

# Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

## Dates to Remember

### Next Week

Sun 12th May Happy Mother's Day!  
Wed 15th May Special Person's Day  
Fri 17th May MARC Library

### Term 2

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 Winter Sports (Gr 3-6), Colbinabbin  
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<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

## Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Skylah T	Lavina G
P-2 Maths 	Kassidey E	Colin K
P-2 Values 	Lavina G	Spencer V
3-6 Literacy 	Olivia M	Lola A
3-6 Maths 	Mason D-F & Ruby R	—
3-6 Values 	Marli O	Mayla P
Principal Award 	Mayla P	Lucas O



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!



## Goornong Primary School



### 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**

## FOTS News

### Mother's Day

The Mother's Day gifts have been sent home with the students today. We wish all the wonderful mums a happy Mother's Day.

### What is Friends of the School?

"Friends of the School" (FOTS) is a fun, inclusive, welcoming group that fundraise and help organise events for the Goornong Primary school.

We help with events such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, the Christmas Concert, Elmore Field Days Catering and Bunnings BBQs to name a few.

We are always open to hearing new ideas and many hands make light work, so if you are interested in contributing to the school in a positive way, we are looking for new members!

If you're interested in being part of our group, please contact Rachel on 0409 333 212.



## 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 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 the school on 5432 2236 if you require any further details.*

### PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Dear Parents,

As was outlined in the last edition of the newsletter, we are keen to get feedback from parents in preparation for our upcoming school review.

The below link was sent via the Facebook group last week and we encourage parents, if they haven't already done so, to complete the short online survey.

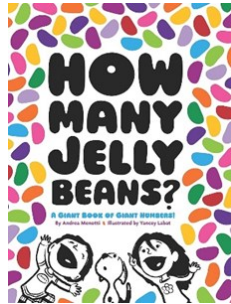
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBN9GRF>

We thank parents for taking the time to help out with this.

# 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.



To celebrate National Jelly Bean Day we read jelly bean books, played guess the jelly beans in the jar, created jelly bean crowns and made a magnificent jelly bean tree. Of course we also got to eat some jelly beans too. See you next Friday - Mrs G :)



# Principal's Report

## **SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY**

Excitement is building with Special Person's Day to be held next week! Special Person's Day is always a significant event on our school's calendar and the students and staff alike are looking forward to welcoming many parents and family members into our learning spaces to participate in learning activities with the students. This happens between 9.00-10.30am.

At 10.30am, guests are welcome to stay around for some morning tea. **We are kindly asking each family to please bring a plate to share.**

## **YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENTS**

A reminder for our Grade 6 families that the *Application for Year 7 Placement Form* was due back today. If you haven't already done so, can you please return this form ASAP. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you require support or have any questions regarding the Year 7 application process.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all students for demonstrating great persistence and a positive attitude at this week's Cluster Cross Country. I was extremely proud to see all of the Goornong students having a go and doing their best. Thank you to the many parents and family members that came along and supported as this helps to make the day special for our students.

Congratulations to Mayla P who has been selected to compete at the Campaspe Division Cross Country event in Moama next Friday. Mayla finished in 3rd place at the Cluster Cross Country and thus qualified to progress to the next stage. We wish Mayla the best of luck!

## **PLAYGROUP**

A reminder that the Goornong Playgroup returns for 2024 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.

## **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 asked the students to take their hat home 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.

## **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Our Information Night for the parents of 2025 Prep students will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 5.30pm at the school. We encourage all parents of prospective 2025 Prep students to come along and find out what our school is able to offer, details of our Little Learner's Program and the enrolment process for 2025.

To help ensure that we attract as many potential parents as possible, we ask our existing families to please share this information with anyone you know who is considering sending their child to Goornong PS in 2025.

## **SCHOOL REVIEW—UPDATE**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Feedback Forum last week. It was terrific to talk with you discuss what's working well and what needs improving, particularly in the areas of school communication and parent involvement.

As was outlined in the last edition of the newsletter, our school is currently in the process of completing a self-evaluation of what's working well and what needs improving with regards to teaching & learning, student engagement & wellbeing and partnerships with families & the community. This is in readiness for our review in Term 3.

This week, we have established Student Voice Action Teams to provide the students' perspective and ensure that their views are captured as part of the review process.

As we move through the review process I will endeavour to keep families up-to-date with what's happening and any findings that arise.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

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

## **Quote of the Week**

***"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."***

***- Brian Herbert***

***Jason Cox***

***Principal***

# 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.

## **PARENTS & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

Over the past couple of weeks we have had some parents ask us about Working with Children Checks.

At Goornong PS, we value the support of our families and endeavour to provide opportunities throughout the year for parents to help out.

We encourage all parents to have a Working with Children Check. This is to ensure that parents are able to volunteer at the school in roles that involve 'child-related' or 'child-connected' work.

Activities such as volunteering to help with morning reading, on sports days or on excursions all involve 'child-related' work and thus, under the Child Safe Standards, require the school to ensure that volunteers, including parents, hold a valid Working with Children Check.

The process to apply for a Working With Children Check is outlined below.

### **STEP ONE**

Visit [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and complete and submit the online form.

Under the section marked 'Organisation Details, candidates should ensure they state Goornong Primary School.

### **STEP TWO**

Print the completed online form and take it to an Australia Post outlet for processing.

Please note there is a time limit for applications to be lodged at an Australia Post outlet once they have been submitted online.

Candidates need to provide a passport size photo, 100 points of acceptable identification and the printed copy of the completed online application form when lodging at Australia Post.

*Please note that some Australia Post outlets have the facility to take passport size photos.*

### **STEP THREE**

You will be notified of the outcome of your application via an Assessment Notice from the Department of Justice; and receive your Working with Children Check card two-three weeks later if your application is successful.

### **STEP FOUR**

Once you have your WWCC card, please bring it into the school so a copy can be taken and your name added to our Working with Children Check register.

Please feel free to contact the school if you require support or have any questions regarding Working with Children Checks. Jacinta is in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be happy to help parents with their online application using a school computer.

We thank our school community for their support!

# 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!

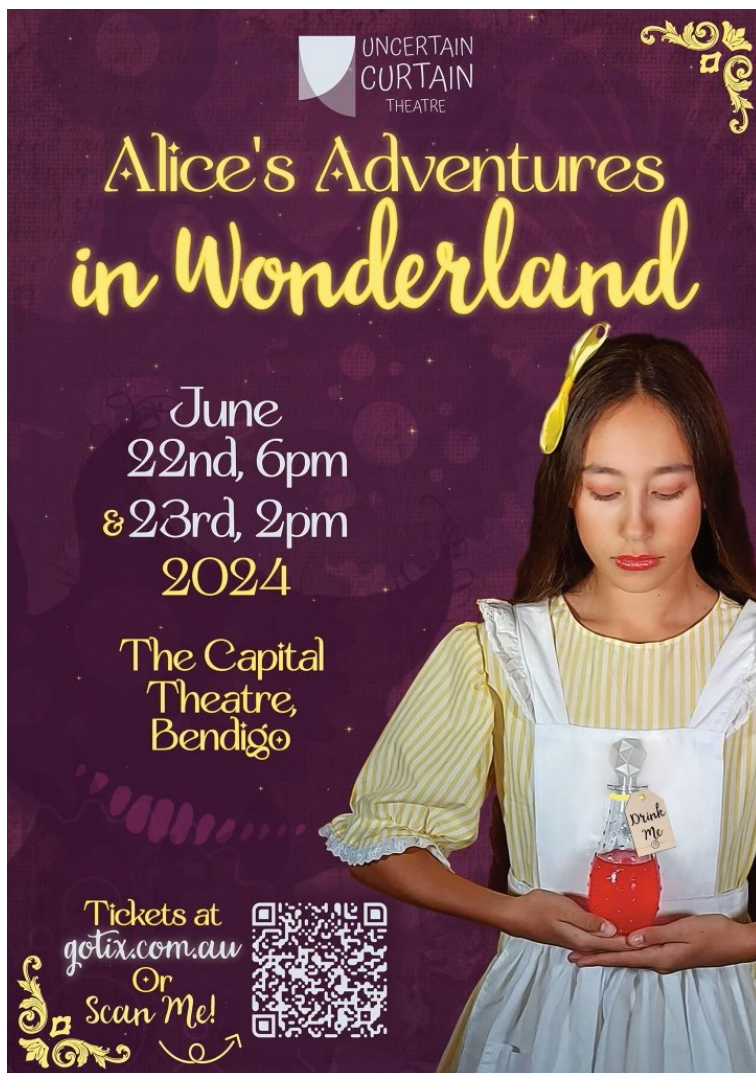
- 1) Pick up lunch order envelopes from the school prior to heading to Elmore.
- 2) Head to Oasis Café, drop off lunch order envelopes and pick up the food. Aim to do this about 1.10pm.
- 3) Deliver the lunch orders to the school ready for lunch at 1.30pm.

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

## Community News

We are excited to share that one of our Grade 6 students, Mayla P, is playing a lead role in an upcoming production at The Capital Theatre in Bendigo. We wish Mayla all the best for this exciting opportunity!



The link to booking is below for anyone in our school community who may be interested in going along.

<https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres/event/alices-adventures-in-wonderland>