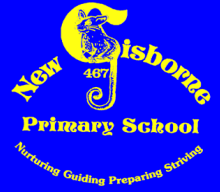


Newsletter

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 **24th 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.co.nz)

School Reports

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

The reports will be uploaded on the 19th June on the 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 24th June.

Uniform

As the cooler weather settles in, it's a great time to remind everyone to rug up and stay warm! We encourage all students to come prepared with suitable outdoor clothing, including warm jackets, gloves, and beanies, so they can continue to enjoy outdoor play in comfort. Don't forget that we expect students to be in full school uniform every day. Remind them if they get too hot your jacket comes off not your jumper.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

June

5th	Foundation Fox in Socks Day Yr 4 Sustainability Incursion
8th	King's Birthday Public Holiday–Pupil Free
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 School Disco (Gym)
24th	Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm-7pm
26th	Last Day of Term 2:30pm Early Dismissal

July

13th	First Day of Term 3
24th	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)

August

6th	Yr 1 Scienceworks Excursion
11th	School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
14th	District Basketball
27th	District Volleyball

Wellbeing



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Wellbeing at NQPS Term 2 week 7

At school

Fidgets in the Classroom: When Are They Helpful?

Over recent years, fidget tools such as poppers, stress balls, sensory strips, squishies, and wobble cushions have become more common in classrooms. While these tools can be very helpful for some students with specific sensory, attention, or learning needs, it is important to remember that fidgets are not toys and are not necessary for every child.

Fidgets are designed to support concentration, self-regulation, and focus for students who genuinely benefit from sensory input. When used correctly and purposefully, they can help students remain calm and engaged in learning.

However, when students who do not require fidgets use them simply for entertainment, they can quickly become distracting — not only for the individual student but also for classmates nearby. In many cases, unnecessary fidget use can reduce attention to learning tasks rather than improve it.

At our school, we encourage the use of classroom supports based on individual learning needs. Teachers carefully monitor and guide the appropriate use of fidget tools to ensure they remain helpful learning supports rather than distractions.

At home

Families can support this approach by:

- reminding children that fidgets are tools, not toys;
- encouraging focus and active listening in class;
- respecting that some students may need different supports to help them learn successfully.

By working together, we can maintain calm, focused, and inclusive learning environments where every student has the support they need to thrive.

Helpful resources for families



<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/dos-and-donts-fidgets-kids>



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Chester Chatter

Week Seven is racing by with the start of winter and the beginning of rainy days. Chester enjoyed the melodic tones of the Foundation to Two Choir this week when he dropped into the Performing Arts room to see how the preparations were going for the upcoming Soiree. Then there was art to admire when he had a visitor from the activities room sharing her wonderful watercolour painting. Chester braved the cold with his friends outside, helping with some raking and then it was time for some staff room warmth tuning into this week's staff meeting with some of his older friends.



Performing Arts– Soiree

*Our **NGPS Music Soirée** is a week away! It'll be on **Thursday, 11 June 2026**.*

*This year, the event will be held at **The Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College**.*

A Compass note has been sent out with details and a link to acquire tickets. If you haven't consented to your child attending, please ensure you do so.

We've been rehearsing with the students individually, in their groups and in their choirs during recesses, lunches and in keyboard and guitar classes. The students are very excited to showcase their hard work.

We look forward to seeing you there!



The poster is a collage of musical-themed illustrations. At the top left, the text 'NGPS MUSIC SOIREE' is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters on a teal background. To the right is a black microphone on an orange background. Below the title, on the left, is a red background featuring a brown violin and several black musical notes. On the right, there is a teal background with a black keyboard on a stand and a yellow notepad with musical notes. Below the keyboard, on a red background, is the text 'THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 2026 6PM'. Below that, on a teal background, is the text 'THE BARCHAM THEATRE GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE 95 MELTON RD, GISBORNE'. At the bottom, on an orange background, is the text 'SHOWCASING NGPS MUSICAL TALENT' and 'SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK TICKET'. To the right of this text is a QR code.

**NGPS
MUSIC
SOIREE**

**THURSDAY
11TH JUNE, 2026
6PM**

**THE BARCHAM THEATRE
GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE
95 MELTON RD, GISBORNE**

**SHOWCASING NGPS MUSICAL
TALENT**

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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
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⇒ **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

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



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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 horsepersionship 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

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

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.

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DANCE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THE DANCE STUDIO

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Dance | Acting | Acro | Singing
Ages 6-12 years | Woodend
9am-12pm | \$140 | July 6-7-8
Scan QR to BOOK

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH JUNE - JULY 2026

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

YOGA FOR KIDS

Discover the joy of yoga these school holidays with our fun-filled classes!

Tuesday 30th June

- \$15 Bendi Buddies (2 - 5 years) 9.30am-10am
- \$35 Creative Yoga (Prep - Grade 6) 10.30am - 12noon

MONSTER BURGERS

Unleash your creativity and bite into fun at this wildly fun art workshop.

Wednesday 1st July

- \$35 10.30am - 12noon

Prep to Grade 6

DRAMA

Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop

Thursday 2nd July

- \$35 9.30am - 12noon

Prep to Grade 6

RACE WITH MARIO

LEGO® fans, come and join us for an adventure inspired by the world-famous video game, Super Mario Bros!

Tuesday 7th July

- \$69 9.30am - 12.30pm

Prep to Grade 4

JUNIOR ROBOTICS

LEGO® fans, get ready to build, code, and create in this all NEW Junior Robotics workshop.

Tuesday 7th July

- \$69 1pm - 4pm

Grade 3 - 6

STICKER MANDALAS

Dive into a world of colour, pattern, and geometric fun these school holidays!

Wednesday 8th July

- \$35 10.30am - 12noon

Prep to Grade 6

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: www.woodendnh.org.au or call 5427 1845

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

Kind regards,
Nick Beckingsale

Executive Director

Statewide Programs and Tech Schools

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