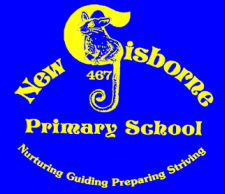


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West Ph: 5428 2232
School Council President: Laura Shea



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 19th Yr 3-6 House Swimming
20th-21st Meet & Greet Parent Sessions
26th Yr 1-2 Swimming Program
28th District Swimming
29th Foundation Grandparents Day

MARCH

- 4th Yr 1-2 Swimming Program
7th Yr 3 Bunjilaka Excursion
11th Labour Public Holiday
12th-13th Yr 4 Camp Wilkin
21st Yrs 3-6 House Cross Country
25th-27th Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp
28th Foundation Easter Concert

**Last Day of Term 2:30pm
Early Dismissal**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Foundation & New Families BBQ

We were fortunate to have a break in the weather Tuesday afternoon/evening for the New Families BBQ. There was a terrific turnout with lots of parents and students, they all enjoyed some sausages and veggie burgers whilst having a play on the equipment and on the oval. Thank you to Mrs Brennan, Ms Marshall, Mrs Cairney, Mrs Mason, Mrs Ingleton, Ms Preaudet and Mrs Boyd for helping to cook, serve and have a chat with our community. Thank you to all the parents who turned up early for the reading session.

Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions 20/2 & 21/2

These sessions are up and ready for bookings via Compass so make sure that you book a time to come in and chat to the classroom teacher. This is the opportunity for you to pass on information about your child that the classroom teacher may not know.

School Council Meeting

The final meeting of the current School Council is scheduled for 7pm next Tuesday, February 20th in the staff room. Our School Council is made up of eight members in the 'Parent Category' and four members in the 'School Employee Category' (formerly known as the 'DET Employee Member Category'). The intent is that each year half of the positions in both categories become vacant, as the elected members have served their two year term of office. There will be more information in next week's newsletter for people who are interested in joining School Council.

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council will be accepted from next Monday 19th February. The self-nomination forms will be available from the school office on that day and need to be returned by 4.00pm Monday 4th March. It is a self-nominating process so you don't have to go out and lobby for people to nominate you. Please see the detailed notice regarding the elections in this newsletter for more information.

GRIP Leadership

On Monday, 22 students headed off to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. It was so lovely to hear such positive reports from the students and staff that attended. Please find our student reflection inside.

Year 1/2 Swimming Program

Information has been going home in regards to our Year1/2 swimming program at Gisborne Aquatic Centre. We are able to offer the \$120 program to all Year 1 & 2 students for free this year. It is a 10 day intensive program from the 26th February until the 8th March. Keep an eye out on Compass for the alert to approve your child's participation.

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Years 3-6 students will participate in our House Swimming Carnival at Sunbury Aquatic Centre (SAC) on Monday 19th February. The event is all about fun, participation and getting into the House Spirit and is designed to cater for all students' swimming ability.

Shane West
Principal

School Council Elections

School Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council, a legally formed body that is given the power to set the key directions of a school within centrally approved guidelines. A School Council, therefore, is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Three possible categories of membership exist - parent, Department of Education & Training employee and optional community member category. The term of office for members is usually two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies at the annual School Council Elections. Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of a school. You don't need any special experience to be on a School Council. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

This year, 2024, the following vacancies exist:

Parent Member Category - Four (4) Vacancies

DET Member Category -Three (3) Vacancies

A notice and call for nominations for the above vacant positions has been placed on display in the office area. Nomination forms are available **from the school office**. Interested parents are able to '**self-nominate**'. You have **until 4:00pm on Monday 4th March**, to get your nominations in to me. If, at this time, I don't have enough nominations I can allow an additional three days for more nominations. If I then have equal, or less, nominations than the number of vacancies, these people are elected automatically. If I have more nominations than vacancies, a ballot of the school community will be necessary.

If you have an interest in how the school runs, and a desire to take on a more active role, please consider nominating. School Council meets about 8 times each year. Meetings are generally on a Tuesday night, starting at 7:00pm and finishing around 8.30pm.

If you would like to know more, please call the school on 5428 2232.

2024 School Council Election Timeline

Monday 19 February Call for Nominations - collect nomination forms from office

Monday 4 March Nominations close 4.00pm (extra 3 days from here if required)

Monday 4 March List of candidates displayed

Wednesday 6 March Distribute ballot papers on this date **if required**

Wednesday 13 March Close of ballot

Wednesday 13 March Count votes and declare the poll

Tuesday 19 March First new SC meeting to elect office bearers

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday 13th February a group of enthusiastic Year 6 students from New Gisborne Primary School travelled to Melbourne for a day of fun and learning. Our 8 student leaders, 8 house captains and 6 Year 6 junior school councillors attended the GRIP Leadership conference in Melbourne.

We started the day by getting on a mini bus to the city. The bus left at seven thirty in the morning! When we first arrived at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, we headed for our seats in front of a MASSIVE stage. There were approximately 4000 students from many other schools there, ready to take on the responsibility of being a leader. When we arrived we found booklets under our seats to help us. Everyone who attended this event got to use a booklet with some little educational activities inside. We all learnt strategies that can help us maximise our leadership potential, including the 4 steps: stepping in, stepping up, stepping out and stepping closer. The day also involved lots of music and fun games, as well as comedic moments courtesy of the GRIP presenters.

At the end of the conference our teachers walked us back to Southern Cross Station and we hopped on a train back home. It was an inspiring and motivational day that we all enjoyed.

Written by Mila and Emmi (Year 6 Reporters and House Captains)



Chester Chatter

Chester enjoyed socialising with the parents and students for the Open Afternoon last Friday, visiting several rooms and saying hi to many of the visiting parents and grandparents.



TAG DESIGNS BY YEAR SIX



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

Friday 16th February	Wednesday 21st February
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kimberley Norman• Jacque Galea• Volunteer needed• Volunteer needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teresa Salafranca
Friday 23rd February	Wednesday 28th February
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebecca Millard• Sarah Little Foot• Kimberley Norman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chantal Preaudet

Uniform Shop

Price Increases effective from 1st March 2024

Unfortunately, we have been advised by our supplier that there has been an increase in their uniform prices due to escalating supply and trade costs. We have kept our price increases to a bare minimum.

A new Qkr! price list will be available from 1st March 2024.

GRADE 6 BOMBER JACKETS

We have been advised of an expected delivery date - 13th March 2024.

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop Manager

Newsletter



Welcome to Term 1 – February 2024!

Dear New Gisborne Primary School Parents and Community members,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We hope you all had an enjoyable break with your families and are excited to start the new school year for 2024. Welcome back to New Gisborne Primary School's Out of School Hours Care (OSHC).

The January Rocketeers Holiday Program was an outstanding experience filled with a diverse range of activities that encouraged exploration and imagination. We are excited to share some of our highlights with you. Our adventure kicked off with a trip to Rabbit Hole Playcentre, children were able to run, slide and jump around the obstacle course engaging with their peers and children from other schools. Children used this opportunity to engage with each other and make new friendships that have blossomed beautifully over these holidays and have continued into term 1.

Encouraging Positive Relationships: Town building



In addition to this exciting adventure, our Rocketeers had the chance to engage in a range of activities at Base Camp. Children were given the chance to participate in trying different cultural foods such as sushi, and mochi. We also had the chance to make our very own bubble tea and lemonade! Children were encouraged to use their problem-solving skills to create a range of items, such as a bridge that could withstand the weight of a toy car, and a building within their local community! The children picked to design their very own classroom.



Camp Australia



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Camp Australia – New Gisborne Primary School



What's coming up: Big Art

For Term 1 Camp Australia is calling all children to step out of their comfort zone, show some courage and showcase their creativity and imagination, in artistic activities every Friday starting the 9th of February. Your children can even enter the Big Art Competition running between the 9th of February to the 1st of March.

If you wish to come and take a look at our service, please come in Before School Care as our Educators will have time to discuss the program and help you with any question you may have relating to the service. Our Educators are on site between 6:30am - 9:00am each morning, so please pop by or give us a call!

Service Number: 0405 449 832

Warm regards,

Jasmin Roberts

If you would like to make any changes to your child's aftercare bookings, they can be made through the Parent Portal on our website or app, or via the Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. Our Customer Care Team is available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

We would appreciate it if you could keep us informed of any changes in your child's aftercare arrangements so that we may update our records accordingly.

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

Issue 1 Out Now!

Due 16th Feb

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club
Join the Club & KICK-START READING for 2024!

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

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SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

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CONTACT:
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P: 0438 177 764
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Community

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Come and Try Cricket Day



Sunday 11th February

10:30-11:30am

Ages 5-13

Gardiner Reserve Gisborne

What to expect:
- sausage sizzle
- fun cricket-based activities

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TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm - U9-U15
WHERE: The Stadium at Gisborne Secondary College

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