

# Newsletter

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## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

- 7th** Open Afternoon for Parents  
2:25pm  
First Parent Assembly 2:55pm
- 11th** School Photos  
New Families BBQ 5pm
- 18th-19th** Meet & Greet Parent  
Sessions from 3:30pm
- 21st** Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
- 24th** Yr 1-2 Swimming Program
- 25th** District Swimming
- 27th** Foundation Grandparents  
Afternoon
- 28th** Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4B & 4C

### MARCH

- 3rd** Yr 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

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Dear Parents & Guardians

### School Photographs

The photographers are coming out to NGPS next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The process to purchase photos is the same as last year – all orders are completed online directly with the company. The school just supplies the venue and the kids. Instructions on how to order have been posted via Compass and the flyer is also attached to this newsletter.

### Open Classroom Years 1 - 6

We will have an open afternoon from 2.25pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February for Years 1-6. Come in and see your child's classroom. This will be followed by our first 2025 whole school assembly at 2.55pm. In case of extreme weather, we will cancel and notify parents via Compass. Foundation students will have an information session before the new families BBQ.

### Swimming Carnival

Thank you Mrs Mason for an outstanding event. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers, we couldn't do it without you. Well done to all our students who displayed our school values and made it a great day.

### Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet

Parent/Teacher Meet & Greets are on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February. The Meet and Greet is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and share information about them with the teacher. Look out for booking information on Compass.

### Foundation and New Families BBQ

Notices will be sent out this week about our Foundation and New Families BBQ on the 11<sup>th</sup> February from 5-6pm. Come and have a chat to staff and other parents. This is a lovely way to meet other families that your child is interacting with each day. Prior to this, there will be a Foundation information session at 4:30pm for new Foundation families in the staff room. Please RSVP through Compass to ensure you get a sausage or a veggie burger.

### Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website ([newgisps.vic.edu.au](http://newgisps.vic.edu.au)).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](https://www.microsoft.com/365/workspace/education) safely at school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](https://www.microsoft.com/365/workspace/education), please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy - information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

Shane West  
Principal

# Chester Chatter

Chester was glad to get back to school this week after enjoying himself at the beach all summer long.

This year Chester has many new friends to spend time with. Firstly, there's our expanded team of Education Support Staff who help out in classrooms and provide assistance to all. Dannille, Kylie, Molly, Christine, Bec, Renee, Erin, Narelle and Chris are easy to find in their bright vests!



Of course, Chester was also pleased to spend some time getting to know our new Foundation students.



Now that Chester is back at school, it's important to remember that no other dogs are allowed on the school premises. This is to ensure that Chester is able to do his job without danger or distraction. If you ever have any questions, concerns or special requests concerning Chester, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Boyd.





## Canteen



**OUR CANTEEN IS  
OPEN**

**Wednesdays & Fridays**

To join our Canteen Crew of  
Awesome People, & have a bit of  
fun, while feeding our hungry  
students 😊 please visit Lana in  
the canteen or email  
[Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au)



**"Many hands make light work"**  
*... & makes work fun!*

# Canteen

## JUST A COUPLE FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

All lunch orders are sorted by 'Home Group' (e.g. 1A) then distributed to classrooms. Therefore, to avoid confusion & misplaced lunch orders please ensure:

- To update **Qkr!** with the correct 'Year level & Home Group' as soon as possible.
- Each lunch order is ordered under the individual student name.

Thank you from our SUPER AWESOME canteen crew!



Extremely Grateful for  
the Generous Support  
received so far

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

If you can spare any  
time at all, it would be  
Truly Appreciated



## Canteen Roster

TERM 1, 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

To join us, please visit Lana in the Canteen  
or email [Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au)

WEEK	DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
1	WED 29 JAN	Brenda			
	FRI 31 JAN	Brenda	Nicola		
2	WED 5 FEB	Sarah			
	FRI 7 FEB	Jacquie	Sarah		
3	WED 12 FEB	Sarah			
	FRI 14 FEB				

**WEEKLY**  
**Canteen Crew**

**SHOUT**

**OUTS**

**BRENDA MORGAN**

for her Marvellous Mentoring last week

**NICOLA CIESIELSKI**

for her Amazing Assistance with lunch orders on Friday

*Thank you*



## CANTEEN PRICE LIST



**Twister \$3**



**Cyclone \$2.50c**



**Paddle Pop \$2**



**Frozen Yoghurt \$2**

**Icy Twist \$1.50c**

**Mini Calippo \$1.50c**



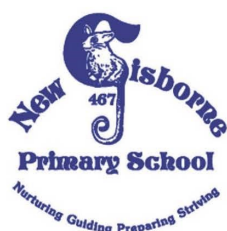
**Crackers \$1.50c**



**Quelch Icy Tube 50c**



**Frozen Pineapple Ring 50c**



**5c**



**10c**



**20c**



**50c**



**\$1**



**\$2**

Please  
Remember  
To Use  
Your Nice  
Manners

## Uniform Shop

Good afternoon families,

Our uniform delivery has finally arrived, we expect to have orders distributed to classrooms as soon as possible. Again, we thank you for your patience during this very busy time.

**Our Uniform Shop is open**

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone

Uniform Shop





# Visual Arts

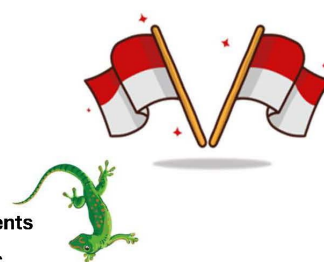
## Year 4 – Black and White Dot Prints







## SELAMAT DATANG



Welcome back to the 2025 school year for our returning students  
and a warm welcome to all our new families joining NGPS.

### Indonesian Program Overview for 2025

Our Indonesian program provides all Foundation to Year 6 students with one hour of Indonesian classes each week, fostering cultural awareness and language skills.

### Meet the Teachers

- *Ibu Hunichen:* A passionate and experienced early years teacher, Ibu Hunichen has a deep connection to NGPS, having attended as a student and returned as a graduate teacher in 2007. She has a strong background in Indonesian, teaching Foundation to Year 2 Indonesian classes in both 2023 and 2024, and enjoys collaborating with the Specialist Team.
- *Ibu Wencel:* A valued member of the NGPS teaching team since 2011, Ibu Wencel began teaching Indonesian in 2024. In 2025, she will continue to teach Indonesian to the Year 3 to Year 6 students, while also working as a classroom teacher in Year 5 two days a week.

### What Students Will Be Learning

- **Foundation:** Students will locate Indonesia on a map and learn greetings, self-introductions, and colour names through fun craft activities.
- **Year 1:** Focus on family life and vocabulary. Students will create a book about their family to share at home.
- **Year 2:** Explore fruits, including Indonesian varieties. Students will express likes and dislikes in Bahasa Indonesia and take turns hosting a class orangutan for a week, documenting their adventures in a shared book.
- **Year 3:** Study traditional Indonesian transport including the *Becak*. Students will engage in conversations about their travel methods to school.
- **Year 4:** Dive into the geography and culture of Indonesia's main islands, including their size, climate, traditions, and iconic sites.
- **Year 5:** Expand on knowledge of body parts by creating and describing a *Raksasa* (Monster) in Bahasa Indonesia.
- **Year 6:** Learn about traditional batik-making techniques and create original batik designs using cold wax and dye.

Our program highlights the beauty and richness of Indonesian language and culture, ensuring engaging and meaningful learning experiences for all students.



## SAMPAI JUMPA

IBU HUNICHEN & IBU WENCEL



## SPOTLIGHT

## Book Club ISSUE 1

Start  
your  
school year  
strong  
with books!



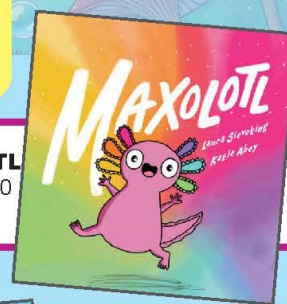
Building reading skills is an important part of your learning process and success at school. It starts with reading books at home. Start your habits small and watch them grow! Here are some tips to start the year on the right page. Remember, reading can be so fun and rewarding!

- Set up a regular reading routine and stick to it
- Create a comfortable reading nook at home
- Make reading fun by reading aloud with your family
- Look through the pages of the new Book Club catalogue with your parents, and discover amazing new reads.

### AGES 3+

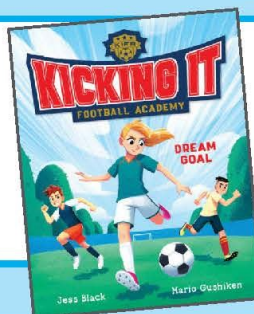
Maxotl the axolotl likes to live life to the MAX! And sometimes the other axolotls say he is 'too much'. But when a little axolotl falls into danger, can Max's daring ways help save the day?

**MAXOTL**  
ITEM 010



### AGES 7+

Alex has only ever wanted one thing: to attend Kicking it Football Academy to one day make her dream of becoming a professional footballer come true. Now that she's eleven, she's finally the right age to try out. But her mum and dad are set on her going to another school ... will she be able to convince them? Or will she have to say goodbye to her dream before she's even had a chance to make it a reality?



**DREAM GOAL  
(KICKING IT  
FOOTBALL  
ACADEMY #1)**  
ITEM 027

### AGES 7+

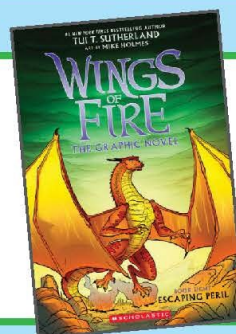
In Dog Man: Big Jim Begins, discover the origin of our beloved characters from the Dog Man series as they join forces to stop the Space Cuties from destroying the city. Will the past predict the future for Dog Man and his friends? Will goodness and bravery prevail? Can anything happen if you truly believe?

**BIG JIM BEGINS  
(DOG MAN #13)**  
ITEM 004



### AGES 10+

A question of loyalty... Peril has always been loyal. First to Queen Scarlet, even when she used Peril's fatal firescales to kill countless dragons in her violent SkyWing arena. Now Peril is loyal to Clay, the only dragonet who has ever been her friend. So when Scarlet threatens Jade Mountain Academy and everything Clay cares about, Peril sets off to find her former queen, stop her, and save the day, no matter what it takes.



**ESCAPING PERIL:  
THE GRAPHIC NOVEL  
(WINGS OF FIRE #8)**  
ITEM 001

## Community



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](mailto:music.foundations.keyboard@gmail.com)

**Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.**

# WE RELAY FOR LIFE

**RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER STALL**  
**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB 3.20 PM (AFTER SCHOOL)**  
**ROSS WATT RESERVE, NEW GISBORNE**

**ICY POLES AND FREDDO FROGS \$1.00**  
ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME. ALL MONIES WILL BE DONATED TO RELAY FOR LIFE THROUGH "JK JOGGERS TEAM". THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT.



- ◇ 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](http://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 04381 77764, Email: [aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au](mailto:aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au)





## SUMMER SHORTS ORIENTEERING

All welcome, run, walk or stroll!

Join us for fun navigating and exploring local parklands

Distances 2.5km - 3.5 km

\$5 per participant  
Includes colour map and hire of timing stick



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

REGO from 6pm

STARTS 6.30-7pm

- FEB 5th KYNETON
- FEB 12th MALMSBURY
- FEB 19th GISBORNE

Community Gardens - Clowes St  
Botanical Gardens - Ellesmere Pl  
Aitken Reserve - Aitken St

Want to know more contact us at:  
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**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

