

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
Foundation Reading Session
4.30pm
New Families BBQ 5-6pm
- 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

Week 2

What a fantastic start to the year we have had. Students have quickly settled into the routines and expectations of school and classes are focused on improving student learning. School events kick off next week with the GRIP leadership conference at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre on Monday for our student leaders.

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.

School Photographs

The photographers are coming out to NGPS next Tuesday 13th February. The process to purchase photos is the same as last year – all orders are completed online directly with the company. The school just supplies the venue and the kids. Instructions on how to order have been posted via Compass and the flyer is also attached to this newsletter.

Assembly

We will have our first regular assembly this week. Assemblies will be on a Friday afternoons at 2:55pm. In case of extreme weather, we will cancel and notify parents via Compass.

Open Classrooms 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. Foundation students will attend their first assembly on the 8th March, giving them some time to settle in before the sometimes overwhelming experience of assembly.

Foundation and New Families BBQ

Notices have been sent out this week about our Foundation and New Families BBQ on the 13th February from 5-6pm. Come and have a chat to staff and other parents. This is a lovely way to meet other families that your child is interacting with each day. There will be a Foundation reading overview at 4:30pm for new Foundation families in the staff room. Please RSVP through Compass to ensure you get a sausage or a veggie burger.

Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet

Parent/Teacher Meet & Greets are on the 20th & 21st February. The Meet and Greet is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and share information about them with the teacher.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website (newgisps.vic.edu.au).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#), please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy - information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

Fishing Rods for Year 6 students

Last week we received the Little Angler Kits from the Victorian Government Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund. 2023 Year 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, had been selected to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit based on the Victorian Curriculum focus. Information has been sent home via Compass to all Year 6 families.

Shane West
Principal

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Chester Chatter

Chester was delighted to discover this week that a new year brings a new wave of friends. With a happy trot he set off excitedly to meet all these new friends, welcoming New Gisborne Primary School's Foundation students with a wave of his waggly tail. The students were equally delighted to meet Chester, giving him lots of pats.

It has been wonderful for Chester to see all his old friends as well. Mrs Boyd and Mr West have been very pleased to see that all the students are making sure they don't leave any food or rubbish lying around. Thank you to everyone for keeping the school yard clean and Chester safe at the same time!



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

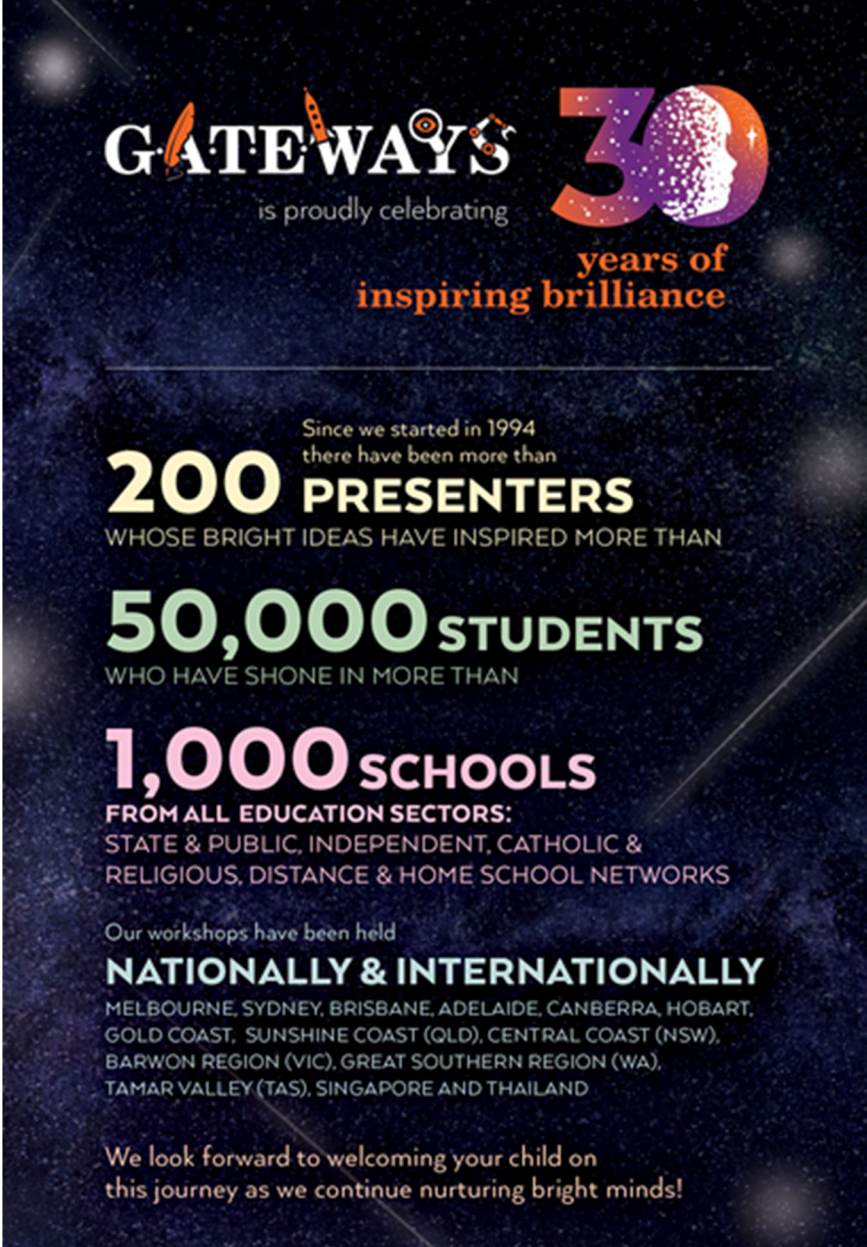
YEAR FIVE – MANDALA DESIGN



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.



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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 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 9th February	Wednesday 14th February
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jacque Galea• Volunteer needed• Volunteer needed• Volunteer needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer needed
Friday 16th February	Wednesday 21st February
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kimberley Norman• Volunteer needed• Volunteer needed• Volunteer needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teresa Salafranca

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop

Issue 1 Out Now!

Due 16th Feb

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
Join the Club & KICK-START READING for 2024!

ISSUE 1 2024

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

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Aaron Moar
P: 0438 177 764
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Sign up now for some netball fun!
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Under 11's - D.O.B 1/1/2013 to 30/4/2015

Enquiries welcome via

Facebook: [Gisborne \(Victoria\) Rookies Netball](https://www.facebook.com/Gisborne(Victoria)RookiesNetball)

Email: rookiesnetballco@outlook.com or

whatsapp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EXAHY5ic9RnIYMXHEMckxQ>

Rookies Netball Co-ordinator,
Maxine Parry

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Come and Try Cricket Day



Sunday 11th February

10:30-11:30am

Ages 5-13

Gardiner Reserve Gisborne

What to expect:
- sausage sizzle
- fun cricket-based activities

Right after Cricket Blast



**Possums
Netball Club**

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

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DATE: Sunday 18th February

TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm - U9-U15

WHERE: The Stadium at Gisborne Secondary College

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Mondays and Thursdays
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Email Donna Butterick
[folio.woodendartgroup@
gmail.com](mailto:folio.woodendartgroup@gmail.com) for bookings and
enquiries.



Artist: Amelia Melville

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