

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember








Thurs 25th April	ANZAC Day
Fri 26th April	Student-Free Day
Next Week	
Thurs 2nd May	Parent Feedback Forum, 9am
Fri 3rd May	MARC Library
Term 2	
Mon 6th May	Bendigo P-10 Colleges Year 7 Info Nights
Wed 8th May	Cluster Cross Country (P-6), Elmore
Fri 10th May	Walk to School Day Application for Year 7 Placement Form due
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
Tues 28th May	Playgroup (Teddy Bears Picnic), 10am
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.

FOTS News

Mother's Day

The FOTS are arranging for a special gift for each student to give to their Mum for Mother's Day. We ask that each student please bring \$5 to school in a clearly named and labelled envelope. This is to cover the cost of the materials for the special gift. Thank you!

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	—	Ollie G
P-2 Maths 	—	Poppy S
P-2 Values 	—	Edwin F
3-6 Literacy 	—	Max M
3-6 Maths 	—	Mackenzie V
3-6 Values 	—	Kaina M
Principal Award 	—	Robert S



The staff and students of Goornong Primary School would like to invite **parents** and **family members** to our

Special Person's Day

Wednesday 15th May, 2024

9.00am—10.30am: Classrooms Open

Come into our learning spaces and participate in learning activities and games with your child.

10.30am—11.00am: Morning Tea

We kindly ask that each family please bring a plate to share—thank you!

We hope to see you there!

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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

For the parents of prospective 2025 Foundation students.

If you have a child beginning Prep in 2025, please join us at our Information Evening.

When: **Wednesday 22nd May, 2024**

Time: **5.30pm-6.30pm**

Where: **Goornong Primary School**



Goornong Playgroup

Tuesday 28th May

10.00am—11.30am at the Goornong Primary School.

We are delighted to invite all members of the Goornong community with young children to please come along to our Teddy Bears Picnic.

Morning tea will be provided for both parents and children. Please bring a favourite teddy or teddies.

Teddy Bears' Picnic



Please contact school on 5432 2236 if you require any further details.

We hope to see you there!

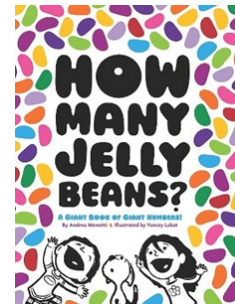
HEAD LICE

We have had some reports of possible cases of head lice at our school. Head lice is an ever-present concern at schools. Parents can help to minimise the spread of head lice at our school by completing the following steps:

1. Inspect your child's hair on a regular basis (once per week).
2. Inform the school whenever lice are detected. Notification can then be made to all parents.
3. Get appropriate treatment from the chemist or local council. Parents are advised that not all treatments available are totally effective. Some kill the live lice but not the eggs. If unsure check with your pharmacist.
4. Tie back long hair as loose hair increases the risk of the transfer of lice from one head to another.

We also ask parents to be aware that it is an Education Department regulation that parents be contacted to collect their child from school where they have evidence of live lice; and that children found to have live lice do not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.

We thank parents for their continued support to minimise the instances of head lice at our school.



To celebrate National Jelly Bean Day we will be sharing two beautiful jelly bean books. Students will be completing jelly bean maths, imagining what they would do if they had a magnificent jelly bean tree, making jelly bean crowns and guessing how many jelly beans there are in a jar! (We might also need to taste test some of these jelly beans).

- Mrs G :)



SAVE THE DATE
Friday 10 May 2024
National Walk Safely to School Day



Goornong Primary School will be participating in National walk safely to school day on Friday 10th May. The initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle. We will meet at the Goornong Memorial Hall at 8.20 and will be walking to school at 8.25. There will be some soccer nets and footy's out on the oval upon our arrival at school. All parents, siblings and family members are welcome to have a kick or continue to walk some laps of the oval before the bell rings at 9am. Hope to see you there!

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2 of the 2024 school year! I hope that all students, parents and staff had an enjoyable Easter break and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to attack the term with enthusiasm. Term 2 promises to be a busy one, with 11 weeks of school and plenty of special events and activities taking place. I encourage students and parents to keep an eye on the 'Dates to Remember' section of the newsletter to stay abreast of what's happening at the school.

STUDENT-FREE DAYS

As was communicated at the end of Term 1, we have some upcoming student-free days, including this coming Friday.

- ◆ **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.

CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY RUN DETAILS

Each year our school participates in the Campaspe Cluster Cross Country run. This year's event will be held at the Elmore Field Days site on Wednesday 8th May and is for all students in Years P-6.

On the day, students are split into three age groups according to their age at 31st December this year. Five, six and seven year olds will run a 1km course; eight, nine and ten year olds a 2km course; and eleven & twelve year olds a 3km course. The approximate program for the day is:

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| 11.15am | Depart Goornong PS on the bus. |
| 12.15pm | 5, 6, 7yo 1km Race followed by presentation. |
| 12.50pm | 8, 9, 10yo 2km Race followed by presentation. |
| 1.40pm | 11, 12, 13yo 3km Race followed by presentation. |
| 2.30pm | Depart for Goornong PS. |

Please find accompanying today's newsletter a permission form and further details for this excursion.

Over the coming weeks in the lead up to the cross country, we will be doing some long distance running at school to get the students ready. As such, we encourage students to wear shoes suitable for running during the next couple of weeks.

Special request for parents attending Cross Country

The Cluster Cross Country is always an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to seeing many parents at the venue to cheer our students along.

All vehicles must enter from gate 5 which is off Rosaia Road. Once in gate 5 vehicles can park (it is described as bus parking) as close to the entrance of the field days site as possible. Our Assembly area is at the back of the Catering

Pavilion. Parents are asked not use the Main Entrance Gate under any circumstances. This is a request from the Events Centre, please help us by adhering to this.

YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

For our Grade 6 families, it is now the time of year when the Year 7 application process begins. Last week our Grade 6 families should have received information regarding the process to apply for a secondary school for Year 7 in 2025, along with the *Application for Year 7 Placement Form*. This form is due back to Goornong PS by Friday 10th May. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you require support or have any questions regarding the Year 7 application process.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

This term we have four new students beginning at Goornong PS. Welcome to Spencer (Gr 1), Kassidey (Gr 1), Mackenzie (Gr 3), Kaina (Gr 3) and their families. I hope that your time at Goornong PS is filled with fun, friendships and learning!

PLAYGROUPE

We are delighted to announce the return of the Goornong Playgroup, with a Teddy Bears' Picnic to be held at the school on Tuesday 28th May. A flyer with details is included in today's newsletter and we are asking our current families to spread the word with anyone you know who has young children.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is Monday 17th June, finance committee at 6pm followed by the normal council meeting.

SCHOOL UNIFORM—LABELLING CLOTHING ITEMS

I wish to congratulate our students and families for their efforts to ensure that students are attending school in proper uniform—keep up the good work!

With the cooler weather now upon us, we ask that parents please ensure that their child's jumpers are clearly labelled. The students often begin the day with their jumper on and take them off when they get hot running around at playtime, increasing the possibility of the item being lost or misplaced. Clearly labelled clothing items can easily be returned to their owner!

HATS

With the warmer months now behind us, students are no longer required to wear their wide-brimmed hats when outside at school. As such, we have sent each child's hat home today so they can be washed and stored in a safe place over winter.

As per our school's SunSmart Policy, hats need to be worn during the months of October-April.

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Principal's Report Continued

SCHOOL REVIEW—OVERVIEW

I wish to inform our school community that 2024 is a year of review for our school. All Government schools go through a school review process every four years to evaluate how effective they have been in achieving the goals set out in their Strategic Plan and to develop goals for the coming four years. Essentially, the review is an opportunity for schools to identify what's working well and what needs improvement with regards to teaching & learning, student engagement & wellbeing and partnerships with families & the community.

As part of the review process, throughout Term 2 our school will complete a Self Evaluation. This will involve analysing student learning and wellbeing data, as well as getting feedback from a range of stakeholders including students, parents and school staff.

Once the school has completed its Self Evaluation, the next stage of the review process will take place in Term 3, when an educational consultant and other leaders in education visit our school to further investigate our achievements and areas for improvement.

Our entire staff team is excited about going through the review process and we are looking forward to sharing with our school community the findings at the conclusion of the review process.

SCHOOL REVIEW—PARENT FEEDBACK

In preparation for our review, we are seeking feedback from our school community and we would love your help! We are interested in parent perceptions of what's working well and areas for improvement with regards to teaching & learning, student engagement & wellbeing and partnerships with families & the community.

A link to an online survey will soon be sent to all families. We encourage parents to access this short survey and provide their feedback.

We will also be holding a Parent Feedback Forum on Thursday 2nd May at 9am in the staffroom. Morning tea will be provided and it would be terrific to have some parents come along.

Quote of the Week

"Teaching children is an accomplishment...getting children excited about learning is an achievement."

- Robert John Meehan

Jason Cox
Principal

Garden Science Program

The Garden Science Program commenced last week and it was fabulous to see the students out in the garden getting their hands dirty.

This year, Miss Deane and Jess Nickson will be coordinating the program, working with the students every Friday afternoon throughout Terms 2, 3 and 4. Each class participates in Gardening on a fortnightly basis on alternating Fridays (The Gr 3/4/5/6s on MARC Library Fridays and the Gr P/1/2s on non-MARC Fridays).



HIGH FIVES

A massive high five to Ben M, Will & Edwin F who have done a fabulous job tidying up the school garden and getting the garden beds ready for the commencement of the Garden Science Program. The students and staff are extremely grateful for the work you guys have done and the garden is looking a-million-dollars! Thanks heaps!



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.

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

Community News

2024 Grade 6 Information Evening Monday 6th May 2024

2025 Year 7 Information Sessions
at the following
Bendigo Secondary Colleges



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Performing Arts Centre
EAGLEHAWK 5446 8099
SECONDARY eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Global Learning Centre
WEEROONA 5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Year 7 Building (B1 and B7)
Bendigo South East
COLLEGE 5443 4522
bse.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: College Gymnasium
CRUSOE
COLLEGE 5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au



Lifeline Loddon Mallee Goornong Community Roundtable

Lifeline invites you to participate in a community conversation and workshop to gain insights into and better understand the mental health challenges being faced locally. The aim is to clearly identify gaps in the need and develop solutions.



Tuesday 30th April
6pm-8pm
Drovers Arms, 34 Railway Place

Meal Provided

RSVP:
Via email - admin@lifelinelm.org.au



THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER



Free BBQ dinner and presentation

TIME 5pm - 8.30pm

DATE Friday April 26, 2024

VENUE Goornong Memorial Soldiers Hall, Railway Place, Goornong

RSVP Visit <https://events.humanitix.com/the-unbreakable-farmer> or scan the QR Code



The City of Greater Bendigo, together with BlazeAid, invites flood-impacted farmers in the region to join us for a free BBQ dinner in Goornong. This event has been generously supported by the Victorian government.

The evening will offer an opportunity to thank BlazeAid volunteers who have supported farmers across the region and will conclude with a presentation by Warren Davies – the Unbreakable Farmer, focusing on resilience, wellbeing and leadership.

This special event has been designed to support the farming community of Greater Bendigo and surrounds who were impacted by flooding and storms in 2022 and 2024 and will provide a great opportunity to network and connect with peers.

Registrations are essential for catering purposes, please scan the QR code for your free ticket.

Additional enquiries:
floodsupport@bendigo.vic.gov.au

We would love to see you there on the night!