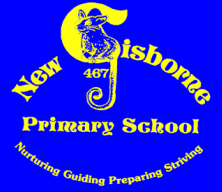


Newsletter

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



DIARY DATES

MARCH

3rd Yrs 1-2 Swimming Program
4th GRIP Leadership Conference
6th Yr 3 Melb Museum Excursion
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)

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

Dear Parents & Guardians

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council opened Monday 24th February.

The self-nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be returned by 4.00pm Monday 3rd March. It is a self-nominating process therefore 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.

Year 1/2 Swimming Program

Thank you to staff and parent volunteers who are making this program so successful. Just a reminder that you need a Working With Children Card that has been sighted by our office to help in the designated area of the changing rooms.

School Uniform

Can parents please take a moment over the next week to make sure students are in correct school uniform and have a SunSmart hat. Parents are also expected to provide sunscreen for their children to apply at school.

GRIP

Our Year 6 student leaders, house captains and JSC reps will head into Melbourne on Tuesday for the 'GRIP Student Leadership Conference'. Due to buses replacing trains we have booked a bus for students to travel to and from the conference on this day. Just a reminder that students will need to be at school by 7:15am on this day as the bus needs to leave promptly at 7:30pm.

Year 3 excursion

Our Year 3 students will head off on their Bunjilka excursion on Thursday at Melbourne Museum. Just a reminder that students will need to be at school by 8.40am on this day as buses need to leave promptly at 8.50am.

Year 4 and Year 6 Camp

Planning is almost complete for the Year 4 and Year 6 camp. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

Shane West
Principal

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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, 2025, 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 3rd 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.

2025 School Council Election Timeline

Monday 24 February	Call for Nominations - collect nomination forms from office
Monday 3 March	Nominations close 4.00pm (extra 3 days from here if required)
Monday 3 March	List of candidates displayed
Wednesday 5 March	Distribute ballot papers on this date if required
Wednesday 12 March	Close of ballot
Wednesday 12 March	Count votes and declare the poll
Tuesday 18 March	First new SC meeting to elect office bearers

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Hi everyone,

My name is Kerry Morris and this year I am working in the new role of Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL). Over the past 24 years I have taught at this school in several roles: Literacy Intervention, Classroom support, Classroom teacher for Years 1, 3 and 6 and Learning Specialist.



Throughout 2025 I will participate in Mental Health in Primary Schools training (MHIPS) provided by The University of Melbourne and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. At school, most of my work will focus on mental health promotion and prevention. This will include building staff capacity to identify and support the mental health and wellbeing needs of your children, as well as promoting good mental health through ensuring wellbeing is embedded into the curriculum. This jigsaw is a good representation of my role:





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

There's been lots of excitement this week with the Year 1s and 2s heading off to the pool each day for swimming lessons. Chester has had a great time helping to get caps on, goggles found and socks located! He was so tired by the end of the week he decided to take a quiet break with his friends in the activities room.



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





**KEEP CALM
&
JOIN OUR
CANTEEN
CREW**



Canteen Roster
 TERM 1, 28TH JANUARY - 4TH APRIL 2025
 To join us, please visit Lana in the Canteen
 or email Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au

WEEK	DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
FRI 28 FEB	Larissa	Sarah	Mary		
WED 5 MAR	Nikki				
FRI 7 MAR	Mary	HELP NEEDED from 11AM PLEASE			



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

**SARAH HOLLAND
 MARY GORDON
 NIAL MUECKE**

**LAURA NICOLSON
 JACQUIE GALEA**
...Every Minute Helped!

Your Time & Effort is Truly Valued & Appreciated!



CANTEEN PRICE LIST



Twister \$3



Cyclone \$2.50c



Paddle Pop \$2



Frozen Yoghurt \$2

Icy Twist \$1.50c

Mini Calippo \$1.50c



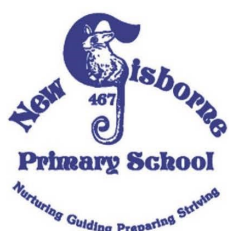
Crackers \$1.50c



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



DISTRICT SWIMMING RESULTS

On Tuesday 25th of February 29 NGPS students in Years 3-6 travelled to the Sunbury Aquatic Centre to compete with eight other schools at the annual Macedon Ranges District Swimming Carnival. Over 200 students attended the carnival, competing in 50m individual events, Freestyle and Medley relays. Our swimmers performed very well with some nail-biting finishes! Many of them placing in top 4 of their events. We are very proud of their effort and the way they conducted themselves.

As the host school, we would especially like to thank Ms Wencil and Dannille for doing an amazing job marshalling, recording and supporting our swimmers and contributing to the overall success of the carnival.



DIVISION SWIMMING QUALIFIERS

The following students finished 2nd in their individual 50m events and will now go on to compete at Division Swimming, Tuesday 11th of March, at Melton Waves Leisure Centre. We wish them all the very best 😊

Mrs Mason

In 9/10 boys freestyle- Baxter, 9/10 boys butterfly- Arthur, 11 boys freestyle Kai, 12-13 boys freestyle and backstroke -Will, 12/13 girls backstroke – Laila



**Congratulations to our 9/10 girls freestyle relay team for also finishing second in their event. Unfortunately, only the 1st place team progresses to Division in the relay events.

Upcoming Sporting Dates

Division Swimming Tuesday 11th March

House Cross Country Thursday 20th March - All Yr 3-6

District Futsal – Girls Tuesday 25th March – Select Yr 5/6 Students

District Futsal – Boys Wednesday 1st April – Select Yr 5/6 Students

School Sport Victoria (SSV) TEAM VIC TRIALS



Registration for the TEAM VIC trials for 2025 are now open! Victorian students have the opportunity to register to try out for state-level representative teams in their chosen sports. It is important to note that these trials are part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' events. Each student will be trialling for a state team, so we must attest to their athleticism, skill level, and school behaviour. The expectation is that students are already playing at a representative level in their sport. Some popular sports have a closing date of Friday, February 28, 2025. For detailed information related to individual sports, including guidelines on how to register for the Team Vic Trials, please visit the sport specific page using the provided hyperlink or going to the SSV website, Team Vic. A parent or guardian must register students online.

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Mason 😊

Year 5 - Designing Mandalas





SELAMAT DATANG



Year 4 Indonesian Adventures!

This term, our Year 4 students have been exploring the incredible islands of Indonesia! They have loved uncovering fascinating facts about this diverse and vibrant country.

Here are some of the interesting things they've learned so far:

- ✓ Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world.
- ✓ It consists of over 17,500 islands, but fewer than 6,000 are inhabited.
- ✓ The equator runs through Indonesia, giving it a tropical climate.
- ✓ The five main islands are Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, and West Papua.
- ✓ Indonesia has a population of approximately 264 million people.
- ✓ The official language is Bahasa Indonesia, which we study at NGPS!
- ✓ The capital city, Jakarta, is located on the island of Java.
- ✓ Sumatra is the largest island, but Java has the highest population.
- ✓ Indonesia has two seasons: the dry season and the wet season.



This week, students put their knowledge to the test by creating models of Indonesia's five main islands using playdough! They carefully shaped each island to reflect its correct size, position, and shape. As we dive deeper into learning about each island, students will continue adding key facts to their work.

It's been an exciting journey so far—stay tuned for more discoveries!



SAMPAI JUMPA

IBU HUNICHEN & IBU
WENCEL



Community

GISBORNE ROOKIES FOOTBALL & NETBALL PLAYERS

Gisborne Rookies Junior Football
Club registrations are now open for 2025. All new and
returning players are welcome.

Age Groups

Football

U9 Boys
U10 Girls
U11 Boys
U12 Girls
U13 Boys
U14 Girls
U15 Boys
U16 Girls
U17 Boys

Netball

U9
U11
U13
U15
U17



Girls Football Registration link:
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a837c4>

Boys Registration link:
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/fc77e1>

Netball Registration link:
<https://registration.netballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=0d552c91-335e-43b7-8b64-0a141101f767&competitionId=19ab49f0-9ece-471a-a25d-37eb200e86d5>

All Football Enquires to Tash Watt rookiesregistrar@gmail.com
All Netball Enquires to Maxine Parry rookiesetballco@outlook.com



UNDER 9 NETBALL

PLAYERS WANTED

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Maxine if you are interested in becoming
a Gisborne Rookie for season 2025

PH: 0407 348 596

EMAIL: rookiesnetballco@outlook.com