

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Term 2

Mon 15th April	First day of Term 2
Fri 19th April	MARC Library
Mon 22nd April	School Council
Tues 23rd April	School Photos
Wed 24th April	9am: Short ANZAC Service at School
Thurs 25th April	ANZAC Day
Fri 26th April	Student-Free Day
Fri 3rd May	MARC Library
Wed 8th May	Cluster Cross Country (P-6), Elmore
Sun 12th May	Happy Mother's Day!
Wed 15th May	Special Person's Day
Fri 17th May	MARC Library
Wed 22nd May	5.30pm: Parent Information Session For 2025 Prospective Prep Families
Fri 31st May	MARC Library
Tues 4th June	Excursion to Palmers Gym
Fri 7th June	Student-Free Day
Mon 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 11th June	Excursion to Palmers Gym
Fri 14th June	MARC Library
Mon 17th June	School Council
Tues 18th June	Excursion to Palmers Gym
Tues 25th June	Excursion to Palmers Gym
Friday 28th June	MARC Library Pyjama Dress-Up Day Last day of Term 2, 2.15 dismissal








Term 3

Mon 15th July	Student-Free Day
Tues 16th July	First day of Term 3 for students.

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 	—	Rosie S
P-2 Maths 	—	Riley B
P-2 Values 	—	Bryttney B
3-6 Literacy 	—	Mary K
3-6 Maths 	—	Mary K
3-6 Values 	—	Emilie J
Principal Award 	—	Poppy S



Our Grade 6s, Mayla, Lucy and Marli, were presented with their School Captain badges by Mr Cox at a short assembly last week. Congratulations girls!

Principal's Report

Today was the last day of Term 1—how quickly it has passed us by! Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your contribution to what has been an excellent start to the 2024 school year.

I wish all students, parents and staff a safe and relaxing Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks for what will no doubt be a busy Term 2.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day is the morning of Tuesday 23rd April. This year we have engaged The Loft Studio to take our school photos. Accompanying today's newsletter is the order form envelope. We ask that parents please return these to the school, along with the correct money, prior to photo day. Please note that cash only is accepted for school photos.

School photo day is always a very special day in our calendar, with the photos taken on the day providing families with memories that can be passed on to future generations. In the past, our families have been very good at ensuring that students attend school in correct school uniform on photo day. Again, we ask for the support of parents with this to ensure that our photos are of the highest quality. In particular, I draw parents attention to the following points in our uniform policy:

- ◆ Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- ◆ Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- ◆ The wearing of visible under-garments such as colourful long-sleeve shirts under a short-sleeve shirt or leggings/tights under shorts, skirts or dresses is not permitted, with the exception of those in the colours navy blue or maroon.
- ◆ Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- ◆ Shoulder length hair or longer needs to be tied back.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions regarding school photos.

STUDENT-FREE DAYS

Please note that the following dates have been designated as Student-Free Days.

- ◆ Friday 26th April: The school staff will be participating in a review of the school's assessment, curriculum and planning on this day.
- ◆ Friday 7th June: The school staff will be writing the students' mid-year reports on this day.
- ◆ Monday 15th July: The school staff will be attending a professional development workshop on the teaching of writing with other small schools from the Bendigo area on this day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the School Council AGM held last week the 2023 Annual Report was presented and office bearers were elected. A copy of the Annual Report will be available on the school's website soon. I would like to introduce our School Council for 2024:

Rachel Mill, President

Jessica Nickson, Vice-President

Terri James, Secretary

Jason Cox, Executive Officer & Treasurer

Ben Matthews

Kylie Brown

The next meeting of our School Council will be held on Monday 22nd April.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

At the recent School Council meeting the school's policies and procedures relating to the Child Safe Standards were reviewed and approved. This included the following documents:

- ◆ Child Safe Policy.
- ◆ Child Safe Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Child Safe Responding & Reporting Obligation Policy.

Further information regarding the Child Safe Standards is included in today's newsletter and is also available on the school's website, along with copies of the above policies.

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Goornong PS we welcome and encourage the feedback of parents. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our policies, please contact me at the school.

Quote of the Week

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

- Dr Seuss

Jason Cox

Principal

Use of the School Grounds Out of School Hours

Parents and students may have noticed the new signs at the entrance to the school. Unfortunately, over the past few weeks there has been some vandalism at the school after hours and over the weekend, which we believe has been caused by individuals not connected to our school. We have reported these matters to the police.

Whilst the school encourages members of the local community (including current and former students) to use the playground, basketball court and oval out of school hours, we do ask that visitors please respect the school facilities and leave the grounds as they found them. We also ask that visitors please be aware of the following:

- ◆ Due to the school now running an after school care program, the school grounds and facilities are not available for public use prior to 6pm on school days.
- ◆ All minors (including current and former students) visiting the school out of school hours must be supervised by their parent or guardian.
- ◆ Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden on the school grounds at any time.
- ◆ Dogs and other animals, such as horses, are not permitted on school grounds.
- ◆ The school expects that those using the school facilities out of school hours will leave the grounds as they found them. Anyone found to be engaging in vandalism or damaging school property will be referred to the police and may be charged with trespass.

Our School Council wishes to thank our current students and families who we know show care and respect for our school and its grounds when attending out of hours. We encourage these families to continue to enjoy using the school's facilities out of hours.



PROTECT

Child Safe Standards



What are the Child Safe Standards?

The Child Safe Standards are a set of principles that require organisations working with children to implement strategies to prevent child abuse. Note that child abuse includes Physical child abuse, Child sexual abuse, Grooming, Emotional child abuse, Neglect, and Family violence.

There are 11 Child Safe Standards:

- *Culturally safe environments.*
- Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in leadership, governance and culture.
- Child and student empowerment.
- Family engagement.
- Diversity and equity.
- Suitable staff and volunteers.
- Complaints processes.
- Child safety knowledge, skills and awareness.
- Child safety in physical and online environments.
- Review of child safety practices.
- Implementation of child safety practices.

Our Commitment to Child Safety

Goornong Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Goornong Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Goornong Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

The policies and documents below outline Goornong Primary School's approaches to remove and/or reduce the risks of child abuse; and our commitment to providing a child-safe environment.

- [Child Safety Policy](#)
- [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#)
- [Child Safety Responding & Reporting Policy](#)
- [Volunteers Policy](#)

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Goornong Primary School, we welcome and encourage feedback from members of our school community. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our policies, please contact the school principal.

Further information is available on the school's website at <http://www.goornongps.vic.edu.au> under the Child-Safe Standards tab.

MARC LIBRARY 2024

Attached to today's newsletter is a permission slip to allow MARC Van and our school to submit and potentially have your child's work published into the IN MAG. Please return all permission slips to the office.



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RETAIL STALLS

FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!

WHEN: 10am-5pm Saturday 6 April
10am-4pm Sunday 7 April

WHERE: Bendigo Exhibition Centre
Prince of Wales Showgrounds
Holmes Rd, North Bendigo

TICKETS: \$8 online / \$10 at the door
Under 4s free
www.bendigobricks.com

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

A BIG thank you to our parent helpers this term. We really appreciate your efforts in supporting our school have lunch orders on Monday.

FASHION THROUGH THE AGES DRESS UP

Well Done to all the students for dressing up in a chosen decade today. It was lovely to have the whole school and staff involved in our P12 themes unit. Also a well done and thank you to the parents for your efforts once again!

We hope you enjoy the school holidays.



HARMONY DAY

