

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 9th** Open Afternoon for Parents
2:20pm
First Parent Assembly 2:55pm
- 12th** GRIP Student Leadership
Conference
- 13th** School Photos
New Families BBQ 5pm
- 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

- 12th-13th** Yr 4 Camp
- 25th-27th** Yr 6 Camp

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome Back

It was lovely to see our new Foundation students start school today – all wearing their new uniforms and groomed to perfection. Great to also see so many parents, and grandparents, come along first thing in the morning to share this wonderful experience. All students appear to have settled in well and our Positive Start Program is chugging along.

The rest of the school have quickly returned to their routines and structures. Students charged through the gates to greet their friends and were quickly in classrooms working. A special thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to make this first week such a positive experience for all our students.

School Drop Off

Students should arrive from 8.40am onwards. This is the time that our yard is supervised from. Classroom doors open at 8.45am and students should head straight to their classrooms to set up for the day. Running late or rushing in causes students stress and anxiety. There are many important instructions given at the beginning of the day. If your child arrives late, or is collected early, they need to be signed in or out at the office. Parents needing to drop their child off before 8.40am are encouraged to book their child into before school care.

Home/School Communication

Compass is the school's main form of communication. All messages should come through Compass. If you need to get a message to your child urgently please ring the office. Seesaw will be used to display examples of student work. This is their learning portfolio. It also has a messaging function, but this is not a reliable way to get a message to teachers.

Canteen Wednesday & Friday / Sushi Tuesday / Subway Thursday

The canteen is open for lunch orders and over the counter sales at lunch and recess every Wednesday and Friday from now on. Sushi & Subway are also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively. Orders are placed online using the Qkr! app and you can order up to two weeks ahead. If your child is ill and going to be away on a particular day, you can cancel the order up until the order cut-off time of that day.

SunSmart

New Gisborne PS is a SunSmart School. This means we ask that all students wear a broad-brimmed hat (not baseball cap) between September and the end of April each year. Hats are available for purchase via Qkr! from the Uniform Shop if you need a new one.

Assembly

We will have a student only assembly this week. Regular assemblies will be on a Friday afternoon at 2.55pm with the first parent assembly on the 9th February. In case of extreme weather we will cancel and notify parents via Compass.

Open Classroom Years 1 - 6

We will have an open afternoon from 2.25pm on Friday 9th February for Years 1-6. This will be followed by our first 2024 whole school parent assembly at 2.55pm. Come in and see your child's classroom.

Other...

Notices will be sent out next week about our New Families BBQ on 13th February and also the Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet sessions on 20th & 21st February. The Meet and Greet is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and share information about them with the teacher.

Shane West
Principal

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As you can see some students had very eventful holidays.



Specialist Team

FROM THE SPECIALIST TEAM

Art, Indonesian, Performing Arts and Physical Education.

Dear Families,

As we begin the new year, the Specialist team would like to remind your child/ren to remember these important items for school. Having the appropriate items with us ensures our learning time is kept to a maximum. Don't forget to bring your **HATS** and **WATER BOTTLES** every day, and runners especially on your P.E. days.



To reduce the amount of lost and damaged belongings, we suggest that students pack a light, named carrier bag (e.g. plastic, calico with etc) that they can pack their lunch, drink bottles and other belongings into, on their specialist days.

Being able to pack away personal belongings will help keep items safe and promote organisation in their daily routines.

Foundation students will be designing specific Specialist bags over the coming weeks. In the meantime, a reusable bag with handles will be sufficient.

A huge thank you to the families who have already sent a bag in with their child/ren 😊.

Kind regards,

The Specialist Team

G.A.T.E.WAYS Program

Eureka program brief overview:

- Eureka is a **one day** program. Students participate in **two workshops** over the course of the day.
- Workshops provide students the opportunity to extend and challenge themselves whilst working with like-minded peers from the surrounding area.
- To avoid disappointment we recommend checking workshop availability before nominating students.
- Participation is **only** for students who have been nominated by teachers.



Since we started in 1994
there have been more than
200 PRESENTERS
WHOSE BRIGHT IDEAS HAVE INSPIRED MORE THAN

50,000 STUDENTS
WHO HAVE SHONE IN MORE THAN

1,000 SCHOOLS
FROM ALL EDUCATION SECTORS:
STATE & PUBLIC, INDEPENDENT, CATHOLIC &
RELIGIOUS, DISTANCE & HOME SCHOOL NETWORKS

Our workshops have been held
NATIONALLY & INTERNATIONALLY
MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE, CANBERRA, HOBART,
GOLD COAST, SUNSHINE COAST (QLD), CENTRAL COAST (NSW),
BARWON REGION (VIC), GREAT SOUTHERN REGION (WA),
TAMAR VALLEY (TAS), SINGAPORE AND THAILAND

We look forward to welcoming your child on
this journey as we continue nurturing bright minds!

Canteen

HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

We are always looking for canteen volunteers!
We require 1 helper on Wednesdays and 3 to 4 helpers 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 2nd February	Wednesday 7th February
Nicola Ciesielski	Volunteer Needed!
Friday 9th February	Wednesday 14th February
Volunteers Needed!	Volunteer Needed!

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop

Community

GUITAR LESSONS

Weekly 1/2 hour group sessions held at school both during and after school hours for students in Grades 2-6.

Complete the enrolment form on:
www.infinitesound.com.au

CONTACT:
Aaron Moar
P: 0438 177 764
E: aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au



Is your child interested in learning to play the keyboard?

ENROL NOW!

We provide:

- 30-minute, fun lessons
- During school hours
- Now offering after-school lessons too
 - Small groups
- Available for students in Grades 1-6

For more information:

Contact Alice on 0499 289 138

Email: music.foundations.keyboard@gmail.com

GISBORNE ROOKIES NETBALL 2024 season

An RDFNL netball club



CALLING UNDER 11s!!

Sign up now for some netball fun!

Meet new people and learn and develop new skills.
Non-experienced to experienced players welcome!

U11s play a very important part in any club and association's future as the foundation of local netball - carried through to U17s.

Under 11's - D.O.B 1/1/2013 to 30/4/2015

Enquiries welcome via

Facebook: [Gisborne \(Victoria\) Rookies Netball](#)

Email: rookiesnetballco@outlook.com or

whatsapp <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EXAHy5ic9Rn1YMXHEMclxQ>

Rookies Netball Co-ordinator,
Maxine Parry

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REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2024 SEASON NOW OPEN

Registrations to join Possums in the Macedon Ranges Netball Competition are now open for the 2024 winter season.

Competitions are for U9, U11, U13 & U16.

To sign up simply head to the Netball Connect Website or the Netball Connect App. registration.netballconnect.com/login

* Registrations closing February 25th

* Sign up now to get our NETFIT CLINIC for FREE!

* FREE "TRY OUTS" & Skill Sessions Feb 6th & 13th, 4.30pm - 5.30pm at MRNA Courts, New Gisborne

MORE INFORMATION:
www.possumsnetball.com.au



Folio Club

Term 1 2024

Tutor – Tim Jones

5th February - 25th March
(7 week term)

Mondays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 4pm - 6pm

Mondays and Thursdays
6.15pm - 8.15pm

Term Fee is \$207
(including materials)

New Students first class
is FREE.

Fees are payable in full prior
to the second lesson.

Email Donna Butterick
folio.woodendartgroup@gmail.com
for bookings and
enquiries.

Artist: Amelia Melville

Relay for Life 2024



Who will you Relay for?

LANCEFIELD MACEDON RANGES | 2 MARCH

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Thursdays 4.15 - 5.45

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247 Station Rd, New Gisborne

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yvmaqedon.org.au

NEW VENUE 2024:
NEW
GISBORNE!

'Come and Try'
Thu 8th Feb

Proudly sponsored by
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COME DANCE WITH US IN 2024!

Established in 2011, Gisborne Dance Academy is the Macedon Ranges most sought after dance institution offering recreational and elite training to dancers aged 18 months - adults.

REGISTER 2024 INTEREST



RURAL STUDIO OF THE YEAR

HIP HOP | JAZZ | TAP | LYRICAL
BALLET | ACROBATICS | RADAR TECHNIQUE
SINGING | DANCE PRIVATES

AWARD WINNING PRESCHOOL PROGRAM -
READY SET DANCE, BALLET & ACRO

0499 787 868 | GISBORNEDANCEACADEMY11@GMAIL.COM

THE MOUNT PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

Weekly Youth Theatre classes covering acting and stagecraft skills in community theatre participation.

GROUP A - MONDAYS 5 - 6:30PM

Ages 10-12 years

GROUP B - MONDAYS 6:45 - 8:15PM

Ages 13 - 15 years

GROUP C - TUESDAYS 5:30 - 7PM

Ages 16 - 19 years

IGNITE YOUR PASSION: EMPOWERING YOUTH, INSPIRING THEATRE

✉ mpyouththeatre@gmail.com

🌐 www.themountplayers.com

