

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Tues 28th May Playgroup (Teddy Bears Picnic), 10am
 Fri 31st May Reconciliation Week—Wear it Yellow Day
 MARC Library

Term 2

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
 Fri 21st June School Nurse Visit—Prep Health Checks
 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: 30th January to 28th March
 Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
 Term 3: 15th July to 20th September

The sandpit has been a popular place lately with the students working hard at playtime and lunchtime building mountains, tunnels, channels and other structures.



Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Robert S	Lucas O
P-2 Maths 	Amity L	Ted A
P-2 Values 	Poppy S	Harper S
3-6 Literacy 	Amy O	Lucy O
3-6 Maths 	Brock K	Mack S
3-6 Values 	Chase R	Eddie S
Principal Award 	Max M	Bryttney B

Reconciliation Week



Wear it Yellow Day—Friday 31st May

As part of Reconciliation Week next week, we are inviting students and teachers to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day on Friday to raise funds for First Nations organisation, Children's Ground. Students and teachers are able to provide a gold coin donation, with funds raised going directly towards supporting Children's Ground to deliver self-determination, education, health and employment opportunities for First Nations people.

As part of Reconciliation Week, the students will also be learning more about indigenous culture and the meaning of Reconciliation Week.



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.

New Chooks!

This week we had some new chooks arrive at the school. The students put in their name suggestions last Friday and the announcement was made today. We'd like to introduce

Omelette, Nugget and Pumpkin.

A big thank you to the Verity family for donating the chooks and some tucker for them to enjoy, Nick Ormesher for building some fantastic laying boxes, and to the Francis family for providing some straw for the new laying boxes. We are very grateful to have the support of our community with special things such as 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.



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Tuesday our school participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. We were one of the 2,359,147 participants at 21,969 locations across Australia and the world to join in. The book was 'Bowerbird Blues' and the students got to create their own bowers in their groups. They are currently on display in our project

Principal's Report

PREP HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

For our Prep parents, accompanying today's newsletter is the Prep Health Questionnaire. This is a questionnaire that is conducted annually with parents of Prep students, prior to the school nurse conducting health checks. Further information about the health checks is attached with the questionnaire. We ask that the questionnaires please be returned to the school by Friday 21st June. The School Nurse will be visiting our school on this day to conduct the health checks with the Prep students. If you are the parent of a student in Prep and did not receive your health questionnaire or have any questions please see Mrs Brown.

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

What a fabulous morning it was last Wednesday as we celebrated Education Week with our annual Special Person's Day! Without a doubt, Special Person's Day is the best day of the school year! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family members who visited our school, including those who travelled long distances. It was a pleasure to see smiles on our students faces as they engaged in their learning with their parents and special friends.

Thanks to the FOTS for coordinating the morning tea and to all families who provided a plate to share—your support is greatly appreciated!

Thanks also to the teachers and staff, who put in lots of work, both in the lead up to the day and on the day itself, to ensure that things ran smoothly—great job!

GYM PROGRAM

Our Gym Program begins on Tuesday 4th June and will see our students travel to Palmer's Gym in Bendigo over four weeks to participate in gymnastics sessions. The students will be participating in activities around fitness, coordination, flexibility and fun, using a range of equipment including trampolines, balance beams and the foam pit. The Gym Program forms part of our school's Physical Education curriculum.

Attached to today's newsletter is further details and a permission form for these excursions.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Mayla P who represented both Goornong PS and the Campaspe Cluster schools at the recent Division Cross Country in Moama. Mayla finished in 20th place out of 60 runners in her age group—a commendable achievement!

CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS (GRADES 3/4/5/6)

Our Grade 3-6 students will be attending the Campaspe Cluster Winter Sports day at the Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve on Monday 17th June. The students have selected from three sports—netball, soccer or football and will participate in activities and matches in mixed teams with students from the other Campaspe Cluster Schools.

The students and teachers will be travelling by bus, departing Goornong PS at 11.15am and returning by 3.15pm. The activities and matches for each sport will begin at about 12.00pm.

Our Winter Sports is always a fun day and I encourage parents and other family members to come along and support.

PLAYGROUP

A reminder that the Goornong Playgroup returns for 2024 with a Teddy Bears' Picnic to be held at the school this coming 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.

MID-YEAR ASSESSMENTS & REPORTS

With the end of Term 2 fast approaching, it's the time of year when the teachers begin to complete a number of assessments in Literacy and Numeracy to help gauge the progress of each student prior to writing the mid-year student reports. Please note that as some of these assessments are in one-to-one interview format, Miss Deane will be taking both classes at stages over the coming weeks to give the main classroom teachers time to complete these important assessments.

Quote of the Week

'No thief, however skilful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.'

– L. Frank Baum

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 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 TERM 2

A big thank you to the parents that have volunteered to help out with the lunch orders—we really appreciate it! Below is what's left of the roster for Terms 2. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

<u>Term 2</u>	
<u>Amanda H</u>	Mon 27 th May
<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

Can you help us with the Lunch Orders in Terms 3?

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 this term. 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 14th June if you are able to help out.

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

Name: _____.

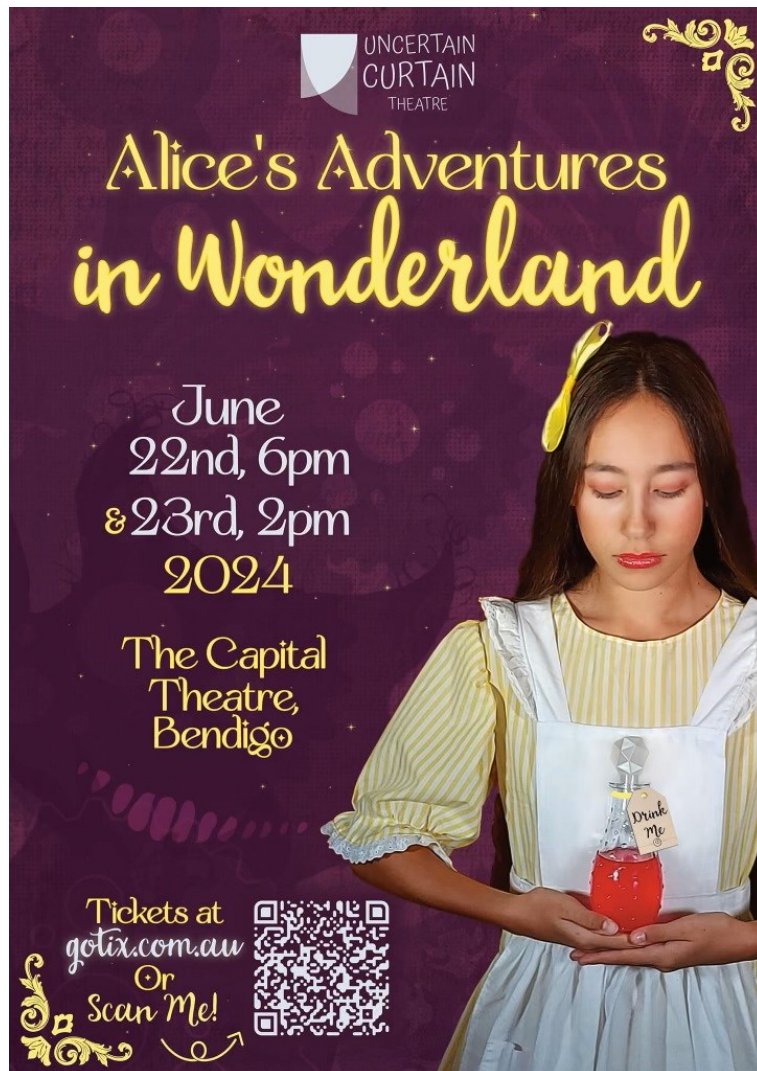
The school will endeavour to create a roster that 'shares the load' and try to avoid having anyone doing multiple trips in a term, if possible.

Please tick all the dates that you would be available.

	Available all dates in term 3.
X	Mon 15 th July (Student Free Day)
	Mon 22 nd July
	Mon 29 th July
	Mon 5 th August
	Mon 12 th August
	Mon 19 th August
	Mon 26 th August
	Mon 2 nd September
	Mon 9 th September
	Mon 16 th September

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>