a dramatic scene of two modified tractors in a pull-off competition, with one tractor engulfed in flames. The background is a fiery, orange-red landscape.

The Elmore Tractor Pull are running a colouring competition.
If any students are interested in entering, please see Tearnia for a copy of the colouring.



JOIN THE FUN!

Register to the 2024 Auskick Season for the opportunity to be involved in a clinic with North Melbourne or Carlton as part of the AFL Community Camps in Bendigo! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Find your closest centre & register!



Note: clinics occurring mid Feb

GOORNONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - LUNCH ORDER PRICE LIST

Updated 19.01.2024

Oasis Cafe
ELMORE

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

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

Pressed Juice – Tropical, Apple, Orange, Green Supreme	\$5.30
Water	\$3.20
Nippys – Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb	\$3.60
Small Bluey – Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana	\$3.20
Golden Circle – Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange	\$3.50
Noahs Juice - 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.

LUNCH ORDER NOTICE:

Oasis Café have informed us that the *Golden Circle Blackcurrant* Juice is no longer available to purchase.

There are 2 new options of Blackcurrant juices available, a Poptop and a Noahs juice.

Poptops (250ml) \$3.00 AND Noahs juice (500ml) \$5.00

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!

<u>Term 1</u>		<u>Term 2</u>	
<u>Terri J</u>	Mon 5 th Feb	<u>Jess P</u>	Mon 15 th April
<u>Ruth S</u>	Mon 12 th Feb	<u>Alyce O</u>	Mon 22 nd April
<u>Alisha R</u>	Mon 19 th Feb	<u>Merryn N</u>	Mon 29 nd April
<u>Dot/Roy B</u>	Mon 26 th Feb	<u>Dot/Roy B</u>	Mon 6 th May
<u>Amanda H</u>	Mon 4 th March	<u>Terri J</u>	Mon 13 th May
X	Mon 11 th March (Labour Day)	<u>Alisha R</u>	Mon 20 th May
<u>Alyce O</u>	Mon 18 th March	<u>Amanda H</u>	Mon 27 th May
<u>Merryn N</u>	Mon 25 th March	<u>Ruth S</u>	Mon 3 rd June
		X	Mon 10 th June (Kings Birthday)
		<u>Jess P</u>	Mon 17 th June
		<u>Alisha R</u>	Mon 24 th June