

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

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.
Mon 22nd July School Council Meeting
Fri 9th Aug. Playgroup, 10.00am—11.30am
Fri 23rd Aug Cluster Athletics (Gr 3-6s) Bendigo
Fri 6th Sept. Playgroup, 10.00am—11.30am
Mon 16th Sept School Council Meeting
Wed 18th Sept Cluster Science Day (P-6), Raywood
Friday 20th Sept Last day of Term 3, 2.15pm dismissal

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: 30th January to 28th March
Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Edwin F	Isabelle P
P-2 Maths 	Riley B	Jackson L
P-2 Values 	Kassidey E	Rosie S
3-6 Literacy 	Emilie J	Mackenzie V
3-6 Maths 	Kaina M	Max M
3-6 Values 	Max M	Alexia W
Principal Award 	Lavina G	Chase R & Lola A

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for someone to look after the chooks over the school holiday period. If you think your family may be able to help with this, please let us know.



PYJAMA DAY

LAST DAY OF TERM



On Friday the 28th June Goornong Primary School is having a pyjama dress up day. All students are welcome to wear their favourite pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. Staff recommended that all students who choose to wear slippers on this day bring appropriate shoes to wear outside at play times. We can't wait to see you all rugged up for a cosy end to Term 2!

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.



Principal's Report

Today's newsletter is the last edition for Term 2. As such, I take this opportunity to wish all students, staff and their families a safe and restful school holidays.

STUDENT-FREE DAY—MON 15th JULY

A reminder that the first day of Term 3, Monday 15th July has been designated as a Student-Free Day. The teachers and I will be attending a Writing Professional Development Workshop with other Bendigo small schools on this day. As such, the first day for students in Term 3 will be Tuesday 16th July.

STUDENT REPORTS & LEARNING JOURNALS

The mid-year student reports will be sent home next week. We hope that these provide parents with a comprehensive picture of how their child is progressing at school.

Complementing the Semester One report is a Learning Portfolio, available via Classroom Dojo, with samples of your child's work compiled throughout Term 1 and Term 2.

A reminder that parent-teacher interviews will take place in Term 3. Further details will be provided next term.

MARC LIBRARY—Mrs G AWAY

Please note that our wonderful MARC Library teacher, Mrs G, will be away for the first half of Term 3. As such, the library van will not be visiting the school during this time. The students will be able to borrow more books than usual on the last day of this term when Mrs G visits and then keep these books until Mrs G's return later in Term 3.

The students will continue to participate in the timetabled fortnightly MARC lessons during Mrs G's absence. These will be taught by a relief teacher.

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

I am excited to let our school community know that Goornong PS has been successful in receiving a Music in Schools Grant for the 2024-2025 school years. The program is delivered by The Song Room and aims to provide vibrant and enriching music education in Victorian government schools. As part of the program, our school has been allocated a specialist visiting music teacher who will be working with Mrs Kemp and the students during Performing Arts. We welcome our visiting specialist music teacher, Kathleen Parry, to Goornong PS. Kathleen has already visited Goornong PS a couple of times to meet the students and teachers and begun planning a vibrant and enriching music program for Semester 2.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of our School Council is on Monday

22nd July. This meeting will be held on site at the school, with Finance Committee beginning at 6pm, followed by the normal meeting at 6.15pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year's school photos have been sent home with the students today. We hope that parents enjoy sharing these with their family; and that they provide a valuable keepsake of memories for the future. Please let the school know if there are any issues with your photos.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

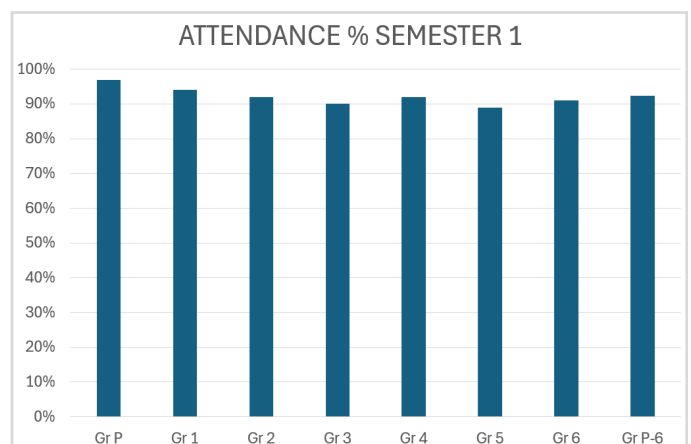
As we are all well aware, consistent attendance at school is so important. Students who attend school regularly are maximising their opportunity to learn at the same rate as their peers. Conversely, students who are regularly absent are at risk of missing important learning content and falling behind their peers.

I wish to share with our school community some student attendance data as we near the end of Term 2.

As of 20.06.2024, there has been 89 days of school. Our overall attendance rate is 92.6%. That means that on average, the students of Goornong PS are attending school on just over 9 out of every ten school days. An attendance rate above 90% is good and I wish to congratulate our families for ensuring that the students attend school as often as possible.

90% is good, but 95% is better and I encourage students to attend as often as possible, understanding that there will be the need for a day off from time to time due to illness or other reasons.

Congratulations to the Grade Preps who have the best overall attendance rate of 97% - a goal for the other grade levels to strive for!



Jason Cox
Principal

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 please help us with the Lunch Orders in Term 3?

We are still 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 currently only have 3 volunteers and hoping that some more parents are able help out so we can continue with the roster system which we have had in the past.

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 28th 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)
RUTH S	Mon 22 nd July
ALISHA R	Mon 29 th July
ALYCE O	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