

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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

Dates to Remember








Next Week

Mon 16th Sept	School Council Meeting
Wed 18th Sept	Cluster Science Day (P-6), Raywood
Friday 20th Sept	MARC Library Footy Colours Day Last day of Term 3, 2.15pm dismissal

Term 4

Mon 7th Oct	First day of Term 4
14th-15th Oct	Smile Squad Visit (Dental Health Checks)
16th—18th Oct	Gr 3-4 Kookaburra Camp
Fri 18th Oct	MARC Library
Mon 21st Oct	School Council Meeting
22nd—24th Oct	Gr 5-6 Anglesea Camp
Wed 30th Oct	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
Fri 1st Nov	MARC Library
Tues 5th Nov	Little Learners Program Begins, 2-3.15pm
Fri 15th Nov	MARC Library
Mon 18th Nov	School Council Meeting
Fri 29th Nov	MARC Library
Tues 10th Dec	Statewide Orientation (Step-Up) Day
Fri 13th Dec	MARC Library
Fri 20th Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2.15pm dismissal

Weekly Awards

Award	This Week	Last Week
P-2 Literacy 	Poppy S	Lavina G
P-2 Maths 	Spencer V	Lucas O
P-2 Values 	Bill T	Darcie F
3-6 Literacy 	Kaina M	Olivia M
3-6 Maths 	Mack S	Harvey F
3-6 Values 	Mayla P	Harvey F
Principal Award 	Lavina G & Lucy O	Colin

Food Allergies—Anaphylaxis

We wish to inform parents that we have student/s enrolled at our school with food allergies. Allergens include peanuts, peanut additives and eggs, and have the potential to cause severe and life-threatening anaphylactic reactions in allergic students. Even mild allergic reactions can cause swelling of the face, vomiting and hives.

Parents should be aware that allergic reactions can be brought on through skin contact (such as leaning in peanut butter that is on the table), not just through ingestion.

Whilst there is no specific ban on particular food items, we encourage all parents to be thoughtful about the sandwich fillings and snack products packed in lunchboxes.

We also wish to make parents aware that the sharing of food is not permitted at school and that students should only eat food items provided from their home—please do not send along food to be shared with other students!

The school has a number of strategies in place to reduce the risk of an anaphylactic reaction in allergic students, which are outlined in our Anaphylaxis Management Policy, available on the school website.

We thank our school community for their support with this.

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!

Principal's Report

This is the last edition of the newsletter for Term 3. Despite the shorter daylight hours and wintery weather, it's been a very successful term in lots of ways and I congratulate all students and staff on their positive attitude and achievements.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable school holidays and is looking forward to what will no doubt be a busy Term 4.

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF CELEBRATION

Last week we celebrated Education Support Staff Appreciation Week at Goornong PS. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group ES staff working at our school—Jacinta, Tearnna, Brooke and Danni. Our ES staff play a valuable role as part of our staff team to help 'keep the ship afloat', from Jacinta who supports in managing the school's administration and finances, to the integration aides who support students with additional needs and provide general classroom support to the teachers. On behalf of our students, parents and teachers, I thank our dedicated team of Education Support for their contribution to our school!

LUNCH ORDERS

It's been terrific to see lots of students putting in a lunch order over the last couple of weeks—this helps to support a local business that supports our school.

We understand it might take a bit of time for families to get in the routine of putting in the order the day prior, but this helps to ensure the whole process runs smoothly.

In the instance where a child has placed a lunch order and then ends up being absent on the Friday, we are asking families to please contact the pub directly to cancel the order. The Drovers Arms opens at 11.30am on a Friday can be contacted on 5432 2210.

We thank parents for their cooperation with the new lunch order process.

HATS AT SCHOOL

A reminder that as per our school's SunSmart Policy, hats need to be worn outside during Terms One and Four. Please ensure that your child has a navy blue wide-brimmed hat to wear for the start of Term 4. Students who do not have a suitable hat are asked to play in the shade of the outdoor learning space during playtime and lunchtime.

UPCOMING GR 3-4 AND GR 5-6 CAMPS

For parents of Grade 3-4 and Grade 5-6 students, please find accompanying today's newsletter further information and medical forms for the upcoming

Grade 3-4 Kookaburra Camp and Grade 5-6 Anglesea Camp.

RESILIENCE PROJECT

This week's excursion to Echuca kicked off our implementation of The Resilience Project at Goornong PS. The students had a fantastic day participating in The Resilience Project sessions and it was wonderful to hear them talking about some of the concepts covered when we got back to school.

The Resilience Project Wellbeing Program focusses on the core principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness, and Emotional Literacy, with the aim being to provide the students with strategies that promote positive mental health, happiness and the ability to overcome obstacles.

This week, we have talked with the students about kindness and how when we do something to help others it not only makes the person we are helping feel happy, we feel good as well.

We are excited to share more as we move through our Resilience Project journey!

2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Planning for the 2025 school year is now ramping up. 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

"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go."

—Dr. Seuss

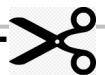
Jason Cox
Principal

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	<i>Rachel Mill</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Jess Payne</i>
Friday 25th October	
Friday 22nd November	<i>Rachel Mill</i>
Friday 20th December	



PLAYGROUP

A big thank you to the Goornong Community for coming along to our playgroup session last Friday. It was so lovely to see everyone and meet some new faces. A super successful session and we hope to see everyone back in term 4, for our next playgroup!



Goornong Primary School would like to thank everyone who came to our Skip Off today. It was a very successful day and the students were very excited to show off their skills. Goornong Primary School raised a total of **\$2320**. A massive congratulations to the students for their amazing efforts with their fundraising, and thank you to all the families, friends and community members who helped make this possible. A special mention to Riley B for being our top fundraiser and, a special thanks to Mrs Grieves for organising everything for this terrific cause. Well Done Everyone!



THE SMILE SQUAD FREE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM IS COMING TO SCHOOL

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school on 14th & 15th October.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>, return the consent form sent home with today's newsletter or use the QR code:



Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life. Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional. If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS**

Dear parents and carers,

The Victorian Government has recently announced details of the School Savings Bonus.

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

Please feel free to contact Jacinta on a Tuesday or Wednesday should you have any further questions about the School Savings Bonus.

Warm Regards,

Jacinta Deane

Business Manager