

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

MARCH

12th-21st Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN

25th District Futsal (Boys)

Tuning In To Kids Parent Session
6.30pm in the Staffroom

APRIL

1st District Futsal (Girls)

3rd Foundation Easter Concert

4th Whole School Performing Arts
Competition (PAC)

Last Day of Term 1

Early Dismissal - 2:30pm

22nd First day of Term 2

23rd Being Brave Performances

24th Yrs 3-6 District Cross Country

25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Emergency Evacuation Drill

Next Wednesday, 26th March, we will have our oval evacuation drill at approximately 2.20pm (after lunch). The office will be closed at this time and we ask that all parents refrain from entering the school grounds whilst this is happening. We practice these drills to ensure your children's safety in the case of an emergency.

Tuning In To Kids

Come along to our **Tuning In To Kids** parent session on **Tuesday March 25th at 6:30pm**, in the multipurpose room.

The **Tuning In To Kids** program looks at the emotional connection between parents and children. It aims to teach parents and carers skills in recognising, understanding and managing their own emotions, and their child's. The program helps parents and carers to respond to their children's and adolescents' emotions in a way that has been found optimal for healthy emotional development.

The staff will also be participating in a session after school on Tuesday 25th March.

House Cross Country

The annual primary school House Cross Country took place today at Dixon Field. It was a thrilling event, filled with enthusiasm and energy as students from various houses competed in this exciting race.

Thanks to Mrs Mason and her team of volunteers who made today such a success. Well done to all of the students who took part. We are proud of your efforts.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has officially finished with only a few catch up sessions to be run tomorrow. We hope that your children have found the process to be fairly low key and just like any other day at school.

Naplan is a really unreliable source of individual student feedback but gives good information on how education is travelling in states or schools over time. There is a nice short article by Dr Justin Coulson that I have linked to our Facebook page for those that are interested

2026 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolment forms will be available to download from the Department of Education website, our school website or collect at the office from the 22nd April, 2025.

2026 Parent Information Sessions will be run at New Gisborne Primary School. A daytime session will take place on **Thursday 1st May from 12pm-1pm** and an evening session on **Tuesday 13th May from 6pm-7pm**. These sessions will also include a brief school tour.

2026 Foundation School Tours will run on Monday mornings at 10am, by appointment only, commencing Monday 28th April, they are led by our student leaders. Foundation School Tour bookings and Parent Information Session bookings can be made via TryBooking. Information and booking details will be posted on Compass and the school website in coming weeks.

Shane West
Principal

Tuning In To Kids – Parent Session

From Little Things, Big Things Can Grow

Join your fellow parents and Clinical Psychologist, Professor Sophie Havighurst for an in-depth discussion about how to support positive mental health in our children.

As program specialist for Tuning into Kids, an evidence based, emotion-focused group parenting program, Professor Havighurst will help improve communication with your children, develop stronger relationships and guide optimal responses to their emotions.

We will begin the evening with a light supper where you'll have the opportunity to meet other parents and share your stories.

WHEN: Tuesday, 25th March

TIME: 6.30PM-8.00PM

WHERE: New Gisborne Primary School

Childcare is available at school during the event.



Tuning In To Kids – Parent Session

Join us for **BBranch Out**

Cultivating **positive mental health** for your child

Tuesday 25th March 6:30pm - 8:00pm

New Gisborne Primary School



Do you want to help support your child but don't know how?



Are you worried about too much screen time?



Does your child internalise their issues?



Are you looking to share your concerns with other parents?

We're hosting clinical psychologist and Tuning into Kids specialist, Professor Sophie Havighurst, for an in-depth discussion on emotional intelligence and building resilient children who are equipped for their future.



**Macedon
Ranges**
Shire Council

Yr 6 Camp- Sovereign Hill

NGPS Steps Back in Time

On Wednesday March 12th, New Gisborne Primary School Year 6 students made their way to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat to learn more about the goldrush and the miners who came from all around the world to strike it rich. Our days were full of activities such as gold panning in the river. The instructor taught us how to do it and their strategy really helped. We also got a tour of the Red Hill Mine where the second largest nugget was found.

On Thursday and Friday, the 3 classes attended 3 different costume schools, Wesleyan School, Red Hill School and the Ragged School. We all dressed up in costumes which were just like the clothes they wore in the 1850s. We watched a demonstration of how the delicious raspberry drops were made. We were also shown how gold is smelted into gold bars. Our evenings were loaded with events such as the Aura Sound and Light Show and a pantomime. After all this we returned to our cabins to relax.

Year 6 camp was the best camp I've been on. I loved learning about how children in the 1850s lived, wearing the costumes (even if they were roasting to walk around in) and exploring the streets of Sovereign Hill. We all had a great time!

Lily, Year 6 Reporter



Yr 6 Camp- Sovereign Hill



Division Swimming

The Western Ranges Division Swimming Carnival was held at Melton Waves Leisure Centre on Tuesday last week, and five of our New Gisborne Primary School students had a very successful day.

- Baxter finished 1st in the 50m Freestyle.
- Arthur and Kye both finished 3rd in their respective events: Arthur in the 50m Butterfly and Kye in the 50m freestyle.
- William placed 3rd in the 50m Freestyle and 2nd in the 50m Breaststroke.
- Laila finished 3rd in her 50m Backstroke event.



It was a fantastic effort to qualify, and their overall placings were even more impressive. A special congratulations to William and Baxter, who will advance to the Regional Swimming Finals at Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, April 1st. All the best, guys! 😊

Thank you to all the parents who travelled to Melton to support our swimmers on the day. A big congratulations to all our students who competed and represented the school so well.

Mrs Mason 😊

JSC Fundraiser- RCH Good Friday Appeal

STUDENT ARTWORK AND SCULPTURE COMPETITION - Create Using Sustainable, Recycled & Natural Materials

This event aims to inspire young artists to express their creativity while making a difference in the community. Through their artistic talents, participants will help to raise funds to support charity, contributing to a brighter future for those in need.

Participation in the ART For The Kids competition raises money for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Please see the attached Kids Art Competition Entry form.

Create using sustainable, recycled and natural materials. Please complete the entry form to enter. All proceeds from the \$5 entry fee will be donated to charity. The closing date for entries and artwork is Tuesday 27th March. Payment on Qkr!

Thank you for participating in our Junior School Council Term 1 Fundraiser - Kids Art Competition!

NGPS JSC PRESENTS THE SUSTAINABLE

ART FOR THE KIDS

COMPETITION

**CREATE USING SUSTAINABLE,
RECYCLED & NATURAL
MATERIALS**

**\$5 ENTRY
FEE**

**STUDENT ARTWORK &
SCULPTURE COMPETITION**

A3 MAXIMUM ARTWORK SIZE

**YEARS F-2 & YEARS 3-6 AGE
GROUP CATEGORIES**

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

**ENTRIES & FORMS BACK BY
MARCH 27**

RAISING MONEY FOR  **goodFriday
appeal**
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

JSC Fundraiser- RCH Good Friday Appeal



Kids Art Competition Entry Form

Thank you for your interest in participating in our Kids Art Competition! **Create using sustainable, recycled and natural materials.** Please fill out the form below to enter. All proceeds from the \$5 entry fee will be donated to charity. The latest you can submit your entry is March 27th.

Participant Information

Name of Participant:

- [First Name] _____
- [Last Name] _____

Age: _____

Class: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Artwork Details

- Title of Artwork: _____
- Sustainable, recycled and natural materials used (e.g. newspaper):

- Brief Description of Artwork:

Entry Fee

- Amount: \$5.00
- Payment Method:

QKR

Please submit the completed form along with the entry fee to the office or Mrs Morcombe's classroom by March 27th.

Acknowledgment

I hereby acknowledge that the submitted artwork is the original work of the participant named above. I consent to the use of the artwork for promotional purposes related to the competition.

- Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
- Date: _____

Thank you for supporting this charitable event and encouraging creativity in our children! We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

ISSUE 2 OPEN NOW!

Due 24th March

\$5 Earn a
PROMO CODE
Included with order confirmation



ISSUE 2 2025

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Keep the REGULAR READING ROLLING with a \$5 promo code. See page 10 for details

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

001 **NEW!** Wings of Fire: Stained Glass Art Book
Colour Wings of Fire dragons and create magical stained-glass art! 42 pp. AGES 10+
Includes 18 pages of vellum paper and 5 double-tipped markers
\$26.99 **\$20.00**

002 **NEW!** Welcome to Miracle
Miracle is a private island that gifts its visitors magic for twenty-four hours... 352 pp. AGES 8+ \$18.99 **\$12.00**

003 **NEW!** The Haunted House
There's a new girl in Sweet Valley, and rumours have started... 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$19.99 **\$13.00**

004 **NEW!** Mallory & the Trouble with Twins

Includes Flame Dragon Fidget

SCAN ME!

BOOKSPUS

Graphic Novel!

Graphic Novel!

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Tesselaar

Fundraising with Bulbs

40% of sales come back
to the school to support
Playground upgrades

Orders NOW OPEN!

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/NEWGPS>

Energy Breakthrough



NGPS will once again be participating in this year's Energy Breakthrough competition held in Maryborough from Wednesday 19th to Sunday 23rd of November 2025.

Briefly

The Energy Breakthrough Challenge is a three-day event held in Maryborough in November each year. Each team comprises of up to 10 members of equal gender.

New Gisborne will participate in the Tryathon event in 2025. Students will maintain and race a recumbent tricycle throughout an obstacle course, sprint race and 8-hour endurance event. Students are also required to present their learning to a panel of judges in a 30-minute presentation.

Teams will meet during school lunches to train and rehearse their play. Interested parents and students are invited to visit <https://www.eb.org.au/> website.

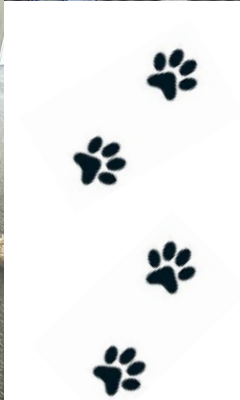
An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 22nd April from 6.00pm.

If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact the event coordinator Mr Ray Bell – ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



Chester Chatter

Chester made an amazing discovery this week - not only do his school friends read, write, do maths and help each other out in a hundred different ways, they also sing and dance! Chester made sure he got to each PAC practice so he could hear the wondrous songs (written by the Year 6s) that will be performed on PAC Day at the end of term. Each House was putting in their very best effort to learn the words and sing in their very best voices.



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

here's **what's new!** **way cool!**

PINEAPPLE POPS



Made with 100% Pineapple Juice

Delicious & Nutritious

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	Pineapple Pop 50c



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

DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW		
FRI 21 MAR	Mary	*	*
WED 26 MAR	Sarah		
FRI 28 MAR	Mary	*	*
WED 2 APR	Nikki		
FRI 4 APR	Sarah	Mary	*

*** HELP NEEDED from 11AM PLEASE**

Upon arrival, please remember to sign in at the kiosk as visiting Lana, & have your WWCC handy



WEEKLY SHOUT OUTS

Canteen Crew

TO THESE SUPERSTARS
for their Amazing Assistance & Support last week...

- TESS MUECKE
- SARAH HOLLAND
- ANNIKA KARLSSON
- REBECCA MILLARD
- MARY GORDON

~ Every Minute Helped ~

Your Time & Effort is Truly Valued & Appreciated!

Thank you

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE EFFECTIVE 1ST APRIL 2025

Unfortunately, due to rising manufacturing and freight costs, our uniform supplier has advised us that as of 1st April 2025, they will be increasing their uniform prices.

We have tried to keep increases as minimal as possible for our school community.

Our Uniform Shop is open

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone

Uniform Shop



Visual Arts

FOUNDATION STUDENTS – MORE TEXTILES IN THE ART ROOM!



Indo Lingo



SELAMAT DATANG



Dear Students and Families,

We're excited to share that the **Indonesia Food Festival** is coming to **Queen Victoria Market** on **22nd-23rd March (10 AM - 4 PM)**.

This **free-entry** event is a wonderful opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Indonesian culture, tasting traditional foods, enjoying live cooking demonstrations, and experiencing vibrant music, dance, and workshops.

This is a fantastic way to bring our Indonesian learning to life and connect with Indonesia's rich traditions. We hope you can attend and enjoy this cultural celebration!

Melbourne Food & Wine Festival Presenting

Indonesia Food Festival

Spice Up The World!

Food Tasting • Cooking Demo • Games • Workshops
Fashion Show • Traditional Dance and Music

Proudly Present:

Indonesian Batik Centre Melbourne

22 - 23 March
10 AM - 4 PM
Queen Victoria Market
C & D Shed

FREE ENTRY

Supported by:

SS Wuroeng, Atase Perdagangan CANBERRA, Indofood Exquisite, COMMUNITYNETWORK home loans, KAPO GROUP, DenDon, CASA, REAL ESTATE LIVINGSTONE, Kitchen Warehouse, OZIP, YMJ MIGRATION CONSULTANTS, iProperty Melbourne, INTEGRITY LAWYERS, BMH



SAMPAI JUMPA

IBU HUNICHEN & IBU WENDEL



Rotary
GISBORNE



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 12 April 2025

Jacksons Creek Reserve (behind Coles)

Registration for Easter Egg Hunt opens at 10 am

Egg Hunts start at 11 am sharp

3 AGE GROUPS - *Under 5 years*
- *5 - 8 years*
- *9 - 12 years*

\$5 per child to participate

Food - Drinks - Fun Activities

Raffle & Silent Auction

Photos with the Easter Bunny

Petting Zoo

*Thanks to our sponsors any funds raised will be used
to fund community projects*

Community- Rotary Gisborne Easter Colouring Competition

Rotary
GISBORNE



NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ AGE _____

To enter the competition please print the above picture.

Rotary Gisborne will collect entries from the school office at 9am Thursday April 12th

visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival

MACEDON RANGES

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

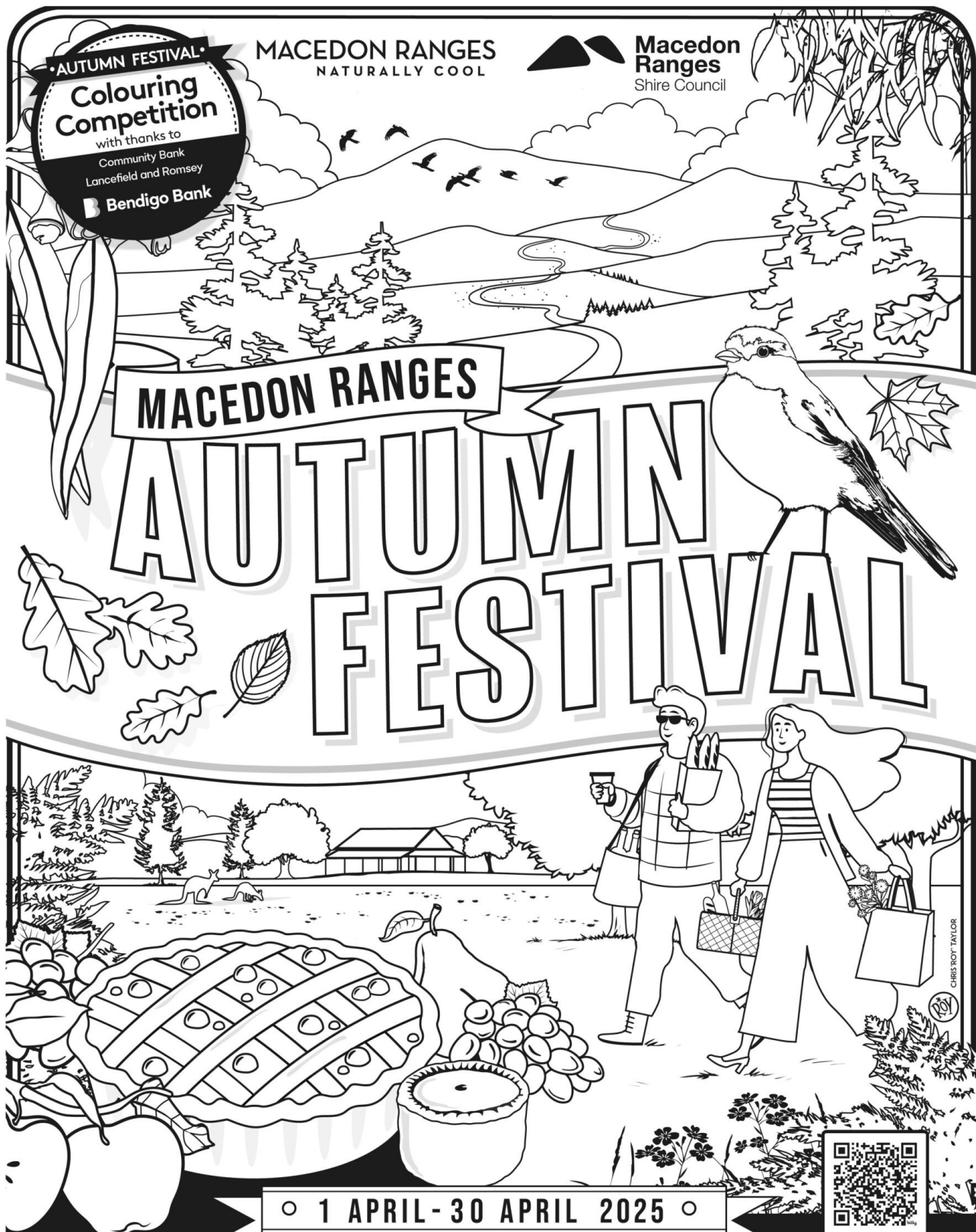


CHRIS ROY TAYLOR



• 1 APRIL - 30 APRIL 2025 •





How to Enter:

Submit your completed hardcopy entry to Community Bank Lancefield, Community Bank Romsey, or the Woodend Visitor Information Centre by 4pm, 30 April 2025. Entries will be placed on public display. Each entry should have written on the back, child's first name, child's age, town/suburb, plus parent/guardian's first name and contact number. See 'Competitions' at [visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival](https://www.visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival) for terms and conditions.



COLLEGE TOURS

For prospective families

Check our website for upcoming dates

Call for more information or book online
Ph: 5428 3691

College Tours - book online at www.gisbornesc.vic.edu.au/college-tours/



PLAY

come find your awesome

GISBORNE ROOKIES AUSKICK CENTRE

Sankey Reserve, Gisborne

Saturday's 9-10am

Starts 3 May 2025

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AFL PLAY

superkick

GET IN THE GAME

Step into your footy era! Learn the skills and put them into action with our NEW AFL Program!

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