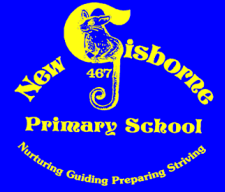


# Newsletter

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



## DIARY DATES

### December

- 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.

### 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.**

### Dropping off students early

As the yard is not supervised before 8.35am in the morning, please do not drop your child off before 8.35am. This can be a big safety issue if an incident happens in the yard and there is no staff member present. Camp Australia offers a before school care program that we encourage you to use, if you need to drop students off before this time.

### School Concert

Preparations are well on the way for our school concert on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All of our students have been rehearsing in Performing Arts and with their classroom teachers. Fingers crossed we have a beautiful night. Thanks in advance to all of the volunteers and our amazing Performing Arts teachers who are pulling it all together.

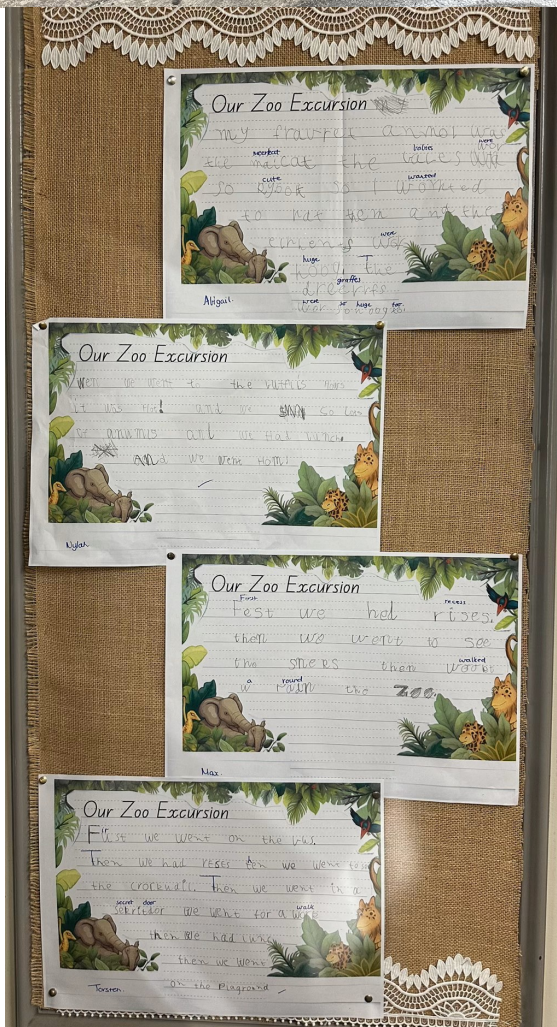
### F-2 Athletics

Tomorrow is our F-2 athletics with all of our F-2 students wearing their house shirts and getting involved in a broad range of athletic based activities.

Shane West  
Principal

# Chester Chatter

Not one to miss out on any excitement if he can help it, Chester was happy to go and wave goodbye to the Foundation students as they set off on their much-anticipated trip to the Melbourne Zoo. By all reports, including the wonderful writing they completed following their excursion, the trip was a great success.



# 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 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>	

## Foundation - Monarch Butterflies

### *Foundation's Monarch Butterflies*

*This term the Foundation students' science focus has been on animals. We have investigated the features and habitats of different animals and insects.*

*Students witnessed the main stages of a butterfly's life cycle firsthand by observing the metamorphosis from chrysalis to butterfly.*



## Foundation- Zoo Excursion

### *Foundation Zoo Excursion*

*As a part of our science unit this term, students participated in an excursion to Melbourne Zoo. We participated in two activities. One activity was within a reptile room where students were able to observe and ask questions about the giant tortoises. We watched the zookeeper feed the tortoises as well. For the second activity, we became wild explorers, with binoculars and magnifying glasses. We were able to search around and learn a range of facts about different animals and insects.*





# Visual Arts







## SELAMAT DATANG (WELCOME)



We have hit the month of **Desember** (the 's' replacing the 'c' in the Indonesian spelling, see if your child can tell you why...) and have entered **Musim Panas (Summer)**. It's also when we start some of our Christmas celebrations and traditions, so here are some facts about Christmas in Indonesia.

**Approximately 85% of the people in Indonesia are Muslims who do not celebrate Christmas however, about 10% are Christians who do love to celebrate Christmas, that's still about 20 million people!**

They usually go to church services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In most churches and cathedrals people create nativity scenes and use them as part of the Nativity drama performance.

Christmas trees in Indonesia are normally artificial and although less common, some people have real pine trees, however, they are difficult to come by as they are only grown in West Java. **Another special type of Christmas tree popular in Indonesia are trees made from chicken feathers. These feather trees are made in Bali and are exported to different countries around the world.** In early December, huge Christmas trees with beautiful and colourful decorations can be found in most shopping malls in big cities all over the country.

**In Indonesia, Santa Claus is called 'Sinterklass'** (because Indonesia used to be ruled by the Netherlands). Sinterklass brings presents to children on Christmas Day. Exchanging presents is common among Christians in Indonesia.

**Cookies are a must have food during Christmas in Indonesia. A popular type of cookie is 'Putri Salju' or Snow White cookies... a butter cookie covered with powdered sugar and cheese!**



Chicken Feather tree



## 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><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>Contact: Aaron Moar - Phone 0438177764, Email: <a href="mailto:aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au">aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au</a></p>	

## **GISBORNE DANCE ACADEMY** **DANCE WITH US IN 2025!**



*Grow Dream Achieve*

**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

- |                 |                 |                                    |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>NOV 13th</b> | <b>MACEDON</b>  | Ash Wednesday Park, Smith St       |
| <b>NOV 20th</b> | <b>SUNBURY</b>  | GalaxyLands, Betula Terrace        |
| <b>NOV 27th</b> | <b>WOODEND</b>  | Information Centre, Margery Cres   |
| <b>DEC 4th</b>  | <b>ROMSEY</b>   | Lions reserve, Main St             |
| <b>DEC 11th</b> | <b>GISBORNE</b> | 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)

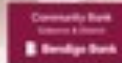


## Gisborne Community Carols

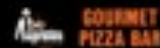
**Sunday 8th Dec 6:00pm**

**Dixon Field, Robertson St Gisborne**

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



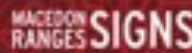
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[connectthe.com.au](http://connectthe.com.au)



7 Woodend Court, Woodend 3407 0016  
[macedonrangesigns.com.au](http://macedonrangesigns.com.au)



Gisborne and District Lions Club Proudly Presents:

## LIONS GISBORNE FESTIVAL

**4.30pm – 9.30pm**  
**Friday 13 December 2024**  
**Gardiner Reserve**



- FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT FROM 4.30PM
- STREET PARADE
- LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
- MARKET & FOOD STALLS
- CARNIVAL RIDES
- FIREWORKS AT 9.15PM

**FREE ENTRY**

Major Sponsors:

The Community Bank Gisborne & District (Bendigo Bank); Macedon Ranges Shire Council; McDonalds; ID Ross Watt Developments; UFS Pharmacy; Macedon Ranges Glass; GREAT Association; Stoneman Foundation; Atlas Conveyancing Services; Castello's Victorian Tavern



# Community

## Artisticat

### FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website, [www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au) There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$14 a class (exc GST)

The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

**LIMITED PLACES  
BOOK NOW!**

To book go to

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# BIG SUMMER READ



**JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!**

**1 December 2024 - 31 January 2025**

Sign up at your local Goldfields Libraries branch,  
or online at [readbooks.com.au/bsr](http://readbooks.com.au/bsr)



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