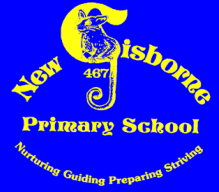


# Newsletter

Principal: Shane West  
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

## Reminders

There is a public holiday for the King's Birthday (Monday 8/6) and early dismissal on Wednesday **24<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm** to facilitate parent/teacher interviews. The interviews will start at 1.00pm and go through into the evening

## 2027 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolment forms are now available to download from the Department of Education website, our school website or collect at the office.

**Foundation enrolments are due by Friday 31st July 2026**

2027 Foundation School Tours run on Monday mornings at 10am, by appointment only. They are led by our student leaders. Foundation School Tour bookings can be made via TryBooking. Information and booking details have been posted on the our website: [newgisps](https://www.newgisps.com)

## School Reports

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual.

The reports will be uploaded on the 19<sup>th</sup> June on Compass portal.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments may not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our parent-teacher interviews scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## Absences

Every day at school counts and regular attendance supports learning and wellbeing. Thank you to the families who call, email or use Compass to advise the school of absences. Our goal is to have zero unexplained absences each day. This is different to zero absences each day as we know there are times when students need to be away. It's okay to be away when you are unwell, in fact, it's encouraged! Students with cold or flu-like symptoms, vomiting or diarrhea should stay at home until symptoms have passed. If a child becomes ill at school with these symptoms, we will contact families and arrange for the child to go home to rest and recover. We understand that these symptoms can appear very quickly.

If your child has any Gastro symptoms then they should remain home for 48 hours from recovery of the last symptoms.

Shane West  
Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES

## June

|      |                                                                  |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd  | Yr 5 Parliament Online Incursion                                 |
| 5th  | Foundation Fox in Socks Day<br>Yr 4 Sustainability Incursion     |
| 8th  | <b>King's Birthday Public Holiday–Pupil Free</b>                 |
| 10th | Yr 3 Glenda Millard Author Visit                                 |
| 11th | Soiree                                                           |
| 12th | Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)                     |
| 15th | District Netball                                                 |
| 16th | School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)                           |
| 19th | Reports Live on Compass<br>School Disco (Gym)                    |
| 24th | <b>Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm-7pm</b> |
| 26th | <b>Last Day of Term 2:30pm Early Dismissal</b>                   |

## July

|      |                                              |
|------|----------------------------------------------|
| 13th | <b>First Day of Term 3</b>                   |
| 24th | Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom) |

## August

|      |                                                         |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 6th  | Yr 1 Scienceworks Excursion                             |
| 11th | School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)                  |
| 14th | District Basketball                                     |
| 27th | District Volleyball                                     |
| 31st | District Tri Tag Rugby & Hot Shots Tennis (Dixon Field) |

# Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

## Wellbeing at NQPS Term 2 week

### At school

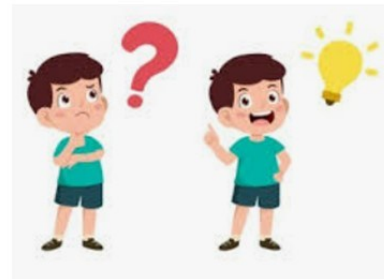
Over the next few weeks, students will be learning about Problem Solving as part of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program.

Problem-solving skills are an important part of helping children build positive relationships, confidence, and resilience both at school and at home. Through classroom activities and discussions, students are learning how to stay calm in challenging situations, listen to others, communicate respectfully, and work together to find fair solutions. These skills support children in managing friendships, handling disagreements, and understanding the importance of respecting the feelings and rights of others. Families can continue to support this learning at home by encouraging children to talk about problems, consider different perspectives, and practise finding

### At home

Parents can support this learning at home by encouraging open conversations about feelings, friendships, and everyday challenges.

Simple activities such as discussing solutions to problems, modelling respectful communication, and helping children think about how others may feel can strengthen these important skills. Praising children when they show kindness, patience, and teamwork also helps build resilience and supports positive, respectful relationships.



### Helpful resources for families

Raising Children Network—Encouraging problem solving in pre teens and teenagers



Kerry Morris  
Mental Health and  
Wellbeing Leader



# Understanding maths anxiety: a guide for parents and carers

You don't need to be a maths whiz to make a difference. There are simple things you can do to help your child build the skills and confidence they need so they can thrive in maths.

### 1. Talk positively about maths at home

The way parents and carers talk about maths (sometimes referred to as numeracy) has a **powerful impact** on how children feel about the subject.

When maths is spoken about negatively at home, children are more likely to experience maths anxiety – a sense of fear or worry when faced with mathematical tasks. This anxiety can lead to lower achievement and/or avoidance of maths altogether.

On the other hand, positive maths talk – like emphasising effort, persistence, and everyday usefulness – can foster a **growth mindset**. This is the belief that abilities improve with practice and hard work.

### 2. Build confidence in maths

A home environment that values effort over right answers can build confidence. **Showing curiosity and talking through problem-solving** helps children see maths as a skill that can be developed. There is also growing research that suggests some children, particularly girls, may experience higher levels of maths anxiety, making confidence-building support especially important.

### 3. Work with your child's school

When schools and families partner together, children are more likely to feel **confident and positive** about maths.

Parents can support maths learning at home by using simple, step-by-step approaches that connect to what their child already knows. By building on familiar everyday tasks, giving them time to practice, and **offering encouragement**, you help them gain the confidence to **tackle more challenging problems**.

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# Wellbeing

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## fun activities to boost maths skills



### Daily routines

#### Master chef

Cook or bake together using measurements and fractions



1

#### Supermarket sweep

Estimate total costs at the shops and compare to the receipt



2

#### Family budget

Plan a family budget for a meal or day out



3

#### Weather watch

Graph the weather over a week



4

#### Savings jar

Sort and count coins together



5

### Play and puzzles

#### Card games

Play strategy or number games like Memory, Uno, Monopoly, or Yahtzee



6

#### Interior designer

Measure furniture or spaces for DIY tasks or rearranging rooms



7

#### Logic puzzles

Have a weekly puzzle night with Sudoku, logic puzzles, or riddles



8

#### Bargain hunt

Compare discounts and percentages in catalogues or online



9

#### Dream team

Track sports statistics or scores and graph them



10

### Outdoor & creative fun

#### Travel log

Track the travel time to and from familiar destinations like school, the shops or to a friend's place



11

#### Patterns in nature

Explore patterns in nature – count petals, spot symmetry



12

#### Lego

Build with LEGO using equal lengths and shapes



13

#### Geometry

Draw or cut out shapes and identify sides, angles or symmetry



14

#### Word problems

Turn daily situations into maths questions to solve



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# Stronger Together

## Community Safety & Support Expo

**Macedon  
Ranges  
Health**  
supported by **benetas**

**When:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am - 1pm

**Where:** Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

### For more information:

✉ [kristen.holding@benetas.com.au](mailto:kristen.holding@benetas.com.au)

☎ 03 5428 0300

### Free community event

Learn about support available for issues that can impact safety and wellbeing, including: family violence, financial stress, alcohol & other drugs, and relationship challenges

### What's on

- Information stalls from local services
- Ask questions in a relaxed, welcoming space
- Private room available for sensitive conversations
- Free coffee van

### Why come?

- Understand the signs of family violence and related harms
- Learn how to support someone you care about
- Find out what help is available locally
- Connect with services in a safe, low-pressure environment

### Everyone welcome

Parents • Families • Young people • Community members • Professionals

***"Building stronger communities together"***



## Chester Chatter

Another week is flying by. It's getting damp and cold outside so Chester has loved visiting the activities room where he spent time listening to stories read by some of his friends.



He was also the very proud recipient of a wonderful portrait, painted for him by our very own Mrs Stevens. Mrs Stevens is retired now, but she taught here for many years and still hasn't forgotten the NGPS crew. Chester is pictured below, sharing his portrait with his office friends.



## PA- School Disco

NGPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
*presents...*  
**SCHOOL DISCO**  
★ GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY ★

⇒ Friday 19th June ≤  
— Venue: School Gym —

**PREP – GRADE 2**  
5:30pm – 6:45pm  
(1 parent encouraged to stay for the duration)

**GRADE 3 – GRADE 6**  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

⇒ **Glow in the dark clothes encouraged!** ≤  
⇒ Wear your brightest neon outfits ≤  
so you shine on the dance floor! ⇒

  **Snacks, Water & Glow Products**   
Available for purchase on the night

 **FREE FACE PAINTING & HAIR SPRAYING!**  

★ Tickets available through Qkr! \$5 per person ★

★ *Get ready to* **GLOW & DANCE!** ★

## NGPS CANTEEN MENU

### RECESS SALES

- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
  - BBQ & CHEESE
  - SALT & VINEGAR
  - HONEY SOY
- 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
- QUELCH ICY TUBES - \$0.50

COMING SOON!  
HOT CHOCOLATE - \$2.00  
DIM SIM - \$1.00  
RECESS ONLY

### 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\*\*

#### DRINKS & SNACKS

- JUICE - \$2.00
  - APPLE
  - APPLE & BLACKCURRANT
  - ORANGE
- FLAVOURED MILK - \$2.30
  - STRAWBERRY
  - CHOCOLATE
- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
  - BBQ & CHEESE
  - SALT & VINEGAR
  - HONEY SOY

## Uniform Shop

We have our lovely Polar Fleece Jackets in stock.

Priced at \$40.

Sizes available from 4 - 14.

**PARENTS**, please ensure you write your child's name clearly on new uniform purchases.

Makes my job easier to return IF found in LOST PROPERTY.

There is a black laundry marker available for use in Shop.

### **Our Uniform Shop is Open**

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone

Uniform Shop Manager



# Community



## GSC Grade 6 After-School Program

Gisborne Secondary College is pleased to invite Grade 6 students to participate in an after-school enrichment program featuring activities in Textiles, Art, Science, Music, Media and History. The program is designed to give students the opportunity to explore a range of high school subjects in a fun and hands-on environment.

Students may choose to attend one or both sessions. In each session, students will participate in two 45-minute activities, with a 15-minute catered break provided between activities.

The sessions will be led by our Senior School student leaders, providing students with the opportunity to connect with both GSC staff and student mentors. There is no cost for students to participate.

### Session Times:

**Tuesday 26 May**      **4:00 – 5:45 pm**

**Tuesday 2 June**      **4:00 – 5:45 pm**

### Venue:

**Gisborne Secondary College, Year 7 Learning Centre**

*Registrations close 12 pm, Thursday 21 May*

*Please note that places are limited to ensure students receive individual support and can safely participate in all practical activities.*

#### Any queries:

Simone Moore

Junior School Programs and Curriculum Leader

[simone.moore@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:simone.moore@education.vic.gov.au)

#### To register:

<https://forms.gle/uZz71PKzHcwXaPAb9>

Confirmation of your child's successful registration for the program will be emailed by Friday 22 May.

### ACTIVITIES

**Textiles:** Students will use a variety of stencils and coloured paints to create a block-printed design on fabric.

**Art:** Students will create collages using magazine images to develop their creativity and explore how visual elements can be organised to communicate ideas.

**Science:** Students will take part in a variety of hands-on scientific experiments.

**Music:** Students will have the opportunity to explore a range of selected instruments and discover new interests in music.

**Media:** Students will learn the basics of camera use and camera angles before applying their skills to capture a short sequence of photographs.

**History:** Students will take part in a Jeopardy-style quiz activity exploring a range of historical topics and events.

# Community



## Kindergarten Tours

Come and see our council kindergartens

- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Lancefield Children's Centre
- Romsey Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten and more...

Scan QR code for tour dates and times



May 25 - 29 2026  
No bookings required!

## Kyneton, register for kindergarten by 31 May for 2027!



**Register in 2 minutes for free**

To be included in first round offers for 2027

**We're accepting registrations for 15 kindergartens including:**

- Kyneton Community House
- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Bug-a-Lugs Kyneton
- Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten

and many more kindergartens in the shire.

**How to Register**

Visit: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego) or scan the QR code.

Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or [kinderenrolment@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kinderenrolment@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

**Macedon Ranges**  
Central Registration Scheme



**Register by  
31 May  
2026!**



## Shaping Future Kinders

Help shape future kindergarten planning across the shire. Complete a quick survey or attend a drop-in session:

- Thursday 21 May, 11:30am-12:15pm at Romsey Library
- Monday 1 June, 10am-11:30am at Woodend Playgroup
- Tuesday 2 June, 10:30am-11:15am at Kyneton Library

**Find out more:**

[yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-principles](https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-principles)

**Macedon Ranges**  
Shire Council



# Community

## BECOME A FOSTER CAREER

Brighter futures **start with you!**



### TERM 2: ONLINE INFO SESSIONS

#### April:

Wednesday 15th, 4 - 5pm  
Thursday 30th, 6.30 - 7.30pm

#### May:

Wednesday 13th, 6 - 7pm  
Wednesday 27th, 7 - 8pm

#### June:

Thursday 11th, 4 - 5pm  
Wednesday 24th, 6.30 - 7.30pm

**Register to attend!**

**1800 809 722**  
caring@anglicarevic.org.au



Scan Me



## AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

### ART CLUB FOR KIDS

Wednesdays  
3.45pm - 5pm



### CREATIVE YOGA

Wednesdays  
4pm - 5pm

47 Forest Street, Woodend woodendnh.org.au reception@woodendnh.org.au 5427 1845

## HORSIN' AROUND Kings B'day Weekend

Mini Workshops  
7-12 y olds

Sessions  
for ALL  
Ages

### NEW Mini Workshops this Mini Break

Fun Equine Assisted Learning Activities

1.5hr  
\$90

Mini Workshops: Saturday 6th June  
10-11.30am and 12.30-2pm in Tylden

A great way to learn life & social skills along with good horsepersnship skills in a small supportive environment, outdoors in nature with horses

- \* horse communication & care
- \* catching & leading
- \* pony themed games
- \* brush & option to decorate
- \* led obstacle course
- \* group fun & prizes

Individual, shared & group sessions for ALL ages during holidays & term  
Equine Assisted Learning can help with self regulation, over coming anxiety, gaining confidence, increased social participation, boundary consciousness, improved physical/motor skills, positive/kind thinking and behaviour.

Contact Mel: 0402 842 233  
mel@applewoodequine.com.au  
Certified EAL Practitioner  
applewoodequine.com.au

**APPLEWOOD EQUINE**  
Personal development and healing with horses  
Equine Assisted Learning



Goodies to take home  
Applewood Equine Toy Pony & a discount voucher for an individual session

# Community

## Water Safety in Schools – Staff and parents/carers are eligible for free swim teacher training

### Free swim teacher training for parents and carers

The department of education is providing free swim teacher training for interested parents and carers from our school.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming with your local school, or Australia wide.

There are several things you will need to register for the training, including a current Working with Children Check. Please check the requirements when registering.

There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

### Information for teachers

Share the text below with your teachers to let them know about the training opportunity.

### Free swim teacher training available

The department is providing free swim teacher training for interested teachers.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming at school, or Australia wide.

This optional course is designed especially for VIT registered teachers and only takes two days. There is no requirement to complete extra prac time.

This is a great opportunity to increase your skills.

There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

### Find out more

For more information, visit the [Swim Teacher Training website](#)

- For further enquiries, contact Geoff Adams, Statewide Swimming Coordinator, Targeted School Services Unit, Partnerships and Priority Cohorts Branch:
- **phone:** 03 4334 0523

**email:** [school.swimming@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.swimming@education.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards,  
Nick Beckingsale

Executive Director  
Statewide Programs and Tech Schools

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