

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

2027 Enrolments

We are finalising our 2027 Foundation enrolments now that the Department's due date has past. If you know anyone who hasn't enrolled their child or is moving into the area, please ask them to pop in and enrol or book in for a Monday tour.

SunSmart

As we move back into a higher exposure of UV levels, the Australian Cancer Council recommends that all students wear a broad brimmed hat for outside activities. So, check under the bed and dust off your hat because you will need it **from the 1st September**.

Parent / Carer Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to help schools understand families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to identify areas for improvement and professional development needs, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey is open online until Friday 18 September 2026, and all families are invited to participate.

The survey will be conducted online, takes up to 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE - Finishes on 4th September

Well done to the students who have already completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge for 2026. If you are participating in the Challenge, you have until the 4th September to finalise your book lists. Keep up the good work and read, read and read some more. Certificates will be delivered in Term 4. Of course, you don't need to stop reading once you've finished the Challenge. Why not immerse yourself in the wonderful world of books in preparation for the PRC 2027.

Book Week - Friday 28th August

Symphony of Stories

Our annual **Book Week Dress up Day** will be held on **Friday 28th August**

This year's Book Week theme is a '*Symphony of Stories*', recognising that every book, character and reader contributes to the wonderful soundtrack of reading.

Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character

We can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading and see everyone's creative costumes.

Principal
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IMPORTANT DATES

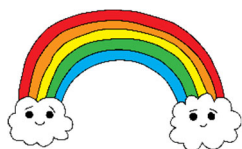
August

28th Book Week Dress Up
Kitchen Garden 4A & 4C

September

3rd Father's Day Stall (Multipurpose Room)
4th Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)
Kitchen Garden 4C & 4B
District Tri Tag Rugby & Hot Shots Tennis
8th School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
11th Trivia Night 7pm-9:30
14th Foundation Potato Olympics
15th Yr 5 Science Discovery Centre Bendigo
Mount Alexander Chess Tournament
18th Sports Dress Up Day
Last Day Term 3 – 2:30pm Early Dismissal

Wellbeing



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Wellbeing at NGPS Term 3 week 7

At School

Through the Respectful Relationships program staff are helping students manage anxiety by giving them practical strategies to understand and regulate their emotions. Through supportive conversations and engaging activities, students are learning how to recognise signs of anxiety, calm their bodies and minds, and seek help when they need it. These skills are helping students feel more confident, settled and ready to participate in their learning and enjoy their time at school.

NGPS parents have been offered an opportunity to participate in a Swinburne University program looking at supporting parents of primary school aged children that are experiencing symptoms of anxiety. Please have a look at the information adjacent and if you are interested you can speak to Kerry Morris at school or scan the QR code below for more information.

At Home

ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Helpful resources for families



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader



Chester Chatter

There's been Book Week buzz all around this week! Chester was excited to join in the Year 3 students, who were sharing their information reports with the Foundation students. The information reports were the end result of research, note-taking, revising and editing, then typing or writing out the final draft and adding illustrations. It's been hard work but Chester and the Foundation students agreed that it was definitely worth it to see the finished product and learn all about sea turtles, dugongs and sharks.

With the Book Week dress up day now only one sleep away, Chester is looking forward to parading in his costume and seeing which characters all his friends come dressed up as.



Junior School Council & Canteen

NGPS Junior School Council presents

SPORTS DAY!

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM!

BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION

SPECIAL CANTEEN ORDER

LUNCH ORDER \$7

INCLUDES MEAL, DRINK AND DONUT.
(CHANGES IN ORDER WILL INCUR ADDITIONAL COSTS)

LUNCH ORDERS DUE TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER.



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Open Now!**

\$5

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

ISSUE 6 2026

ALL AGES PAGES 2-7 **NEW/Bestsellers**

AGES 3+ PAGES 8-13

KEITH and the KITTEN
001 Keith and the Kitten
Keith's world is turned upside down when a kitten moves in!
24 pp. AGES 3+ \$16.99
EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK **\$3** **SAVE 82%**

THE HALLO-WIENER
From the creator of Dog Man!
002
NEW! The Hallo-Wiener
A dachshund becomes a hero after one brave act on Halloween!
32 pp hardcover. AGES 4+ \$19.99 **\$12** **SAVE 40%**

BOWEBIRD BRAVE
003
NEW! Bowerbird Brave
A powerful owl is on the prowl... Will the bowerbirds be brave?
32 pp hardcover. AGES 3+ \$19.99 **\$12** **SAVE 40%**

AGES 6+ PAGES 14-20

Perfect Puppies
004
NEW! Charlie the Lost Puppy
Charlie is scared of fireworks and...
Includes 2 watermelon BFF necklaces **\$10**

005 NEW! Weirdest Ever!
Includes notepad, ruler, eraser, sharpener, stickers, etc.

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

**Orders Due 7th
September**

Energy Breakthrough-Fundraiser



RAFFLE

WIN!

GUM FIREWOOD HALF A TONNE

WORTH APPROX.
\$250

 **DRAWN: FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST**
TICKETS CLOSE: THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST

 TICKETS ON QKR 	 TICKET PRICE \$3	 BUY AS MANY AS YOU WANT!
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SUPPORTING OUR ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH TEAM!
All proceeds from this raffle go directly to our Energy Breakthrough team as we fundraise for our major event in **NOVEMBER**.
Your support helps us deliver this STEM program outside our school curriculum.

Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EB! 

PA-Father's Day Raffle

New Gisborne Primary School Parents' Association is proud to present our

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Buy your tickets to enter for your chance to win some amazing prizes from our community sponsors!



- **Gisborne Golf Club** - a round of golf for 4 people with 2 carts, valued at \$300



- **Body Blitz Gym** - 10 pass card valued at \$130

- **Castellos Pub** - \$100 voucher

- **Riddells Creek Nursery** - \$30 voucher

- **Country Gourmet Butcher** - \$50 voucher

- **Darrel Lea Dad's Chocolate bag**

- **Xpressimages Framing** - Custom framing of a sports geurnsey or singlet valued at \$350



TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QKR! UNTIL

4 PM ON THURSDAY, 3RD OF SEPTEMBER

Winners announced on Friday, the 4th of September

*Prizes to be collected from NGPS office on the same day.

PA-Father's Day Stall

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday September 3

Purchases to be made with cash only

Small denominations preferred

Held in the Multipurpose Room 9:30AM-1:30PM

\$2



\$3



\$5



\$8



And More!

\$10 Packs are also available

Joke Competition

Submit your best dad joke to ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com with the subject line 'Dad Joke Entry'.

One joke per student.

The best jokes will have their jokes read out at the school assembly and take home a trophy!

NGPS PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION EVENT

Trivia Night

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER
7:00PM-9:30PM

TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST

QUIZ . GAMES . FUN

ADULTS ONLY
BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

Gisborne Masonic Centre
60 Aitken St, Gisborne VIC 3437

\$30 TICKET VIA QKR
DOOR PRIZE INCLUDED WITH TICKET

GAMES AND A SILENT AUCTION WILL BE HELD. CASH IS KING
AND EFTPOS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT.
ALL PROCEEDS TO GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL.

Limited Spaces Available

PA-Fundraiser

The New Gisborne Primary School Parents' Association is pleased to host a Colour Fun Run on 13th November 2026. Kids, staff and parent volunteers are able to purchase a logo'd T-Shirt on Qkr! to wear on the day. The white T's bring out the best in the colour powder and are a fun way to change up the daily uniform routine. We source the T-Shirts from our uniform provider which means they are only available as a pre-order. Login in to Qkr! and place your order before 7th September to secure yours! \$15 for youth and \$18 for adults. More information about the Colour Fun Run will come soon, but for now, save the date and pre-order your T-Shirts. Shirts are the same as last year, so only order if you need a new size or have additional people participating.

Want to get involved with bringing this day to life?

Contact Alison Simmenauer via email alison.simmenauer@gmail.com.



★ NGPS CANTEEN MENU

RECESS SALES

- DIM SIM - \$1.00
- HOT CHOCOLATE - \$2.00
- "BRING YOUR OWN CUP" HOT CHOC - \$1.00
- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
 - BBQ & CHEESE
- CALIPPO MINI RASPBERRY & PINEAPPLE - 1.50
- CALIPPO LEMON - \$2.50
- CYCLONE PEACH, PINEAPPLE & BLUEBERRY - \$2.50
- ICY TWIST - \$1.50
- CHOCOLATE PADDLE POP - \$2.00
- RAINBOW PADDLE POP - \$2.00
- TWISTER SOUR MONSTAH - \$3.00
- TWISTED FROZEN YOGHURT - \$2.00
- MANGO & WATERMELON
- CHOCOLATE & VANILLA
- CHOCOLATE & BANANA
- STRAWBERRY & VANILLA
- CARAMEL & VANILLA
- FROZEN PINEAPPLE RING - \$0.50
- ZOOPEER DOOPERS - \$0.50

LUNCH ORDER ITEMS - ORDER THROUGH QKR

HOT FOOD

- MEAT PIE - \$4.50
- POTATO TOP PIE - \$4.70
- PARTY PIE (2) - \$2.50
- SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.20
- VEGGIE PASTIE - \$4.40
- HOT DOG - \$3.00
- STEAMED DIM SIM - \$1.00
- CHICKEN CRACKLES (5) - \$4.00
- CHICKEN NOODLES - \$3.00
- BEEF NOODLES - \$3.00
- MARGHERITA PIZZA - \$4.00
- HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA - \$4.50
- BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA - \$4.50
- MEAT LOVERS PIZZA - \$4.50
- MAC & CHEESE - \$4.50
- LASAGNA - \$4.50
- TWISTA PASTA - \$4.50
- VEGETARIAN LASANGE - \$4.50
- GF VEGETARIAN FRIED RICE - \$4.50
- GF MAC & CHEESE - \$5.00
- GF BEEF PIE - \$5.00 **NEW**
- GF SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.70 **NEW**
- GF BUTTER CHICKEN - \$5.50 **NEW**
- JUICE - \$2.00
 - APPLE
 - APPLE & BLACKCURRANT
 - ORANGE
- FLAVOURED MILK - \$2.30
 - STRAWBERRY
 - CHOCOLATE
- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
 - BBQ & CHEESE

DRINKS & SNACKS

Community



IMAGINE THE FUN

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
Designed specifically for kids, our weekly 60-90 minute sessions are filled with game-based activities that get kids moving and having fun!

GISBORNE CRICKET CLUB
Monday Nights | Gardiner Oval | 4:30 - 5:30PM
Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/ab1baf>



SIGN UP TODAY! [Q Play Cricket](#)



Girls, IMAGINE THE FUN

Come have a Blast!
Grow skills, confidence and friendships at Woolworths Cricket Blast.

GISBORNE CRICKET CLUB
Monday Nights | Gardiner Oval | 4:30 - 5:30PM
All Girls Program Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/ab1baf>



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JUNIORS 12-18 YRS LEARN TO BOWL

GIVE BOWLS A GO!

- FUN WITH FRIENDS
- EASY TO LEARN
- GREAT COMPETITIONS
- ALL GEAR SUPPLIED

GISBORNE BOWLING CLUB
Learn • Play • Enjoy

WEDNESDAYS 4.30 - 5.30
All Juniors




Contact Russell 0419 318 615 | GISBORNE BOWLING CLUB 2 KILMORE RD, GISBORNE

BOLOBEK GARDEN FAIR
MACEDON - VICTORIA



"Bolobek"
370 Mt Macedon Road Vic
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th
October 2026
Gates open 10am - 4pm

Tickets Adults \$20

For more information & tickets
www.bolobekgardenfair.com.au



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