

Goornong Primary School Newsletter

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES — TEAMWORK, RESPECT, HONESTY AND CARE.

Dates to Remember

Next Week

14th-15th Oct Smile Squad Visit (Dental Health Checks)

16th—18th Oct Gr 3-4 Kookaburra Camp

Fri 18th Oct MARC Library

Next Week

Mon 21st Oct School Council Meeting

22nd—24th Oct Gr 5-6 Anglesea Camp

Mon 28th Oct Bike Ed begins (Gr 3/4/5/6s)

Tues 29th Oct **Bike Ed (Gr 3/4/5/6s)**

Wed 30th Oct Bendigo Cup Public Holiday

Fri 1st Nov MARC Library

Playgroup 10-11:30am

Bike Ed (Gr 3/4/5/6s)

Mon 4th Nov **Bike Ed (Gr 3/4/5/6s)**

Tues 5th Nov **Bike Ed (Gr 3/4/5/6s)**

Little Learners Program begins, 2-3.15pm

Wed 6th Nov **Bike Ed (Gr 3/4/5/6s)**

Thurs 7th Nov Gr P/1/2 Sleepover at School

Fri 8th Nov **Bike Ed Big Bike Ride (Gr 3/4/5/6s)**

Tues 12th Nov **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**

Fri 15th Nov MARC Library

Mon 18th Nov School Council Meeting

Tues 19th Nov **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**

Fri 22nd Nov Student-Free Day

Tues 26th Nov **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**

Fri 29th Nov MARC Library

Playgroup 10-11:30am

Tues 3rd Dec **Little Learners Program, 2.00-3.15pm**

Tues 10th Dec Statewide Orientation (Step-Up) Day

Little Learners Program, 9.00-12.00pm








Wed 11th Dec **Swimming Program begins**

Thurs 12th Dec Christmas Concert

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 	Lincoln E	-
P-2 Maths 	Colin K	-
P-2 Values 	Ledi F	-
3-6 Literacy 	Mackenzie V	-
3-6 Maths 	Edward S	-
3-6 Values 	Chase R	-
Principal Award 	Riley B & Ledi F	-

HIGH FIVES

ELMORE FIELD DAYS THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the volunteers from our school who filled one or more of the 16 shifts (totalling 100 hours) on our Elmore Field Days Catering roster—we really appreciate your support!



We also offer our sincere gratitude to David Mill for his efforts as our school's Roster Coordinator and Catering Committee Representative; and thank Rachel Mill for her work supporting the coordination of the roster. Both David and Rachel did a power of work behind the scenes and filled multiple spots on our school's roster—thanks heaps Rachel and David!

GROUNDS WORKS

A high five to our groundskeeper Ben and his apprentice Olivia who have done a terrific job installing new seating near the front entrance. We hope that these will provide a comfortable shady space for parents to sit at school pick-up time. Ben and Olivia also pressure-washed the concrete paths over the holidays and these have come up like new.

CHOOKS

Thank you to the Verity family who looked after the chooks over the school holidays—we really appreciate your help with this.

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 4 of the 2024 school year! I hope that all families enjoyed a safe school holiday period and that everyone is looking forward to a positive end to the school year.

Term 4 is always a busy one and as can be seen in the 'Dates to Remember' we already have some fantastic programs locked in for the students, including the Grade 3-4 Kookaburra Camp, Grade 5-6 Anglesea Camp, the Little Learners Transition Program for our 2025 Preps, Bike Ed for our Gr 3/4/5/6s, the P/1/2 Sleepover at School and the Swimming Program. The students will also be working with Mrs Kemp and Kathleen throughout Term 4 during Performing Arts, preparing items for the End-of-Year Concert, scheduled for the evening of Thursday 12th December. We're also finalising arrangements for the Grade 6 Graduation and will be able to confirm details for this in the coming weeks.

As always, please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's experience at school.

STUDENT-FREE DAY

Please note that Friday 22nd November is a Student-Free Day. The teachers will be beginning to write the students' end-of-year reports on this day.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF TIMES

Over the past few school weeks the staff have noticed that some students are arriving prior to 8.30am. We wish to remind parents that students should not arrive at school prior to 8.30am. Our dedicated teachers are busy getting organised for the day ahead in the morning and we are not able to meet our duty of care with regards to supervision prior to 8.30am. We thank parents for their cooperation with this.

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 or bucket hat to wear. 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

We wish our Grade 3-4s and Grade 5-6s the best of luck as they head off on their respective camps over the coming weeks. The Grade 3-4s are heading to Kookaburra Camp next week and the Grade 5-6s are

heading to Anglesea in the third week of Term.

BIKE EDUCATION—GRADES THREE-SIX

Our Bike Education Program is for all students in Grades 3/4/5/6 and will be held during weeks 4 and 5 of Term, beginning on Monday 28th October.

The aim of the Program is to teach students about road safety; and to develop the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road.

Once again, our Bike Education Program will be run by Mr D. Mr D has coordinated the Bike Ed Program at Goornong PS for many years and is an accredited Bike Education instructor.

The program culminates with the traditional Bike Ride to English's Bridge on Friday 8th November.

We would love to have some parents ride with our group or drive support vehicles for The Bike Ride (a valid WWCC is required). Thanks to those who have already offered to help! If you are able to assist please let me know.

For our Grade 3/4/5/6 families, please find attached to today's newsletter further information about the Bike Education Program and permission forms to be completed and returned to the school.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of our School Council will be held on Monday 21st October, beginning at 6pm with Finance Committee and followed by the normal meeting.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You."

—Dr. Seuss

Jason Cox
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

Dear parents and carers,

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18th October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact the school if needed.

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

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR MAGNIFICENT THING STEM PROJECT

The Prep, One, Two class will be undertaking a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project called *Our magnificent thing*. Based on the picture book *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires, this project will involve students in our class repurposing recyclable items to create their own most magnificent thing (something of value to them).

This project focuses on repurposing recyclable items to give students opportunities to consider sustainability and the impact of our lifestyles on our environment, while developing their ability to design, create and problem-solve. To enable students to create their most magnificent things, I would appreciate if you could please collect clean recyclable items from your house (Please do not include any alcoholic containers, egg cartons or toilet rolls). The recyclable items can be delivered to the classroom across the first two weeks of this term.

We will be collecting data on the shape and material properties of the items before using them to create something magnificent.

Thank you for your time and support.

Helen Coughlin—STEM Teacher



Goornong Playgroup

Our Term 4 Session Dates:

**Friday 1st November &
Friday 29th November**

10.00am—11.30am at Goornong Primary School.

We are excited to welcome families with young children to join us for our first playgroup session of the term on Friday 1st November. 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. Please bring a hat and a drink bottle for some outside play and activities.

Please contact the school on 5432 2236 if you require any further details.

We hope to see you there!



THE SMILE SQUAD FREE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM IS COMING TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school next week on Monday and Tuesday.

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:

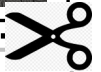
We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>, return the consent form sent home or use the QR code:



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.

It's been fantastic to see lots of students coming along to Breakfast Club of a Wednesday morning. This week we had 24 students attend! Breakfast Club is a very special time of the week, not only providing the students with a free breakfast, but also the opportunity to socialise with peers and learn valuable skills around table manners and etiquette. Breakfast Club is held each Wednesday morning from 8.15am. Please feel free to send your child along for a free breakfast of cereal, toast and a hot milo.



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. Thank you to the families that have already put their name on the roster!

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	Kaela & Ben Flood
Friday 22nd November	<i>Rachel Mill</i>
Friday 20th December	