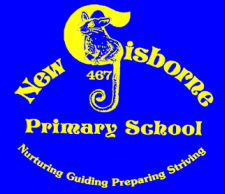


Newsletter

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



DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 28th March
Last Day of Term
2:30pm Early Dismissal

APRIL

- 15th First Day of Term 2
- 19th Yrs 3-6 District Cross Country

Dear Parents and Guardians

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council are still open.

The self-nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be returned by 4.00pm next Monday, 4th 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.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association AGM will take place at this Friday's meeting at 9am in the school staffroom. Please see further details inside. It is a nice way to meet some more families and play an active role in the school community.

Year 1-2 Swimming Program

Year 1-2 swimming is well under way. Students have been tested to make sure that they remember a change of clothes. The feedback from the pool and from our students has been very positive. With little over a week to go we hope that students are making good progress and enjoying the lessons. Next Wednesday the 6th March there will be survival activities at the pool and students will be required to wear old clothes over their swim wear. There will be a reminder on Compass in regards to this.

District Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of the swimmers who competed on Wednesday at the District Swimming Carnival. Our school was well represented and all of our students did their best and had a great day. We did have a number of students who will go on to represent the Macedon Ranges at the Division Swimming Carnival.

Foundation Grandparents Day

We had a great turnout for Grandparents, our students were so excited to be showing their grandparents around their classrooms and sharing their work.

School Uniform

Can parents please take a moment over the next week or so to make sure that 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.

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, 2024, the following vacancies exist:

Parent Member Category - Four (4) Vacancies

DET Member Category - One (1) Vacancy

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

Parents' Association



The New Gisborne Primary School Parents' Association AGM will be held at 9am this Friday, 1st March in the school staffroom.

This is a great opportunity to come along and see what its all about. We'll discuss the events the Parents' Association will run this year, along with nominating the office bearer roles.

The office bearer roles are:

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 plenty of parents on the committee who will provide support and guidance.

Alternatively, you can join the PA as a member without taking an official role and have your say in the events we run, volunteer at such events, attend the monthly meetings, etc.

You don't have to commit to attending every meeting or putting in hours and hours of volunteer time. You can jump in to support a single event and work with a small group to make an event come to life.

If you have a knack for coordinating and organising, a desire to get involved in the school and support your children, why not come along?

If you've been hesitant to volunteer, come along on Friday and talk to us or email ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com.

Chester Chatter

This week, Chester proudly posed for a photo with 3A and our resident author, Ms White, to commemorate Purple Poppy Day. This is the day to pay tribute to the many animals who have served and been lost in war and peacetime.

Chester was interested to look at all the purple poppies that the students had made, and to admire the beautiful book Mrs White has written called "Wear a Purple Poppy". The whole school is very proud of her!



Visual Arts

Foundation Textiles

Designing their specialist bags!





SELAMAT DATANG



(WELCOME)

As we come into week 5 of the new school year, all students from Foundation through to Year Six have thrown themselves headfirst into their new topics for Term 1. While all students are discovering and learning many new words and phrases, we have also been refreshing our brains with some of the more basic 'Indo Lingo' we use in the classroom everyday. We thought it might be fun to share these with all families so that you can all practise at home together.

Basic Greetings

Selamat Pagi (S'lum-at pah-gi) - *Good Morning (Between 12am and 11am)*

Selamat Siang (S'lum-at see-ung) - *Good afternoon (11am -3pm)*

Selamat Sore (S'lum-at soar-ay) - *Good afternoon (3pm - 6pm)*

Selamat Malam (S'lum-at mah-lum) - *Good evening (6pm - midnight)*

Apa Kabar (Upa kah-bar) - *How are you?*

Baik Baik Saja (Bike bike sah-jah) - *Just Fine*

Terima Kasih (Teh-reema kah-see) - *Thank you*

Sama sama (Summa summa) - *You're welcome*

Sampai Jumpa (Sum-pie joom-pa) - *See you later*

Dan (Dun) - *And*



SAMPAI JUMPA (GOODBYE)

IBU HUNICHEN & IBU WENCEL

Performing Arts

Oh my! We have hit the ground running (or dancing!) in the Performing Arts room. The students are well into their dance unit with Years 1- 6 choreographing their dance, at varying degrees of difficulty and complexity, and the Foundation students learning the basis of dance. The House Captains have stepped up into their roles and are currently preparing their Houses for the Performing Arts Competition.

The teachers this year are:



Ms Carol Préaudet
(Monday, Tuesday & Friday)



Mrs Melisa Anikeev
(Wednesday, Thursday)

We are both excited about our new roles. We look forward to developing our students' talents and showcasing them throughout the year.

Choir

We are thrilled to have had many enquiries about choir. Choir is part of our Term 2 Music unit and the choir is showcased at our Soiree evening, (date to be confirmed) in Term 2. In the past we have been fortunate to receive an invitation to participate in Gisborne's Community Carols by Candlelight. If this opportunity comes our way, we will endeavour to showcase our choir in Term 4. If your child is interested in choir, meetings will be announced over the PA system and held in the Performing Arts room. Look out for choir information in the newsletter next term.

LOST PROPERTY - 2023 Performing Arts Concert

There were some items not collected at the end of last year's concert. Can you spot something that belongs to you? If so, please collect from the Performing Arts room. Anything not collected by the end of term will be added to our props collection!



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 1st March	Wednesday 6th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Bunting• Nicola Ciesielski• Justine Abbott	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teresa Salafranca
Friday 8th March	Wednesday 13th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renee Ogier• Larissa Boyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Holland

Uniform Shop

Price Increase 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.

YEAR 6 SUPER SIXERS JACKETS

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

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop Manager

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



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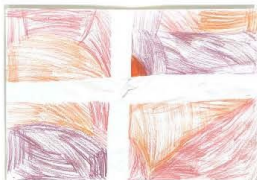
Term 1 – February 2024!

Dear New Gisborne Primary School Parents and Community members,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We hope Term 1 has started off well with all children settling back into the school year. New Gisborne Primary School's Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) has started off with a variety of activities and challenges to keep children happy and engaged throughout each session. Children have been given the chance to explore a range of activities that encourage independence, creativity and learning.

Big Art:

February's Big Art challenges have allowed children to showcase their creativity and individuality every Friday. Children have been able to explore different forms of painting such as abstract, collages, and geometric artworks that allowed for each child's unique abilities and creativity to shine. Children were able to explore art using items other than a paint brush to create these art works, including masking tape, a ruler and markers.



All about me:

Last week's focus was on getting to know the children. Children were able to participate in a range of activities that assisted in getting to know them. Children started off by creating a puzzle piece each, each one showing how unique each child is as no puzzle piece was the same. We proceeded to discuss during circle time how we are all different and while we may have similar likes or dislikes, there are no two people the same. This was further seen in the fun fact challenge, where children were asked to come up with 5 fun facts about themselves. Educators assisted children in writing out their fact sheets to place on our display board.



To register and book, visit www.campastralia.com.au

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What's coming up: Camping

As we know this term Year 4 and Year 6 will be going on school Camp. We have planned our week 6 program with fun activities to get your children excited and camp ready. During arts and craft on Monday we will create a camp fire using cellophane, as well as sharing stories of previous camp experiences with the children on potential activities. On Wednesday children will engage in a range of games that may be played with their peers and on Thursday children will be set with the challenge to create a tent using a resource of their choice. Even if your child is not going to camp, they will still be able to join in on our fun activities and we are sure they will be asking to go on camp by the end of it.



Please ensure your bookings for the period that your child will be on camp are up to date as soon as possible, to avoid paying for the session.

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT ROCKETEERS

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.campastralia.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.campastralia.com.au

Community



1ST NEW GISBORNE SCOUTS

**ITS YOUR TIME TO JOIN
COME AND TRY
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6.30PM - 7.30/8PM**

Are you looking for fun, adventure, building confidence and learning new skills, while making long lasting friendships?

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Contact our Group Leader

Rusty 0400 297 025

gl.ngscouts@gmail.com

Location:

Church of Christ

Saunders Road New Gisborne

Sections

Joey Scouts: 5-8yrs

Cub Scouts 8-11yrs

Scouts: 11-14yrs

Venturer Scouts 14-18yrs

HELD ON THE LAND OF THE WOI WURRUNG, DJAARA & TAUNGURUNG PEOPLE.

MACEDON RANGES
MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

AT HANGING ROCK

**MAHALIA BARNES
& THE SOUL MATES**

IMMY OWUSU

ALANA WILKINSON

TAYLOR SHERIDAN

DOC HALIBUT **GRIM FAWKNER**

AUNTY BLUE **MRMF YOUTH STAGE WINNER**

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