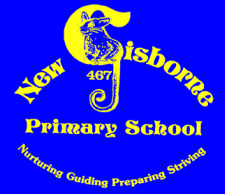


# Newsletter

Principal: Shane West Ph: 5428 2232  
School Council President: Nial Muecke



## DIARY DATES

### November

**26th-29th** Keyboard Concerts  
**29th** Kitchen Garden Yr 4A & 4B

### December

**2nd** Guitar Concert  
**3rd** 2025 Foundation Orientation Session 3  
Yr 4 Space Dome Incursion  
**4th** Yr 6 Funfields Excursion  
**5th** Parent Helpers Morning Tea  
**6th** P-2 Athletics  
Kitchen Garden Yr 4D & 4A  
**10th** 2025 Foundation Orientation Session 4 & Parent Information Session  
Yr 6 Transition Day (GSC)  
**12th** EOY Concert  
**16th** Yr 6 Library Visit Step Up Session  
**17th** Yr 6 Graduation

### End of Term 4

**Wednesday 18th December**  
**Dismissal 3:20pm**

**19th-20th**  
**Pupil Free-Curriculum Days**

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Dear Parents and Guardians

### School Saving Bonus (SSB)

This week, families have received emails containing their SSB code giving access to the \$400 School Saving Bonus. The department will set up NGPS as a supplier shortly so families can use this money to buy uniform from school. We will contact you when this is ready.

The School Saving Bonus can be used towards 2025 school activities, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- Textbooks

Families can choose how they allocate and spend the SSB funds using the [online system](#) until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Any unspent SSB money as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025, is released from the program and added to your family school account where it continues to be available for your use with school expenses.

### Energy Breakthrough

Our Energy Breakthrough team had a tiring but very successful campaign. A big thank you to all our parents, students and Mr Bell for contributing the hours of hard work needed to set up and complete this event. It was so successful we even got a shout out in federal parliament by our local member Rob McEwan.

### Step Up Day

On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be a 'Step Up' morning, in which students will meet their 2025 teacher and classmates in their new classroom.

Our 2024 Year 6 students and 2025 Foundation students will have their day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is the statewide transition day and as a result there will be no school based program for current Year 6 students.

### Pupil Free Days

We have two remaining pupil free days for 2024. These will happen at the end of the year on the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Staff will use these days to organise classrooms and programs for the start of 2025.

**Students will be dismissed for the year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.20pm.**

### Music Concerts

Congratulations to all the students who have performed for their peers and parents at this week's keyboard concerts. Alice has done a great job preparing you for your performance.

The guitar concerts will be held in the multi-purpose room at the front of the school next Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Foundation Zoo Excursion

Thanks to our fabulous Foundation teachers for all their hard work organising today's zoo excursion. All the students that I saw at the end of the day had a fantastic time. Thanks also to the parent helpers who went along and helped make the day such a success. It is always a big day when you put almost seventy 5 and 6 year olds on a bus.

Shane West  
Principal

# Chester Chatter

Chester's been checking out the dance moves this week. With only two weeks to go till the school concert he was keen to see what the Year Sixes were planning to do. Then he was off to discover - along with all the Year Fives - how hard working and vital the SES are to our community.



# INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Monday

COLOURING &  
QUIET ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

GARDENING  
CRAFT

Wednesday

CHESS

Thursday

CONSTRUCTION  
ACTIVITIES

Friday

CARD GAMES

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

# Canteen

## HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

**We are always looking for canteen volunteers!**  
**We require 1 person on Wednesdays and 3 to 4 people on Fridays.**  
**Any time you can spare is always appreciated:**  
**9am: Stickers on lunch bags & start lunch preparation**  
**11:30am: Counter Service**  
**12:30: Prepare and bag lunch orders**  
**Contact Brenda at [Brenda.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Brenda.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au)**

<b>Friday 29th November</b>	<b>Wednesday 4th December</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>3 Volunteers Needed!</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Volunteer Needed!</b></li></ul>
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jenni Fleet</b></li><li>• <b>2 Volunteers Needed!</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Chantelle Preaudet</b></li></ul>
<b>Friday 13th December</b>	<b>Happy Holidays!</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Lassisa Boyd</b></li><li>• <b>Rebecca Millard</b></li><li>• <b>Kimberley Norman</b></li><li>• <b>Rachael May,</b></li><li>• <b>Bridgette Bubeck</b></li></ul>	

# ISSUE 8 OUT NOW!

Due 1st December

Earn a  
**\$5 PROMO  
CODE**

**ISSUE 8 2024**

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

**WIN TICKETS TO THE DOG MAN MOVIE!**

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

**001** **NEW!** Men's Football Legends 2025  
Facts and stats on the world's top 100 players. 112 pp. AGES 8+ \$24.99 **\$23.00**

**002** **SAVE 44%** **\$10**  
**Rat Attack**  
An experiment goes wrong and Ari and his friends get shrunk and trapped in a rat cage. 128 pp. AGES 8+ \$17.99

**003** **\$9**  
**NEW!** Hot Mess  
Geoff is caught in the middle of his extended family during the summer holidays. 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$14.99

**004** **\$6**  
**NEW!** Robot Battle  
Ari and his friends...

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

# Foundation - PMP In The Park

Last Thursday, the Foundation students ventured down to Ross Watt Reserve. They participated in a range of rotation activities including, relay races, jumping sacks, tunnel ball, hurdles, skipping, vortex and parachute.

The Year 6 helpers were amazing setting up and running the rotations. The Foundation students had such a great time and were thrilled to participate in all the activities.

A big thank you all the parent helpers who came along for the afternoon!



PIC•COLLAGE

# Foundation- PMP In The Park



# Energy Breakthrough

Last week the EB team spent the week in Maryborough competing in the 2024 Energy Breakthrough along with hundreds of other students.

The team began the event on Wednesday by presenting a play to a panel of judges before having their trike “bob” scrutineered before racing later that night. On Thursday the team raced for 8 hours in the heat riding more than 150km for the day. Friday saw the team complete the event competing in the obstacle and sprint race.

Thank you to the students and their families for supporting the team throughout the event. A more comprehensive break down of the event will be presented at assembly tomorrow. You can also read more about the event via NGPS and Energy Breakthrough Facebook pages.





# State Softball

Both the boys and girls teams were lucky enough to represent our division at the recent State Softball Championships in Waverley.

Both teams played strong opponents on the day with the boys unfortunately losing all three of their games by close margins. The girls were successful on the day losing their first game and winning their last two games.

A huge thank you to the parents for transporting and supporting our teams on the day. We would also like to thank Mrs Mason, Mr Bell and Lane for training and coaching the teams. More information about the event can be found on the SSV Facebook page.



# FOUNDATION #  
MIXED MEDIA STARS





## SELAMAT DATANG (WELCOME)



As part of our Diwali celebrations the Grade 1 and 2 children made Rangolis using tissue paper. They have been working super hard on these and they are looking fantastic. We can't wait to finish them off and share them with you all. Here are some photos of them in the making.



## JSC- Food Drive

For our charity effort this term we have decided to hold a food drive to support Gisborne Food Bank. Christmas is an exciting time for a lot of us but sometimes, families need some help to make this a happy time at their place. If you are able to help someone have a great Christmas - why wouldn't you?!

We have already raised money to donate through the Colour Run a few weeks ago and we also want to donate some non-perishable items to help families in need. Please see the poster for details.

So bring some items into your classroom next week if you can. Let's join together to help us all have a great Christmas time!

From the Junior School Council

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

DEC  
2ND-6TH

Gisborne Community Care  
Foodbank Inc.

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

**FOOD  
DRIVE**

BRING A SMILE TO LOCAL FAMILIES  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

## JSC- Food Drive



### WE WILL ACCEPT CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

#### WHAT WE NEED:

long life milk (all types), cereals, rice, pasta sauce, noodles, soups, sauces, instant packet meals and sauce bases, stock, salt, tinned vegetables/spaghetti/beans/fish/fruit, tinned coconut milk/cream, condensed milk, cake mix, pancake mix, jelly, oil, kids snacks, biscuits, spreads, tea, coffee, Milo, pet food, dishwashing and laundry liquid, cleaning sprays, sponges, wipes, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, soap blocks and liquid, body wash

Alternatively, cash donations can be made direct to the Gisborne Community and Care Food Bank, see their website for further information.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT WALLY :

Gisborne Community and Care Food Bank  
[www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au/](http://www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au/)  
**0492 850 520.**

# Victorian Container Deposit Scheme

NGPS is collecting drink containers purchased through the canteen to raise funds via the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme.

These funds will go back into the **Sustainability Program** at NGPS.

We are encouraging students to check the container labels to see how items can be disposed of.

We're keeping an ongoing tally of the number of containers we have kept from landfill and an ongoing tally of funds raised.

It would be great if we could collect all 250 containers purchased weekly!

## NGPS Collection Point - Outside Mr Bell's Classroom

Before placing an item at this collection point:

- Ensure the item has not been squashed
- The barcode is visible
- The contents have been emptied





# Nude Food Day

**EVERY MONDAY**

BRING YOUR FOOD IN  
CONTAINERS,  
REUSABLE WRAPPERS  
OR BAGS TO WIN  
YOUR CLASS POINTS!



## GIRLS & BOYS AFL NEWS

# COMMUNITY FITNESS & SKILLS SESSIONS



### Stay connected & strong together

Are you a member of our Rookies community or looking to become one in 2025?

Come join our fitness & skills sessions and stay connected in the off season.

Don't forget your runners & water bottle!



**GIRLS (ALL AGES) MONDAYS 5PM-6PM**  
**U15 BOYS TUESDAYS 4:30PM-5:45PM**  
**U17 BOYS WEDNESDAYS 4:15PM-5:45PM**  
**U13 BOYS THURSDAYS 4:15PM-5:45PM**



- ✓ Stay engaged with your community
- ✓ Develop skills
- ✓ Fitness & teamwork
- ✓ Fun games & inclusive environment

#### AGE GROUPS SUITABLE FOR

GIRLS: U10's-U16's  
BOYS: U13's-U17's

#### VENUE



Gisborne Secondary College Oval

#### Enquiries:

Boys Coordinator: Casey Sullivan 0418 911 247

Girls Coordinator: Danyel Waters 0409 965 369



	<p style="text-align: right;">   <b>INFINITE SOUND</b>  <i>- School of guitar -</i> </p> <p><b>HOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit <a href="http://www.infinitesound.com.au">www.infinitesound.com.au</a></li> <li>2. Click the link titled 'Student Enrolment Form' at the top right of the Home Page.</li> <li>3. Fill in the enrolment form.</li> <li>4. Details will be sent within 48 hours.</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ 1/2 HOUR GROUP GUITAR LESSONS HELD AT SCHOOL</li> <li>◇ Lessons for students in Grade 2-6</li> <li>◇ Group sizes 2-5 students</li> <li>◇ Cost is \$210 per term (GST inclusive)</li> <li>◇ Students receive a workbook of learning material (\$30)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Engaging kids in a quality music education.</i></p> <p><i>Encouraging creativity and self-expression.</i></p> <p><i>Combining the learning of contemporary guitar music and traditional music notation.</i></p> <p><i>Helping kids to focus on the discipline of practice and performance.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact: Aaron Moar - Phone 0438177764, Email: <a href="mailto:aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au">aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au</a></b></p>	

## GISBORNE DANCE ACADEMY DANCE WITH US IN 2025!



**BRAND NEW FACILITY OPENING 2025 MORE INFO COMING SOON**

Register via the QR code to be the first to receive further information about 2025 classes! Information includes public enrolment, grand opening details, updated timetable, exclusive offers and more...

**2025 INFORMATION RELEASED EARLY DECEMBER**



# Community

## JOIN THE GISBORNE LIGHTNING GUIDES



### At Girl Guides, girls will

- Build Leadership Skills
- Connect with nature and care for the planet
- Have fun outdoors, learning camping and survival skills
- Discover ways to feel your best in mind and body
- Learn to fix things and problem-solve
- Explore local and global communities
- Turn ideas into action to make a difference
- Have fun and make new friends along the way

Fill out the online application form at the link below or by scanning the QR Code, or request a paper form by emailing [guides@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:guides@guidesvic.org.au)

**AGES 7-14**

**Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

Gisborne Community Hall, Howey Street



### Start Your Guiding Journey

[www.guidesvic.org.au/find-us/](http://www.guidesvic.org.au/find-us/)



## GO EXPLORE Orienteering

An adventure activity the whole family can enjoy.

All ages and fitness welcome



### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- NOV 13th** **MACEDON** Ash Wednesday Park, Smith St
- NOV 20th** **SUNBURY** GalaxyLands, Betula Terrace
- NOV 27th** **WOODEND** Information Centre, Margery Cres
- DEC 4th** **ROMSEY** Lions reserve, Main St
- DEC 11th** **GISBORNE** Jackson Creek Reserve, Brantome St

Rego 6.00 pm – 6.30pm

Start 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Finish 8.00 pm **\$5 per participant**

Up to 1 hour to complete your adventure

**Coaching, coloured maps & electronic timing included.**



[www.centralhighlands.weebly.com](http://www.centralhighlands.weebly.com)



## Gisborne Community Carols

**Sunday 8th Dec  
6:00pm**

**Dixon Field,  
Robertson St Gisborne**

Carols sung by local Primary Schools & Choir  
Pre-entertainment by Burnt Honey & TAKT

Community Bank  
Gisborne & District

Bridgys Bank

Macedon Ranges

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