

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember

Next Week

Sun 1st Sept. Father's Day
Fri 6th Sept. Playgroup, 10.00am—11.30am
MARC Library—Welcome Back Mrs G








Term 3

Fri 13th Sept Jump Rope for Heart Afternoon, 2.15pm
Mon 16th Sept School Council Meeting
Wed 18th Sept Cluster Science Day (P-6), Raywood
Friday 20th Sept Last day of Term 3, Footy Colours Day
2.15pm dismissal

Term 4

Mon 7th Oct First day of Term 4
16th—18th Oct Gr 3-4 Kookaburra Camp
22nd—24th Oct Gr 5-6 Anglesea Camp

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Zoe E	—
P-2 Maths 	Ollie G	—
P-2 Values 	Archie O	—
3-6 Literacy 	Lola A	—
3-6 Maths 	Patrick S	—
3-6 Values 	Alexia W	—
Principal Award 	Kaina M	—

LUNCH ORDERS

We are pleased to announce that Wes, Sherrin and the team from the Drovers Arms Hotel are going to be our school's new lunch order provider. A menu accompanies today's newsletter. Lunch order day will now be Fridays, beginning next Friday 6th September.

Please note that for catering purposes, orders need to be handed in at the school on the Thursday immediately prior to the Friday lunch order day.

FOOTY Colours Day

Friday 20th September
Last Day of Term Three

Come to school dressed in your team's colours!

No Cost...it's just for fun!

*Feel free to come in your netball, basketball or another sport's colours if you don't have any footy colours!

FOTS NEWS

FATHER'S DAY

Thank you to the families who have provided \$5 to cover the cost of materials for this year's Father's Day gift. The gifts have been sent home with the students today. We wish all the dads a happy Father's Day!

ELMORE FIELD DAYS ROSTER

A big thank you to those who have put their name down on this year's Elmore Field Days Roster. We managed to fill 14 of the 16 shifts on our roster—well done Goornong community!

For those who have put their name on the roster, further information will be coming soon.

MARC LIBRARY

Mrs G will be returning next Friday the 6th. We are so excited to have her back. All students will be able to return their books and borrow new ones on this day!

Principal's Report

SCIENCE EXCURSION

To celebrate Science Week, our students will be heading to Raywood Primary School on Wednesday 18th September for the annual Campaspe Cluster Science Day. On this day we will be joining with the other Campaspe Cluster schools to participate in a range of science related activities.

Accompanying today's newsletter is further details and a permission note for this excursion.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

This week we welcomed three new students to our school—Aela (Prep), Leddy (Gr 2) and Harvey (Gr 5). We wish them the best of luck at Goornong PS and home that they make lots of new friends.

PARENT FORUM

A big thank you to the parents that attended the parent forum as part of the school review earlier this week. We are grateful for your input and appreciate you giving up some of your time to contribute to the school.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Over the past two weeks we have welcomed our review panel (consisting of an education consultant, school principals and leaders from the Department of Education) into our school for our school review. It's always terrific to welcome other educators into our school and our staff have valued the feedback provided by the review panel. Whilst we are still waiting for the final review report to be presented to our school, the school reviewer did acknowledge a number of positives throughout the review process. These included:

- ◆ The calm and orderly learning environment at Goornong PS.
- ◆ The expertise and capability of our teachers and education support staff in catering for the needs of the students.
- ◆ The positive attitude that is demonstrated by the Goornong students when approaching their schoolwork.
- ◆ The positive relationships and partnerships that exist between the school and parents.
- ◆ That the academic outcomes of the Goornong students is generally at or above those of students from similar schools.

I wish to thank all parents, students and our staff team for their contribution to the review process and I look forward to sharing more findings from the review once we have the final review report.

2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Although seemingly still a way off, the school is beginning to do some initial planning for the 2025 school year. As I'm sure you can appreciate, there is a great deal of work behind the scenes to ensure the best structure in relation to

classrooms, teachers and support staff. The number of students attending the school has a significant impact on our planning as school funding is directly linked to the number of enrolments. As such, I ask that those parents intending to enrol new students at Goornong PS for 2025 (including Preps) to please now return their enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available from the school should you require one. I also ask any current families whose child/children will not be attending Goornong PS in 2025 to please let me know. I thank families for their support with this.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!"

—Dr. Seuss

Jason Cox

Principal

Goornong Playgroup

Friday 6th September

10.00am—11.30am at the Goornong Primary School.

We are excited to welcome families with young children to join us for our playgroup session on Friday 6th September. Come along and meet other local families. There will be plenty to keep the kids entertained with crafts, songs, books and games.

Morning tea will be provided for both parents and children.



JUMP OFF DAY

Friday 13th
September,
2:15pm
Goornong
Primary School

Goornong Primary School is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation. We are amazed by the amount of fundraising our school has received thus far, congratulations and thank you all for your efforts and contributions. We have raised \$1516 to date. Parents, carers, families and friends are invited to our Jump Off day, an opportunity for the students to show off their new skipping skills and tricks learned over the coming weeks.

FOTS News - Drovers Arms Raffle

Wes and Sherrin from the Drovers Arms Hotel have kindly offered our school a spot in their weekly Friday night raffle. By selling tickets, our school will receive a dividend from the raffle profits as a fundraiser.

Below is our roster for the raffle and we are asking parents to assist by volunteering to sell tickets. If you are able to help out, please put your name down on the roster below and return to the school. Volunteers would begin selling the tickets at about 5.30pm, with the raffle being drawn at about 7.00pm. This is a great way to contribute to our school's fundraising efforts, whilst supporting a local business who supports our school! Thank you.

DROVER ARMS HOTEL FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE ROSTER	
GOORNONG PRIMARY SCHOOL	
DATE	VOLUNTEER
Friday 30th August	Rachel Mill
Friday 27th September	
Friday 25th October	
Friday 22nd November	Rachel Mill
Friday 20th December	



Jazz at Goornong Hall

32 Railway Place South, Goornong
Sunday 13th October 2024

1-4 pm

Featuring

HOT B HINES

\$20 PER PERSON

(includes afternoon tea)

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PREPAID

100% of profits will provide essential funding for Goornong Memorial Hall & Goornong Recreation Reserve

For Tickets:

Bill Knight 0438 323 454 melvabill@bigpond.com

or

Pam Rogers 0417 028 560 goornonghall@bigpond.com



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To be eligible you need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be studying yourself, have a child in school or starting school next year
- Get regular income (can be you or your partner)*
- Agree to join free online financial education workshops

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