

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 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

APRIL

- 15th First Day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Guardians

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council opened last Monday 19th February.

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

Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions.

Thank you to all those parents who came in over the two nights to catch up with classroom teachers in this valuable information share. If you were unable to attend over those two nights please pick up the phone or email the classroom teacher to touch base.

Year 1-2 Swimming Program

Information has been going home in regards to our Year 1-2 swimming program at Gisborne Aquatic Centre. We are able to offer the \$120 program to all Year 1 & 2 students for free this year. The program consists of 10 days of intensive lessons from the 26th February until the 8th March. Thank you to all those parents who have consented for their children. A reminder for those parents who would like to go and help with swimming to make sure you have a current working with children card and have nominated NGPS as a volunteer organisation.

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who had a fantastic day at the swimming carnival. Everyone raved about what a great day they had. Special thanks to Mrs Mason for her fantastic organisation and to all the staff and parents who supported her on the day.

Ms White Launches Her Book This Weekend

Join our very own debut author Fiona White at Dromkeen, this Saturday 24th February for the launch of her brand new book, published by Hachette and illustrated by Kathleen O'Hagan. On International Day of Animals, learn all about the animals that have served mankind during wartime. Please see the flyer inside for more information.

Kitchen Garden

This Friday, 23rd February, will see the first session of the Year 4 Kitchen Garden program. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have volunteered to help.

School Uniform

Can parents please take a moment over the next week 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

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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

Chester Chatter

Even with the busy week, including the swimming carnival for the Year 3 to 6s on Monday, then Meet and Greet chats for parents and teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday, Chester still found time to read one of his favourite books - a book about a dog called Chester! You can have a look yourself next time you're up at the office.



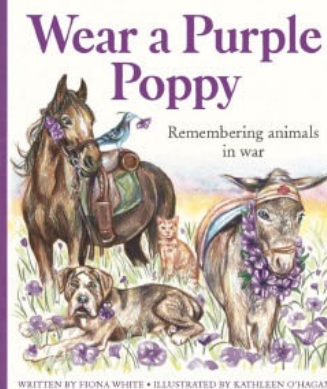
Book Launch

Book Launch Wear a Purple Poppy

Please join us for the launch of debut author Fiona White's picture book.



Introduced by well known children's author, Dee White and followed with a craft activity for children.



When: Saturday 24
February, 2 pm to 3
pm

Where: Dromkeen Homestead,
1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells
Creek, Victoria

RSVP: feawhite@gmail.com

MORE TAG DESIGNS BY YEAR SIX





SELAMAT DATANG



(WELCOME)

A little slow off the mark this year but... Welcome back to the 2024 school year for our returning students and a warm welcome to all our new families joining NGPS.

This year's Indonesian teachers would like to introduce themselves.

Ibu Hunichen will take the years Foundation to Two. Ibu Wencel will be teaching years Three to Six



Ibu Hunichen is an experienced early years teacher with a strong history at NGPS, having attended as a student and returning as a graduate teacher back in 2007. Ibu Hunichen learnt Indonesian throughout her school years and taught Foundation to Year 2 Indonesian classes in 2023. She loves working on the Specialist Team.

Ibu Wencel is very excited to be on a new journey of teaching Indonesian this year after having been a part of the Specialist Team since 2015 as the Performing Arts teacher. Ibu Wencel studied Indonesian in VCE and has a love of learning languages including Indonesian, French and Polish.

All Foundation to Year 6 students will participate in 1 hr of Indonesian classes each week.

During Term 1, the Foundation students will be learning where Indonesia is in relation to Australia. They will be learning greetings and how to introduce themselves as well as learning the Indonesian colour names through a range of craft activities.

The Year 1 students will be learning about families, family life in Indonesia and the associated vocabulary with their own family. They will be making a book, which they will be bringing home and sharing with their family.

The Year 2 students will be studying a variety of fruits, including Indonesian fruits. They will have the opportunity to explain which fruits they "suka" (like) and "tidak suka" (don't like). They also have an exciting year ahead as the students in each class take home an orangutan for a week of adventures with their family. They will be able to write about their week in a shared class book and we look forward to hearing what the orangutans get up to with each student.

The Year 3 students will be learning about various types of traditional Indonesian vehicles and transport including the Becak. Students will converse in Bahasa Indonesian, asking and answering questions about what mode of transport they use to get to school.

The Year 4 students will be looking more closely at the main islands that make up Indonesia. This includes location, size, climate, sites, geography, costumes and traditions.

The Year 5 students are going to be revising and expanding their knowledge of body parts. They will use this knowledge to create their own Raksasa (Monster), label all the different body parts and write a detailed description of the Raksasa in Bahasa Indonesian.

The Year 6 students will be studying the traditional Indonesian art of batik making. They will look at the two processes of making batik and then design and create their own batik piece using cold wax and coloured dye.



SAMPAI JUMPA (GOODBYE)

IBU HUNICHEN & IBU WENCHEL

House Swimming Carnival

Another Cracker House Sporting Event!!!

Congratulations to all our Year 3-6 students who participated in our annual House Swimming Carnival on Monday. All students put in an amazing effort throughout the day, demonstrating great sportsmanship and enthusiasm in their events. It was a pleasure to be involved in such a fun and successful day. A full report and results will be published after the assembly announcements. I'd like to thank our fabulous students, staff and our parent volunteers for helping to make the day amazing. Thanks Nicola Ciesielski, Nial Muecke, Alison Simmenauer, Kate Belford, William Holloway and Sheryl Frank.

Check out some pics from the day below!!



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 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
Friday 1st March	Wednesday 6th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Little Foot• Nicola Ciesielski• Volunteer Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teresa Salafranca

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.

GRADE 6 BOMBER JACKETS

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

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop Manager

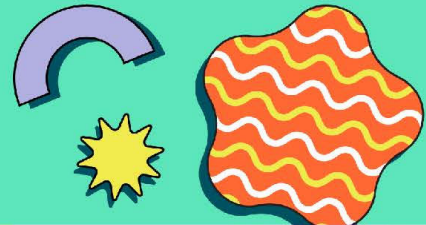
Camp Australia



Guiding children's growth

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Camp Australia – New Gisborne Primary School



Big Art Fridays

On Fridays, we pARTy!

Every Friday in After School Care

Book now

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,

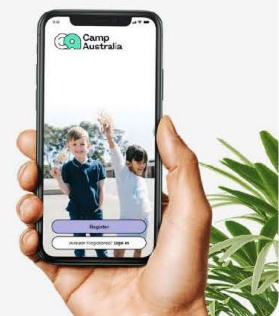
Jasmin Roberts

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

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

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WE RELAY FOR LIFE

Hope Lives Here

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER STALL
WEDNESDAY 21ST FEB 3.20PM (AFTER SCHOOL)
 ROSS WATT RESERVE, NEW GISBORNE

ICY POLES AND FREDDO FROGS \$1.00
 ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME. ALL MONIES WILL BE DONATED TO RELAY FOR LIFE THROUGH "JK JOGGERS TEAM". THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT.

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

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024

ALL PROFITS DONATED TO THE CAMBODIAN KIDS FOUNDATION
 TICKETS: WWW.MACEDONRANGESMUSICFESTIVAL.ORG