

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 21st** Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
24th Yrs 1-2 Swimming Program
25th District Swimming
28th **Rescheduled** Foundation
Grandparents Afternoon
2:30pm- 3:10pm
28th Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4B & 4C

MARCH

- 3rd** Yrs 1-2 Swimming Program
4th GRIP Leadership Conference
6th Yr 3 Melb Museum Excursion
7th Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A
10th **Labour Day Public Holiday**
11th-12th Yr 4 Camp Wilkin
12th-14th Yr 6 Camp Sovereign Hill
12th-21st Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
25th District Futsal (Girls)

APRIL

- 1st** District Futsal (Boys)
3rd Foundation Easter Concert
4th Whole School Performing Arts
Concert (PAC)

Last Day of Term 1

Early Dismissal - 2:30pm

Dear Parents & Guardians

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council open Monday 24th February.

The self-nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be returned by 4.00pm Monday 3rd March. It is a self-nominating process therefore you don't have to go out and lobby for people to nominate you. Please see the detailed notice regarding the elections in this newsletter for more information.

Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions

Thank you to all the parents who came in this week to catch up with classroom teachers in this valuable information share. If you were unable to attend this week, please pick up the phone or email the classroom teacher to touch base.

Year 1/2 Swimming Program

Information has been going home in regard to our Year 1/2 swimming program at Gisborne Aquatic Centre. We are able to offer the \$120 program to all Year 1 and 2 students for **free** this year. It is a 10 day intensive program from the 24th February until the 7th March. Thank you to all those parents who have consented for their children. A reminder for those parents who would like to go and help with swimming to make sure you have a current working with children card and have nominated NGPS as the volunteer organisation.

Kitchen Garden

This Friday, 21st February, will see the first session of the Year 4 Kitchen Garden program. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have volunteered to help. A reminder for those parents who would like to help with Kitchen Garden make sure you have a current working with children card and have nominated NGPS as the volunteer organisation.

School Uniform

Can parents please take a moment over the next week to make sure students are in correct school uniform and have a SunSmart hat. Parents are also expected to provide sunscreen for their children to apply at school.

District Swimming

Congratulations to all students who made it through to District Swimming. We wish you all the best for next Tuesday and hope that you have a fantastic day.

Foundation Grandparent Afternoon

The Foundation Grandparents open afternoon is on Friday 28th February from 2:30pm - 3:10pm. We look forward to all of these significant adults joining us for the afternoon.

Shane West
Principal

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School Council Elections

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All government schools in Victoria have a School Council, a legally formed body that is given the power to set the key directions of a school within centrally approved guidelines. A School Council, therefore, is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Three possible categories of membership exist - parent, Department of Education & Training employee and optional community member category. The term of office for members is usually two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies at the annual School Council Elections.

Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of a school. You don't need any special experience to be on a School Council. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

This year, 2025, the following vacancies exist:

Parent Member Category - Four (4) Vacancies

DET Member Category - Three (3) Vacancies

A notice and call for nominations for the above vacant positions has been placed on display in the office area. Nomination forms are available **from the school office**. Interested parents are able to **'self-nominate'**. You have **until 4:00pm on Monday 3rd March**, to get your nominations in to me. If, at this time, I don't have enough nominations I can allow an additional three days for more nominations. If I then have equal, or less, nominations than the number of vacancies, these people are elected automatically. If I have more nominations than vacancies, a ballot of the school community will be necessary.

If you have an interest in how the school runs, and a desire to take on a more active role, please consider nominating. School Council meets about 8 times each year. Meetings are generally on a Tuesday night, starting at 7:00pm and finishing around 8.30pm.

If you would like to know more, please call the school on 5428 2232.

2025 School Council Election Timeline

Monday 24 February	Call for Nominations - collect nomination forms from office
Monday 3 March	Nominations close 4.00pm (extra 3 days from here if required)
Monday 3 March	List of candidates displayed
Wednesday 5 March	Distribute ballot papers on this date if required
Wednesday 12 March	Close of ballot
Wednesday 12 March	Count votes and declare the poll
Tuesday 18 March	First new SC meeting to elect office bearers

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Hi everyone,

My name is Kerry Morris and this year I am working in the new role of Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL). Over the past 24 years I have taught at this school in several roles: Literacy Intervention, Classroom support, Classroom teacher for Years 1, 3 and 6 and Learning Specialist.



Throughout 2025 I will participate in Mental Health in Primary Schools training (MHIPS) provided by The University of Melbourne and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. At school, most of my work will focus on mental health promotion and prevention. This will include building staff capacity to identify and support the mental health and wellbeing needs of your children, as well as promoting good mental health through ensuring wellbeing is embedded into the curriculum. This jigsaw is a good representation of my role:



Chester Chatter

With the colder weather this week, Chester's been spending more time indoors, loving the peace and quiet of the Activities Room and the wonderful crafty activities and games that take place at lunchtime. While not an Uno player himself, he still loved the company of friends and joining in with the relaxing conversations. Chester was especially excited to hear that the playdough comes out in the Tuesday craft activities and is looking forward to checking that out next week.



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Monday

COLOURING &
QUIET ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

GARDENING
CRAFT

Chess Club - Mr Dwyer's Class
Room

Wednesday

CHESS

Thursday

CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITIES

Friday

CARD GAMES


Everyone welcome!
Find us in the
Activities Room
(near the Year 3
classrooms)

Canteen




Reasons to Join Our Canteen Crew #78:

*Students love seeing their
Parent/Carer in the Canteen*



**KEEP CALM
&
JOIN OUR
CANTEEN
CREW**



Canteen Roster

TERM 1, 28TH JANUARY - 4TH APRIL 2025

To join us, please visit Lana in the Canteen
or email Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au

WEEK	DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
4	FRI 21 FEB	Mary	HELP NEEDED from 11AM PLEASE		
	WED 26 FEB	Sarah			
5	FRI 28 FEB	Larissa	Sarah	Mary	



TO THESE WONDERFUL INDIVIDUALS
for their Amazing Assistance & Support last week...

**SARAH HOLLAND
MARY GORDON
NIAL MUECKE**

**LORRAINE DIXON
GILL PUNSHON**

Your Time & Effort is Truly Valued & Appreciated!

Thank you

CANTEEN PRICE LIST



Twister \$3



Cyclone \$2.50c



Paddle Pop \$2



Frozen Yoghurt \$2

Icy Twist \$1.50c

Mini Calippo \$1.50c



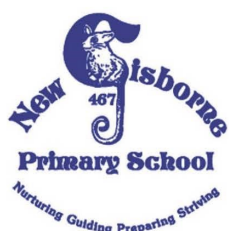
Crackers \$1.50c



Quelch Icy Tube 50c



Frozen Pineapple Ring 50c



Please
Remember
To Use
Your Nice
Manners

Uniform Shop

Good afternoon families,

Graduation Jackets

We have been advised by our supplier that our jackets will be delivered by 28th February.

Grade 6 Short Sleeve Polo Tops

We have had a small number of size 12 polo shirts returned without gold stripes in the collar.

Could you please check your size 12 polo shirts and let me know asap if you have been given one of these. They will be replaced.

Backorders

Huge amounts of uniform have gone out these past three weeks and if you are waiting on backorders, please be patient. Hopefully, it will be delivered next Tuesday.

Thank you for supporting your uniform shop.

Our Uniform Shop is open

8.30am - 11.30am


Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone



PE/Sport

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Galloway Grizzlys,  winners of this year's House Swimming Shield! After tallying the results from the splash, grass, 20m novelty, and 50m events, Galloway emerged with the highest score overall. Hurst finished as the runners-up, followed by Lee and Devlin. A huge well done to all participants for their fantastic effort and energy on the day. Your enthusiasm was truly inspiring! A big thank you to our wonderful staff and family volunteers, including Nicola Ciesielski, Nial Muecke, Alison Simmenauer, Kate Belford, Rachel Morris, and Sonia Campsi, for marshalling and supporting our students throughout the event.



In addition to our whole-school events, over 70 students signed up and competed in the 50m trials for Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and/or Butterfly races. The results from these races were used to select our Interschool Swimming Team, who go on to compete in the District Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 25th February. Many of the students participated in two or more events on the day. Goodluck to our 29 Swimmers who progress to the next level!!



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS- Congratulations to the following students for winning the most points in their 50m events at House swimming. Congratulations to the following students for earning the most points in their respective 50m events at the House Swimming. Our 2025 Age Group Champions are: 9/10 Girls: Lauren, 9/10 Boys: Arthur, 11 Boys: Dual Winners Joshua and William, 11 Girls: Emmy, 12/13 Girls: Ella and 12/13 Boys: William



Meet our 2025 House Captains

L to R: Indiana, Sofia, Lily, Quinn, Layla, Olive,
Indi and Lily

Mrs Mason 😊



School Sport Victoria (SSV) TEAM VIC TRIALS



Registration for the TEAM VIC trials for 2025 are now open! Victorian students have the opportunity to register to try out for state-level representative teams in their chosen sports. It is important to note that these trials are part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' events. Each student will be trialling for a state team, so we must attest to their athleticism, skill level, and school behaviour. The expectation is that students are already playing at a representative level in their sport. Some popular sports have a closing date of Friday, February 28, 2025. For detailed information related to individual sports, including guidelines on how to register for the Team Vic Trials, please visit the sport specific page using the provided hyperlink or going to the SSV website, Team Vic. A parent or guardian must register students online.

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Mason 😊

Visual Arts

Drawing activities with Foundation and Year one students





Is your child interested in learning to play the keyboard?

ENROL NOW!

We provide

- 30-minute, fun lessons
- During school hours
- After-school lessons
- Small groups
- For students in Grades 1-6

For more information:

Contact Alice on 0499 289 138

Email: music.foundations.keyboard@gmail.com



- ◇ 1/2 HOUR GROUP GUITAR LESSONS HELD AT SCHOOL
- ◇ Lessons for students in Grade 2-6
- ◇ Group sizes 2-5 students
- ◇ Cost is \$210 per term (GST inclusive)
- ◇ Students receive a workbook of learning material (\$30)

**INFINITE
SOUND**
- School of guitar -

HOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD

1. Visit www.infinitesound.com.au
2. Click the link titled 'Student Enrolment Form' at the top right of the Home Page.
3. Fill in the enrolment form.
4. Details will be sent within 48 hours.

Engaging kids in a quality music education.

Encouraging creativity and self-expression.

Combining the learning of contemporary guitar music and traditional music notation.

Helping kids to focus on the discipline of practice and performance.

Contact: Aaron Moar - Phone 0438177764, Email: aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au

Community

GISBORNE ROOKIES FOOTBALL & NETBALL PLAYERS

Gisborne Rookies Junior Football
Club registrations are now open for 2025. All new and
returning players are welcome.

Age Groups

Football

U9 Boys
U10 Girls
U11 Boys
U12 Girls
U13 Boys
U14 Girls
U15 Boys
U16 Girls
U17 Boys

Netball

U9
U11
U13
U15
U17



**GISBORNE
ROOKIES**
JUNIOR FOOTBALL
NETBALL CLUB

Girls Football Registration link:
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a837c4>

Boys Registration link:
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/fc77e1>

Netball Registration link:
<https://registration.netballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=0d552c91-335e-43b7-8b64-0a141101f767&competitionId=19ab49f0-9ece-471a-a25d-37eb200e86d5>

All Football Enquires to Tash Watt rookiesregistrar@gmail.com
All Netball Enquires to Maxine Parry rookiesnetballco@outlook.com



GISBORNE ROOKIES
JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

UNDER 9 NETBALL

PLAYERS WANTED

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Maxine if you are interested in becoming
a Gisborne Rookie for season 2025

PH: 0407 348 596

EMAIL: rookiesnetballco@outlook.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT-
AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU



**TERM ONE
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**AUSSIE
HOOPS**

**7 WEEKS | 60 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL**

FRIDAY 4:30 - 5:30PM - WOODEND
SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:30AM - GISBORNE
SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:30AM - WOODEND

