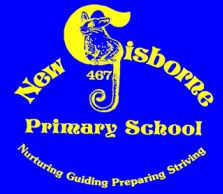


# Newsletter

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## DIARY DATES

### MARCH

- 7th** Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4B & 4C  
**10th** Labour Day Public Holiday  
**11th-12th** Yr 4 Camp Wilkin  
**12th-14th** Yr 6 Camp Sovereign Hill  
**20th** Yrs 3-6 House Cross Country  
**12th-21st** Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN  
**25th** District Futsal (Girls)  
 Branch Out Parent Session  
 Years -Low/Middle

### 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**  
**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 & Guardians

### NAPLAN

From Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March till Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, NAPLAN assessment activities will be taking place for the children in Years 3 and 5. All children across the state will be completing tasks online, except for the Year 3 writing task which is still completed using pencil and paper. Please note that the activities are spread across several days during these two weeks. Whilst the data is valuable for cohorts and schools, please remember that this is just a snapshot of your child on one day. If you have any concerns or questions, please discuss these with your child's teacher this week. Students will require headphones for some of the tests and, although we do have some available, if your child has their own wired headphones, they may feel more comfortable bringing and using them.

### School Council Elections

School Council elections have closed, and we have some members who have renominated and some new members filling all positions. Our first meeting of our new school council will be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

### Year 1-2 Swimming Program

What an amazing program. Thank you to our staff and all the parent helpers who all made this such a successful program. It has been amazing to hear of the wonderful progress students have made.

### School Uniform

Year 6 jackets have been handed out this week. Thanks to Trish for all her hard work organising this.

### Performing Arts Concert (PAC)

Your child may have come home talking about the whole school performing arts concert or PAC practice. This is a whole school concert in House teams that is run just for students. There is no parent audience for this concert. Year 6 students have designed performances with some teacher assistance and these songs and dances are then taught to the rest of their House team. Our Performing Arts Competition is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### Year 4 Camp

Year 4 students head off to Camp Wilkin on Tuesday. This overnight camp is jam packed with activities that students have been learning about in class. The students participate in several marine activities and also visit the Split Point lighthouse.

### Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 teachers and students head off to Sovereign Hill to become a part of the living museum. Our students will spend two days attending classes and costume school. This camp has been a part of the Year 6 program for many years at New Gisborne.

### 2026 Enrolment Information

The Department of Education has released the timeline for 2026. We are currently registering a lot of interest but are unable to accept enrolments until Term 2.

We will get more information out to you soon regarding information evenings, school tours and enrolment packs.

Shane West  
Principal

# NGPS New Student Leaders

## Student Leaders Embrace Their New Roles

New Gisborne Primary School's 2025 Student Leaders are embracing the challenge and excitement of their new leadership with confidence and charisma.

**Jessie** : I'm feeling excited to speak in front of parents, students and visitors at our weekly assemblies. We have already started running assemblies and it is a great opportunity to build our confidence.

**Poppy** : I'm looking forward to working with our Principal Mr West and Assistant Principal Mrs Boyd. I want to make the most of lots of opportunities to represent the students of NGPS and make our school the best it can be.

**Esther** : I'm really excited to be able to help younger kids so that they can possibly do great stuff and become students leaders of the future.

**Floss** : I'm looking forward to going to special events to represent the school and make sure that everyone knows our school values.

**Eloise** : I'm excited to be a role model to my buddy, and all the younger students, in 2025 so they can have more confidence and persist with their goals.

**Tom** : I'm looking forward to helping set up assemblies, working on the scripts and practising our presentations so that everyone can enjoy the assemblies.

**Ben** : I'm excited to attend the leadership conference in Melbourne to learn about being a good leader at school.

**Madi** : I'm excited to show our school to people who are thinking about sending their children here. Our school has a variety of things for all students, especially our big oval.

"As featured in the Gisborne Gazette"



# GRIP- Student Leadership Conference

**Madi:** On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the student leaders, house captains, and junior school council representatives from Year 6 went into the city for the GRIP Leadership Conference. We all had such a fun day and we learned so much about what being a leader is and looks like. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Miller for taking us and keeping us organised. We asked the Year 6 Junior school councillors to tell us their favourite thing about the day.

**Jessie:** It was interesting to learn about how to be a good leader and to think of new ideas to help the school. We all had a great day, and I think we all feel really inspired to be the best leaders we can be.

**Ella:** At the start of the conference, we had a 'would you rather' game. To play the game you would write the start of the word you chose. For example, would you rather, crunchy peanut butter or smooth. Then we had to go find students from different schools to see if they had the same. It was really great to meet people from other schools.

**Charles:** Throughout the day we got to have heaps of brain breaks which was my favourite part, because they were so fun. They also gave us a booklet to fill in and teach us all about leadership.

**Kyle:** After every session we had a loud noises activity. We had three different ones. In the first one we yelled as loud as we could and did reverse charades. These were fun because we got all our energy out.

**Daxton:** It was interesting to learn about how to make the stuff you say actually happen. It made me think about all the things that we could make happen this year to make our school even better.

**Nate:** My favourite part of the conference was literally every single thing. I would describe the day as interesting, energetic and meaningful. I would highly recommend the conference to everyone who is interested in being a good leader.



# Parents' Association - AGM



**Meeting:** Our first meeting for 2025 is **7th March, 9am in the staff room.**

## **What Do we do**

The New Gisborne Parents' Association (PA), while holding some formal requirements, really is a flexible way to support and be involved in the school community. In recent years, the PA has been able to hold some fun and community enhancing events, some of which had targets to raise funds to support our school with additional projects or supplies. This year, any fundraising proceeds will be directed towards enhancing the middle area of our school. This includes the spider web, the kitchen garden area and establishing a new Indonesian and wellbeing garden. Events like the Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Book Fair and other initiatives create life experiences for the students. These events invite the school community to come together and provide a great environment for the children to engage with their peers, and give them a sense of belonging. To add to this, your kids will enjoy you being part of the school community and they will love the extra experiences that they can be involved in, because of your presence.

For these events and opportunities to continue, a committee must be formed and officers elected. If you have a knack for coordinating and organising, a desire to enhance your facilitation and speaking skills, why not throw your hat in the ring? A few seasoned PA members will continue to carry the torch this year, but we are always keen to bring new perspectives and ideas to the table. The commitment can be at the scale that suits you and your family and every little bit helps. We also have a number of enduring PA supporters whose children are aging out of the school and will be stepping away this year.

## **What's Involved**

- Meet once a month – time to be decided among members
- Discuss incoming requests, upcoming events and their organisation, peruse the School Council Report, Principal attends to go over Principals Report on the general goings on of the school
- Beginning of each year decide on calendar of events and allocate a co-ordinator/s of the event.

## **Roles**

**President** - to provide coordination, guidance, and leadership to ensure the successful functioning of the committee.

**Vice-President** - to shadow the president role and chair PA meetings.

**Secretary** - records and distributes PA meeting minutes to all committee members and assists in other administrative activities as needed.

**Treasurer** - work in conjunction with event organisers to arrange purchases for events if required. Most of the Treasurer role is conducted by the school office rather than the PA.

If you are interested in taking up one of these positions, there are supportive parents on the committee who can provide help and guidance on the role. Alternatively, you can join the PA as a general member and contribute to the planning of the events we run, volunteer at such events, attend the meetings, etc.

It is not necessary to attend every meeting or put in hours and hours of volunteer time. You could jump in to support a single event and work with a small group to make an event come to life. Many hands make light work!

If you can't make it? Don't worry, we can still add you to the Committee only Facebook page where you can make contributions to posts, be part of the conversation or post your own ideas for collaboration. Please touch base on our email [ngps.parentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ngps.parentsassociation@gmail.com) or see any of our friendly members for a chat.

Hope to see you there!

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ISSUE 2 2025

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Graphic Novel!

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# ***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>

# Chester Chatter

With Chester happily visiting lots of classrooms and making friends with our new Foundation students, it's time to have another look at why wellbeing dogs are becoming part of many school communities. Research shows that their presence helps students to feel calm, gives warmth and direction to social interactions and promotes a sense of happiness. For lots of us, just seeing Chester trot through the door brings a whole lot of smiles!

This week Chester had great fun getting lovely pats from all the grandparents who came along to spend time with the Foundation students on Grandparents' Day.



Then he headed off to the Gisborne Aquatic Centre to watch the Year Ones and Twos take part in their swimming lessons. As a keen swimmer himself, he's loved seeing them working on their skills.



Chester was super impressed with his friends Indie and Zoe who did an amazing job at tidying up our school grounds this 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 #47:

So your kids can con you into buying icepoles for them & 20 of their closest mates 😊😂



**KEEP CALM  
&  
JOIN OUR  
CANTEEN  
CREW**



## 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	
FRI 7 MAR	Mary	Nikki	* *
WED 12 MAR	* <b>HELP NEEDED from 11AM PLEASE</b>		
FRI 14 MAR	Sarah	Larissa	Mary *

**WEEKLY  
Canteen Crew**



**SHOUT  
OUTS**

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

**SARAH HOLLAND**  
**MARY GORDON**

**NICOLA CIESIELSKI**  
*... Every Minute Helped!*

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**



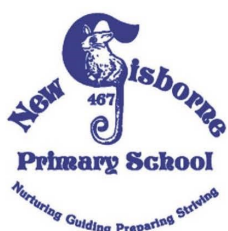
**Crackers \$1.50c**



**Quelch Icy Tube 50c**



**Frozen Pineapple Ring 50c**



Please Remember To Use Your Nice Manners

## Uniform Shop

**Our Uniform Shop is open**

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone  
Uniform Shop



# Visual Arts



## Year 6 Spray Painting



# 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!

ICAV  
Indonesian Embassy Association of Victoria  
QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET  
Indonesian Street Food Festival

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

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Annabel Sides, Green Planet Sport

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**Panel Discussions**

Panel 1. Speaking up and speaking out: Advocacy in a time of transition  
Panel 2. Taking action: In and outside the home  
Panel 3. Youth Discussion

**Displays, 1 on 1 Consultations**

A variety of Planet-Friendly businesses, environmental groups, area schools and friendly advisors who have already taken up energy efficient practices are ready to talk to you!

Plus kids activities, lucky door prizes, music, food and drink

*See link below for a complete list of displays and consultants*

**March 15th 2025**  
10am - 3pm  
Riddells Creek Leisure Centre, Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek

ALL INFO [www.mrsg.org.au/riddells](http://www.mrsg.org.au/riddells)

<https://tinyurl.com/3wzr68fz>

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[visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival](http://visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival)

MACEDON RANGES

# AUTUMN FESTIVAL



• 1 APRIL - 30 APRIL 2025 •



**Macedon Ranges**  
Shire Council



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Lancefield and Romsey

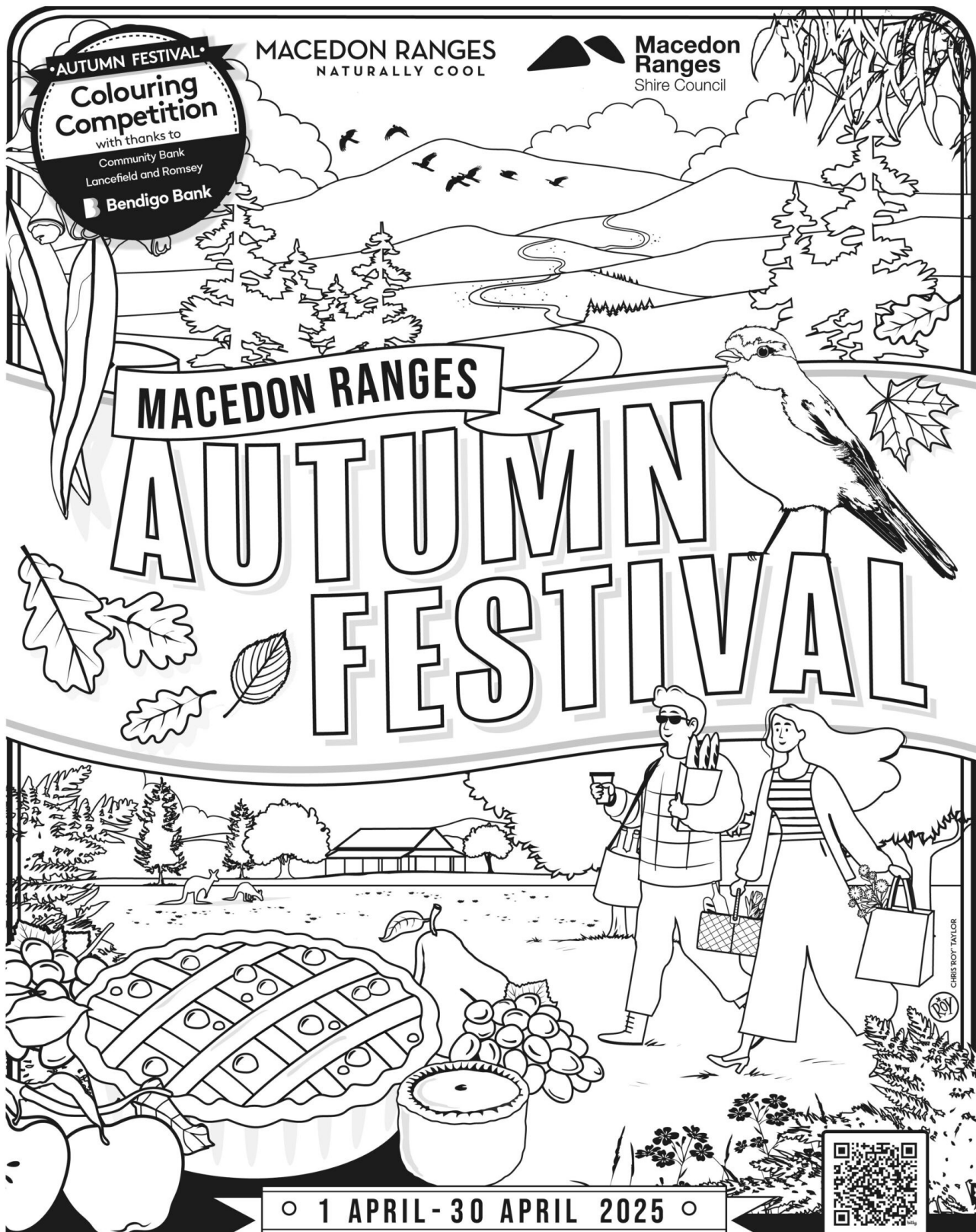
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◦ 1 APRIL - 30 APRIL 2025 ◦

**How to Enter:**

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