

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

BYOD and school devices

Information went out last Friday to families in relation to our 2026 BYOD program. There are currently minimum recommendations for iPads on Compass. If you buy a new iPad, it will easily meet all our standards. Students cannot have a device that has cellular connectivity (No Sim cards). If you need any further assistance, please contact the office.

Lost Property

We continue to drown under a huge pile of unnamed lost property. If your child is missing any clothing, please pop in and have a look.

Curriculum Day & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Make sure you've marked Monday 3rd November in your calendar as a whole school pupil free day. Staff will be undertaking professional development on this day (some wellbeing training and updating our First Aid qualifications). Please note that this is the day before Melbourne Cup Day which is a public holiday in Victoria.

I believe that Camp Australia will offer care on the Monday.

Inform and Empower

Raising Kids in a Digital World.

We are thrilled to be able to host this session on the 12th of November. There are lots of posters around the school for parents to register. Hear from the experts around social media, online gaming, cyberbullying, AI and lots more.

Yard Supervision

Our yard is supervised from 8:40am in the morning. Students who need to arrive before this time should be booked in to before school care. Our dismissal time is 3:20pm and parents should be onsite as close to this time as possible to collect their children. We supervise until 3:40pm in case of emergencies. If you are unable to collect your child at dismissal they should be booked in to after school care.

Colour Fun Run

What a fantastic day! The students and staff had an amazing time. It was great to see so many families in the school. A special thank you to Alison and her team. Her organisation and clear direction kept all of our students safe and happy.

Energy Breakthrough

There will be no assembly on the 7th November as we have our 'Cardboard Cart Regatta'. Students can come out of uniform on the day with a **gold coin** donation going towards Energy Breakthrough.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

31st District Orienteering

NOVEMBER

3rd **Pupil Free– Curriculum Day**
4th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
7th Cardboard Cart Regatta
10th Butterflies In Foundation
12th 'Raising Kids In a Digital World' Parent Information Night 7pm
14th Performing Arts Sewing Party (after school)
Kitchen Garden 4C & 4B
18th 2026 Foundation Orientation Session 1 & Uniform Fittings
19th Yr 6C Preparation For Puberty Session (Rescheduled)
19th-21st Energy Breakthrough Events
19th-24th Book Fair
21st Kitchen Garden 4A & 4C
25th 2026 Foundation Orientation Session 2 & Uniform Fittings
25th-26th Guitar Concerts– Multipurpose Room
25th-28th Keyboard Concerts– Multipurpose Room
28th Foundation– Yr2 Athletics Day
Kitchen Garden Yr 4B & 4A

DECEMBER

2nd 2026 Foundation Orientation Session 3 & Uniform Fittings
Yr 4 Cosmodome Incursion
3rd Yr 6 Funfields Excursion
4th Parent Helpers Morning Tea
5th Foundation Zoo Excursion
9th Statewide Transition Day
2026 Foundation Orientation Session 4 & New Parent Information Session
11th School Concert –commences 6pm
15th Step Up Session
16th Yr 6 Graduation
17th **Last Day For Students 3:20pm Finish**

Wellbeing

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents & Carers

Social media
Online gaming
Strengthening family communication
Impacts of screen time
Cyberbullying
Managing devices at home
Explicit/adult content
Artificial Intelligence

New Gisborne Primary School

Wednesday 12th November | 7.00-8.30pm



Register to attend:

bit.ly/newgisborne25

*This session is strictly for parents and carers only



Presented by
Martin McGauran,
primary teacher and
digital safety educator
and Carley McGauran,
psychologist and mum
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should be essential for all parents!
- Parent

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Gisborne & District

 **Bendigo Bank**

INFORM&EMPOWER

informandempower.com.au | hello@informandempower.com.au

This session will be in person and held at New Gisborne Primary School on the 12th of November. If you are having trouble registering using the QR code, there are posters with this QR code up on the office doors, on the noticeboards, on school gates, on the gym door and outside of OC.

The benefit of having a face-to-face session includes the opportunity to ask questions and hearing other parent's ideas and concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

regards

Kerry Morris

Learning Specialist and Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

Wellbeing

As we head toward the end of the year, it's more important than ever to keep our bodies healthy and full of energy! Eating a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy snacks helps our brains stay focused and our bodies strong, especially during these busy final weeks of school.

Don't forget to drink lots of water throughout the day, too! Staying hydrated keeps us alert, helps us concentrate in class, and supports overall wellbeing. Let's finish the year feeling our best by making smart food choices and keeping our water bottles handy every day!



regards

Kerry Morris

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

Chester Chatter

Following on from his discovery that his Year Two friends had been on camp, and delighted to have them back at school, Chester trotted off to hear their recounts of their adventures. There were so many exciting stories to listen to!



Chester Chatter



Then, after a chat with Mrs Morris about the Digital World posters that have popped up around the place, Chester went to visit his friends in Year Four, hoping their families knew all about the informative evening coming up on the 12th of November. He even got a turn with an iPad himself, getting a brief introduction to the complex online world our young people must navigate with the help of their teachers and families.



Foundation: Clay Sculpted Echidnas



PE/Sport

Regional Athletics

Three amazing students, one exciting day, and a golden ticket to the State Finals!



What an *amazing* day it was for **N.G.P.S.** at the **Western Metropolitan Regional Track & Field Carnival** last week!

A huge congratulations to our three incredible athletes who gave it their all and proudly represented our school. All three made it through to the **finals** in their 80m Hurdles events — a fantastic achievement! **Baxter** also competed in **Long Jump on the day**.

These awesome results come after weeks of hard work and commitment (and plenty of lunchtime training sessions with the ever-enthusiastic **Mr Broadbent!**). Thanks so much Mr B for sharing all your time and expertise.

Final Results:

- 🏃 **Maddi** (12/13 Year Girls) – 13th overall in **16.41s**
- 🏃 **Esma** (9/10 Year Girls) – 7th overall in **16.03s**
- 🏃 **Baxter** – 7th in Long Jump (**3.70m**) and a **spectacular 1st place** in the 80m Hurdles! 🏆

We're super excited to announce that **Baxter** will now be heading to the **STATE Track & Field Finals on Thursday, 6th November**, at **Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park!** Go, Baxter — we'll all be cheering you on! 🙌👏

A massive **well done** to all our competitors for your effort, determination, and sportsmanship — both in training and on the big day. You've done **N.G.P.S.** proud! ❤️💙

Photo 1: LHS (from left to right) Esma, Maddi and Baxter. Photo 2 Baxter with his first-place medal.



Mrs Mason 😊

Performing Arts

Help Wanted

As part of our upcoming end of year concert, 6B will be performing their piece based on the world of *Harry Potter*! To help bring the experience to life, we would love to borrow any **Hogwarts or Harry Potter –themed costumes or accessories** you might have at home.

Items could include robes, scarves, ties, or any other Hogwarts-inspired clothing. Please ensure that all borrowed items are **clearly labelled** with your family name so they can be returned.

If you are able to lend anything, please send it to Ms Preaudet in the Performing Arts Room.

Costume Sewing Party

We're excited to announce our first **Costume Sewing Party!**

This event is a fun opportunity to work together and create as many costumes as we can using a simple production-line approach.

When: Friday, 14th November (after school)

Where: Location TBC

Refreshments provided

Please bring your **sewing machine** and **sewing equipment** you may need (scissors, machine bobbin, etc).

If you love to sew, we'd love to have you join us! If you don't sew but can **cut, iron, or help with preparation**, your assistance would be greatly appreciated — every pair of hands helps keep our assembly line running smoothly.

Please note, in line with the Department's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) policy this is an adults-only event. After-school care is available through Camp Australia.

Any time you can offer will make a big difference. Please let Ms Préaudet know your availability:
carol.preaudet@education.vic.gov.au.



PA- Colour Fun Run

That's a wrap on this year's 'Colour Fun Run'! Many thanks to our crew of 29 volunteers who came together on the day to make it all happen. Parents and Grandparents put their clean clothes at risk and supported the staff to make a fun mess of each other and the kids of New Gisborne! We can't make this event happen without you!

We are pleased with the new NGPS Fun Run T-shirts and will open them up for ordering again next year. I encourage parents and staff to get on board with these tee's and keep an eye out for pre-orders again next year. Thanks to Brooke B for her epic graphic design efforts, you will be missed in years to come, but these tee's are your legacy. Thank you to the queen of the uniform shop, Trish for all your T-shirt work behind the scenes. And of course the office staff who patiently work through *allllll* the logistics and communications required to deliver this event.

Please enjoy the happy snaps, capturing the joy from the day.



PA- Colour Fun Run



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Monday

COLOURING &
QUIET ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

GARDENING
CRAFT

Chess Club -Mr Dwyer's Class
Room

Wednesday

CHESS

Thursday

CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITIES

Friday

CARD GAMES

Everyone welcome!
Find us in the
Activities Room
(near the Year 3
classrooms)

Canteen



VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY REQUIRED

RECESS WINDOW SALES 10:50am-11:20am WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

To increase student's play time by reducing their wait time, volunteers are needed to help serve...

Can you pop in for a single or regular (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) 30-minute shift?

Prepare & Distribute 250ish Lunch Orders

EVERY FRIDAY

What's Involved, What Times, How Many Are Needed?

- 9am-9:30am Receive & Sort Lunch Tubs/Food Prep x2
- 9:30am-10:15am Label & Prep Lunch Bags x2
- 10:15am-11am Prep Drinks Tubs x2
- 11am-11:30am Recess Window Sales x2-4
- 11:30am-12:40pm Prepare Lunches (Rolls, Toasties, Nachos, Burgers, Hotdogs, Noodles) x2-4
- 12:40pm-1:15pm Bag & Tub Up Orders x2-4
- 1:15pm-1:30pm Distribute Lunch Tubs x2
- 1:30pm-2:15pm Lunch Windows Sales x2

***All volunteers must hold a current WWCC**

**Bring a
Friend***

Canteen

Your child loves seeing YOU in their Canteen . . . Will you help this term?



Canteen Roster

TERM 4, 6TH OCTOBER - 19TH DECEMBER 2025

To join us, please visit Lana in the Canteen or email Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au

DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
FRI 24 OCT	Renee	*	*	*
WED 29 OCT	*	*		
FRI 31 OCT	Renee	Jen	*	*
WED 5 NOV	*	*		
FRI 7 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 12 NOV	*	*		
FRI 14 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 19 NOV	*	*		
FRI 21 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 26 NOV	*	*		
FRI 28 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 3 DEC	*	*		
FRI 5 DEC	Renee	*	*	*
WED 10 DEC	Sarah H	*		
FRI 12 DEC	Renee	*	*	*
WED 16 DEC	Sarah H	*		
FRI 19 DEC	Renee	Sarah H	*	*

Even if only for a short half hour shift, please help replace our roster's * with names

Upon arrival, please remember to sign in at the kiosk as visiting Lana, & have your WWCC handy

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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

24/10/2025

New Gisborne Primary School



Your
OSHC.



A message from your Service Leader

Term 4 - October 2025!

Dear New Gisborne Primary School Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4 at Camp Australia OSHC! We hope you had a fantastic break. Our children had an adventurous time during the school holidays, filled with exciting activities and learning experiences.

School Holiday Adventures

Over the school holidays, the children enjoyed two exciting adventures that were full of fun, learning, and new experiences. Our first outing was a trip to the cinema to see *Bad Guys 2*. In this sequel, the Big Bad Wolf took on a surprising new role as a knight in shining armour. The children were thoroughly entertained, and the movie earned an average rating of 8 out of 10 from the group. Next, we boarded the bus and headed to the Melbourne Zoo. Although the weather was a bit gloomy but nonetheless children had an entertaining day. They had an amazing time exploring the zoo and spotting a variety of animals, including reptiles, butterflies, monkeys, meerkats, and sea creatures. One of our students, Persia, gave the day a 9 out of 10, saying she would "happily do this again even in the rain." That says it all!



Base days:

During the school holidays, children at Home Base took part in a variety of exciting, themed days that were packed with creativity, colour, and plenty of fun. We turned back the clock to the 90s for our *Retro Rewind Day*! The children learned iconic dance moves like the **YMCA** and the **Nutbush** and joined in classic old-school games that brought plenty of laughter and energy. A big hit of the day was decorating our very own slap bands, a throwback fashion accessory that the kids made uniquely their own. *Colour Day* was a burst of creativity and expression. Children had the chance to design their own platform sneakers using felt-tip markers, puffy paint, and airbrush pens, with some incredible results! To top it all off, they got hands-on in the kitchen, making their very own **rainbow cupcakes** to enjoy. From dancing and design to baking and bright colours, the themed days at Home Base were a huge success and a highlight of the holidays

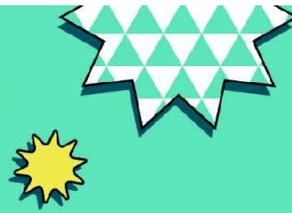


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24/10/2025

New Gisborne Primary School



Your
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Coming Up:

YOU'RE INVITED!
OSHC HALLOWEEN PARTY!

◆ Spooktacular Fun Awaits! ◆

Date: Friday, October 31st
Location: School Gym
Time: 3:20pm - 5:20pm

Dress Up: Wear your spookiest, silliest, or most creative costume! (Make sure it's school-appropriate, please!)

What's Happening:

- Games & Activities
- Halloween Music & Dancing
- Treats & Goodies

♥ Don't miss out – it's going to be fang-tastic!

Term 4 Reminders:

As we begin a new term, we kindly remind all parents to review and confirm your children's enrolments to ensure their place in our program and enable them to participate in the upcoming activities and adventures we have planned! Your prompt attention to this matter will help us ensure a smooth transition and allow your children to dive right into the excitement and learning opportunities awaiting them.

We welcome parents and caregivers to come and view our service, please come in Before School Care as our Educators will have time to discuss the program and help you with any question you may have relating to the service. Our Educators are on site between 6:30am - 9:00am each morning, so please pop by or give us a call!

Service Number: 0405 449 832

Warm regards,

Jasmin Roberts – Service Leader

If you would like to make any changes to your child's aftercare bookings, they can be made through the Parent Portal on our website or app, or via the Customer Care Team on 1300105 343. Our Customer Care Team is available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

We would appreciate it if you could keep us informed of any changes in your child's aftercare arrangements so that we may update our records accordingly.

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.com.au

The Macedon Ranges Young Writers Prize

Summer 2025

Poetry and Short Stories

We are pleased to announce **The Macedon Ranges Young Writers Prize** for students from Grades 3 to 8 who live or study in the Macedon Ranges and surrounds.

Each student can submit up to three poems and one short story.

CATEGORIES
 Grades 3/4: Poetry - Up to 30 lines | First prize: \$30, Runner up: \$15 voucher
 Short Story - 50 to 600 words | First prize: \$30, Runner up: \$15 voucher

Grades 5/6: Poetry - Up to 50 lines | First prize: \$60, Runner up: \$20 voucher
 Short Story - 100 to 1500 words | First prize: \$60, Runner up: \$20 voucher

Grades 7/8: Poetry - Up to 80 lines | First Prize: \$100, Runner up: \$30 voucher
 Short Story - 300 to 3000 words | First Prize: \$100, Runner up: \$30 voucher

In her honour, these awards are sponsored by the family of local writer and book lover, Marion Loe.

All winning entries will be published in a limited edition anthology and all winners will receive a copy.

HOW TO ENTER: Entry is FREE. View the Terms and Conditions at katbuttigieg.com.au and fill out the entry form. Then email your entries as a Word document attachment to k@bgig.au with **Competition** in the subject line by 25 November, 2025. Winners to be announced 11 December.

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17 to 28 November



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SKIP THE FAKE WEBS - PROTECT WILDLIFE INSTEAD

Music in the Sticks (MITS) presents:

KYNETON SHOW YOUTH STAGE

6-9PM Friday 14 November 2025



Featuring:
Junkyard Wizards
Rhiannon Winchester
Felony's
Mousie Coco

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Kyneton Showgrounds 184-194 Mollison St, Kyneton
mrc.vic.gov.au/MITS

All-ages | Drug, alcohol, smoke & vape free




2025 NET SET GO!

Woolworths

MRNA Netball Courts, New Gisborne

10 WEEK PROGRAM
STARTS TERM 4 2025
MONDAYS 4.15-5.15pm

\$150 (VIA members)
\$249 (Non VIA members)
(Includes Sat, shirt & reception)

Registration

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OCT 27
NOV 10, 17, 24
DEC 1, 8
FEB (2026) 2, 9, 16, 23