

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 5th** Yr 3-6 House Swimming
7th Open Afternoon for Parents 2:25pm
First Parent Assembly 2:55pm
11th School Photos
New Families BBQ 5pm
18th-19th Meet & Greet Parent Sessions
21st Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
24th Yr 1-2 Swimming Program
25th District Swimming
27th Foundation Grandparents Day
28th Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4B & 4C

MARCH

- 3rd** Yr 1-2 Swimming Program
4th GRIP Leadership Conference
7th Yr 4 Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A
10th Labour Day Public Holiday
11th-12th Yr 4 Camp Wilkin
12th-14th Yr 6 Camp- Sovereign Hill

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Welcome Back

It was lovely to see our new Foundation students start school today – there were smiles all round and students quickly settled into their classrooms. 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.

The rest of the school have quickly returned to their routines and structures and our Positive Start Program kicked off with students unpacking our school values of Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner. 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. Our yard is supervised from this time. 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. Please don't try and get important information from Facebook this is not checked regularly, if in doubt ring the office.

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 7th 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 7th February for Years 1-6, come in and see your child's classroom. This will be followed by our first 2025 whole school parent assembly at 2.55pm.

Shane West
Principal

Canteen



**OUR CANTEEN IS
OPEN**
Wednesdays & Fridays

To join our Canteen Crew of
Awesome People, & have a bit of
fun, while feeding our hungry
students 😊 please visit Lana in
the canteen or email
Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au



Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop

PE/Sports

House Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 5th February – MELTON WAVES LEISURE CENTRE

Our Years 3-6 students will be participating in the much-anticipated House Swimming Carnival at Melton Waves Leisure Centre (OUTDOOR POOL AREA) on **Wednesday 5th February**. This event is all about fun, participation, and embracing the House spirit, with activities designed for students of all swimming abilities.



Novelty Events

The carnival offers a variety of **novelty events** for **ALL** students, including those who are not strong swimmers. These fun activities will include: Team water games on the grass and in a shallow

splash pool with an option to participate in noodle and kickboard races across the shallow end of the 50m pool.



Traditional Swimming Events & District Trials

Alongside our House events, we will be hosting traditional swimming events to select our District team. These trials are for students who are able to swim **50 metres continuously** (one lap at Melton Waves outdoor pool or two laps at Gisborne Aquatic Centre). If your child is not yet confident swimming 50 metres, please encourage them to join the fun **Novelty events** as an alternative.

District Swimming Trials are optional.

The trials will include freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. If there are many participants in an event, heats may be required. For events with multiple heats, the fastest overall time will determine who qualifies for the District event. Please remind your child that it's possible to win a heat but not make the final team. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 4 times in each heat. Students will need to submit a separate signed form to compete in the District Trials.

Please collect and return this form to Mrs Mason by end of the day on Monday 3rd February.

Important Event Information

- **Buses** will leave school at 9:00am and return before 3:20pm.
- Students should bring a snack, lunch, and drinks in non-breakable containers.
- This is a **SUNSMART** event. Students will need appropriate swimwear, a towel, goggles (if needed), a rash vest (or spare t-shirt), a wide-brimmed hat, and sunscreen.
- There will be **NO access to the Melton Waves Canteen** and **NO school lunch orders** on the day.



Parents Are Welcome!

We encourage parents to attend and cheer on the students as they participate in the carnival.

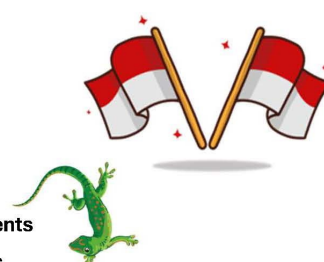
Thank you to our parents who have already volunteered to help with the day's events. If you have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and would still like to assist, please email joanna.mason@education.vic.gov.au prior to the event.

We look forward to a day of great fun, friendly competition, and House spirit!

Mrs Mason 😊



SELAMAT DATANG



Welcome back to the 2025 school year for our returning students
and a warm welcome to all our new families joining NGPS.

Indonesian Program Overview for 2025

Our Indonesian program provides all Foundation to Year 6 students with one hour of Indonesian classes each week, fostering cultural awareness and language skills.

Meet the Teachers

- *Ibu Hunichen:* A passionate and experienced early years teacher, Ibu Hunichen has a deep connection to NGPS, having attended as a student and returned as a graduate teacher in 2007. She has a strong background in Indonesian, teaching Foundation to Year 2 Indonesian classes in both 2023 and 2024, and enjoys collaborating with the Specialist Team.
- *Ibu Wencel:* A valued member of the NGPS teaching team since 2011, Ibu Wencel began teaching Indonesian in 2024. In 2025, she will continue to teach Indonesian to the Year 3 to Year 6 students, while also working as a classroom teacher in Year 5 two days a week.

What Students Will Be Learning

- **Foundation:** Students will locate Indonesia on a map and learn greetings, self-introductions, and colour names through fun craft activities.
- **Year 1:** Focus on family life and vocabulary. Students will create a book about their family to share at home.
- **Year 2:** Explore fruits, including Indonesian varieties. Students will express likes and dislikes in Bahasa Indonesia and take turns hosting a class orangutan for a week, documenting their adventures in a shared book.
- **Year 3:** Study traditional Indonesian transport including the *Becak*. Students will engage in conversations about their travel methods to school.
- **Year 4:** Dive into the geography and culture of Indonesia's main islands, including their size, climate, traditions, and iconic sites.
- **Year 5:** Expand on knowledge of body parts by creating and describing a *Raksasa* (Monster) in Bahasa Indonesia.
- **Year 6:** Learn about traditional batik-making techniques and create original batik designs using cold wax and dye.

Our program highlights the beauty and richness of Indonesian language and culture, ensuring engaging and meaningful learning experiences for all students.



SAMPAI JUMPA

IBU HUNICHEN & IBU WENCEL