

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Foundation & New Families BBQ

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the new families BBQ. There was a terrific turnout with lots of parents and students, they all enjoyed some sausages whilst having a play. Thank you to Mrs Morcombe, Ms Marshall, Mrs Brennan, Mrs White, Mrs Morris, Mrs Cairney and Mrs Boyd for helping to cook, serve and have a chat with our community.

Thank you to all the parents who also attended the information session held earlier that afternoon.

Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions next week

These sessions are up and ready for bookings via Compass so make sure that you book a time to come in and chat to the classroom teacher. This is the opportunity for you to pass on information about your child that the classroom teacher may not know.

School Council Meeting

The final meeting of the current School Council is scheduled for 7pm next Tuesday, February 17th in the staff room. Our School Council consists of eight members in the 'Parent Category' and four members in the 'School Employee Category' (formerly known as the 'DET Employee Member Category'). The intent is that each year half of the positions in both categories become vacant, as the elected members have served their two year term of office. There will be more information in next week's newsletter for people who are interested in joining School Council.

Year 1/2 Swimming Program

Information has been going home in regard to our Year 1/2 swimming program at Gisborne Aquatic Centre. We are able to offer the \$120 program to all Year 1 & 2 students for free this year. It is a 10 day intensive program from the 23rd February until the 6th March. If you haven't been on to Compass to consent please do so as soon as possible. Please also ensure your child's swimming survey form has been returned to the office.

Writing Awards

Congratulations to Ember and Cailin who were runners up in the Macedon Ranges Writing competition for poetry and stories. What an amazing effort, we are all very proud of you.

Open Afternoon

It was fantastic to see so many parents in classrooms last week for our Years 1-6 open afternoon. The Foundation students will have their 'Grandparent's Open Afternoon' on Friday 27th February from 2.30pm – 3.10pm. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.

House Swimming Sports

What a fantastic day. Congratulations to Mrs Mason for all of her hard work and organisation. She makes it look easy on the day because of the massive amount of preparation and planning that she puts into it. Thanks to all of our staff who helped on the day and the parents who came along and helped or cheered on our students.

Shane West
Principal

Young Writers runners up
Cailin & Ember



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

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| 17th | School Council Meeting 7pm |
| 17th & 18th | Meet & Greet Parent Sessions |
| 23rd-6th Mar | Yr 1-2 Swimming Program (Gisborne Aquatic Centre) |
| 24th | District Swimming Carnival-Select Students |
| 27th | Foundation Grandparents Afternoon 2:30pm |

MARCH

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| 2nd | Foundation Students Commence Fulltime |
| 4th | Yr 3 CERES Excursion |
| 6th | Parents Association Annual General Meeting 9am (Staffroom) |
| 9th | Labour Day Public Holiday-Student Free |
| 11th-13th | Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp |
| 12th-13th | Yr 4 Camp Wilkin |
| 17th | Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic School Council Meeting & (AGM) 7pm |
| 19th | Yr 3-6 Cross Country-Dixon Field |

April

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| 1st | JSC Fundraiser-PJ Day Foundation Easter Concert |
| 2nd | Whole School Performing Arts Competition (PAC) Last Day of Term 1, 2:30pm Dismissal |

2026 Curriculum Days (Student Free)

Monday 25th May-Professional Practice Day
Monday 2nd November-Curriculum Day
Thursday 17th December-Curriculum Day
Friday 18th December-Curriculum Day

Wellbeing



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Wellbeing at NQPS Term 1 week 3



School success starts
with attendance

At school

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support.
- Remember that every day counts.
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.

At home

- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term.
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Helpful resources for families



This is an Australian Parenting Website. It has information to help parents and carers keep their *children* healthy and developing well. Find resources on health, nutrition, play, safety & sleep. Plain language articles. **Backed** by science.



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Chester Chatter

Chester has loved being back at school, seeing old friends and making new friends. Assembly was lots of fun with new School Leaders leading the assembly and doing a fantastic job!



PE/Sport

School Sport Victoria (SSV) TEAM VIC TRIALS 2026



Primary School Students (12 years and under)

Registration for the TEAM VIC trials for 2026 are now open! Victorian students have the opportunity to register to try out for state-level representative teams in their chosen sports. It is important to note that these trials are part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' events. Each student will be trialling for a state team, so we must attest to their athleticism, skill level, and school behaviour. The expectation is that students are already playing at a representative level in their sport. Families are asked to carefully consider whether their child is ready for this level of competition, as limited involvement at trials may affect a student's confidence.

Some popular sports have a closing date of Monday, March 2nd, 2026.

School Endorsement & Registration Process

Step 1: Parents must speak with the sports Coordinator before registering online. This allows us to discuss whether the trial is suitable for your child.

For the following sports, each school may endorse a maximum of three (3) students:

- 12 Years & Under Boys Australian Football
- 12 Years & Under Boys Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Girls Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer)
- 12 Years & Under Girls Netball

Step 2: Once approved by the Principal/Sports Coordinator, a parent or guardian may complete the online registration.

Step 3: If more than three students are registered in any of the sports listed above, SSV will contact the school. Official endorsement will be completed via an online form sent after registrations close.

Step 4: After the State Trials, the Principal/Sports Coordinator will be asked to endorse any student selected for a Team Vic team. Teams will not be announced until this endorsement is received. Successful students will then receive further information about their selection.

Further details can be found via the SSV link : <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Mason 😊

Uniform Shop

Grade 6 Graduation jackets arrived and were handed out on Tuesday.
They look sensational! Love the artwork chosen this year Grade 6's.

BOOTLEG PANTS ARE BACK!!!!

Our uniform supplier visited on Tuesday with the exciting news that the bootleg pants have been brought back due to the overwhelming number of requests for them.
And...the most exciting news is they have expanded the size range from 4 through to Large.

Next term I shall notify you all via newsletter the dates for when we will be taking orders for Winter uniforms.

Don't forget to wear your sun hats outside in the sunshine and slap on some sunscreen, remember we are a SUNSMART SCHOOL!

Trish Johnstone
UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER
New Gisborne Primary School



Parents' Association

Our 'Parents' Association' needs you! And we'd love to have you involved!

The Parents' Association is a group of committed volunteers supporting various activities, events and fundraising for the school community throughout the year.



Hi everyone, I am Rachel, I'm the current President of the Parents' Association. As a new parent at the school three years ago I knew very little about the school community or ways to get involved. I wanted to support my little preppy to have the best start and so threw myself into supporting the school through the PA and canteen. Since that time, I've had the privilege of being involved in bringing together some awesome fun events, fundraising and having a great laugh with my family and many new friends.

The PA have some fabulous flagship events and in recent years have really struggled to get volunteers to assist. If you can spare some time, we'd love to have your help!

Here's some of what you can look forward to over the coming year:

Book Fair— a great opportunity to introduce, encourage and support students of all ages to the world of reading by volunteering at the book fair. By selling of books, assisting students with book selection and helping the students out with their maths skills by finding the right coins to pay.

School Disco – One of the much-loved events for our students. As a parent volunteer as you get to supervise the students as they boogie the night away and eat all the sweets in sight! There's a variety of fun roles on the night from crowd control, face painters, or selling candy, this is a fun event for all involved.

We can't continue to provide these events without welcoming some new people into our fabulous association. Whether you have 1 hour to spare, or multiple hours, we welcome all skills to help support our school community!

The next meeting will be held on March 6th in the staff room at 9am. This meeting will also include AGM and we'd love to see some new faces. You can also connect online with the committee through our facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ngpsamembersonly> or by emailing: ngps.parentsassociation@gmail.com to find out more.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, the teachers and school community for the ongoing commitment and support.



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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

5/02/2026

New Gisborne Primary School



Your
OSHC.



A message from your Service Leader

Term 1 - February 2026!

Dear New Gisborne Primary School Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to Term 1 at Camp Australia OSHC and to the start of a brand-new school year! Week 1 has been filled with excitement as children settle into new routines, make new friends, and dive into engaging activities. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity, and confidence shining from the very first week. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Meet the People Who Make Our Service Shine!

To start off the new year, we would like to introduce our educator team! Our friendly and dedicated educators create a safe, supportive, and fun environment where children feel welcome and confident. We're excited for families to get to know the team who make our program such a great place to be and to put names to the faces your children are sure to mention.



Jasmin – Service Leader

Time with us: 2.5 years | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education (completed); currently completing Autism & Neurodivergent Studies

Hobbies: Lego, going to the gym and watching the sunset at the beach

Fun Fact: Jasmin spent 2025 learning how to walk again and now brings that same determination and energy to every game with the kids!



Mai – Educator

Time with us: 2 years | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education (final year)

Hobbies: Going on hikes and journaling

Fun Fact: Mai is one of seven children, so she knows all about teamwork, sharing, and keeping life fun!



Ava – Educator

Time with us: 1 year | **Study:** Occupational Therapy (second year)

Hobbies: Camping, shopping and going to the gym

Fun Fact: Ava has travelled to over 10 countries with her favourite place being Austria, she loves sharing stories from her adventures with the kids!

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Hope – Educator

Time with us: 1 year | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education – second year

Hobbies: Reading, Pilates, and going to the beach

Fun Fact: Hope can speak Indonesian, allowing her to practice with the kids who speak it too!



Amelia – Educator

Time with us: 1 year | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education – second year

Hobbies: Walking, reading and spending time with family and friends

Fun Fact: Amelia once competed in taekwondo and represented Australia, she often encourages the children to be brave, active, and confident!

Reminders:

As we begin a new year, we kindly remind all parents to review and confirm your children's enrolments to secure their place in our program. This will ensure they can participate in the exciting activities and adventures we have planned!

Please also take a moment to update all medical information to help us maintain the highest safety standards for your child. Your prompt attention will help us ensure a smooth transition and allow your children to dive straight into the fun and learning opportunities ahead.

We warmly welcome parents and caregivers to visit our service. Please feel free to drop by the service located in the school Gym. Our Educators are on site Monday to Friday, from 6:30am to 9:00am and again from 3:00pm to 6:30pm, we'd love to see you, alternatively feel free to give us a call on 0405 449 832.

Warm regards,

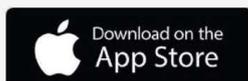
Jasmin - Service Leader

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

Victoria Police

Macedon Ranges PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Family violence
- Young people
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must. Please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/yts8t9vb>

A Microsoft TEAMS link will be made available via email to all registered attendees on the day of the event.

Online event details

Date:

Thursday 19th February 2026

Time:

6pm – 8pm



Scan here to register your attendance



A SAFE VICTORIA

Community

Is your child turning 3 between May 2026 and April 2027?



Register for kindergarten by 31 May
To be included in first round offers for 2027

We're accepting registrations for both 3-year-old and pre-pre kindergarten for:

- Gumboots Gisborne
- Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre (Gisborne)
- Rothschild Road Kindergarten (at Willowbank Primary School)
- Swinburne Avenue Children's Centre (Gisborne)
- Kyneton Community House
- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Bug-a-Lugs (Kyneton)
- Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten (Kyneton)
- Lancefield Children's Centre
- Macedon Early Learning Centre
- Macedon Kindergarten
- Gumboots Riddells Creek
- Riddells Creek Kindergarten
- Romsey Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten

Access to a kindergarten place is easier than ever!



How to Register

Visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-regg or scan the QR code.

Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or kinderenrolment@mrsc.vic.gov.au



The Young Voices of Macedon

Join us!

Choir for children aged 6 and up!

For fun with new friends, to learn good singing technique, and to perform great songs at concerts & community events.



Thursdays 4.15 - 5.45 PM
247 Station St, New Gisborne

yvmaledon.org.au

DON'T FORGET!

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

POSSUMS 2026 WINTER SEASON

[HTTPS://REGISTRATION.NETBALLCONNECT.COM/LOGIN](https://registration.netballconnect.com/login)

REGISTER NOW!

JOIN OUR SUMMER TERM 1

KICKSTART FUTSAL SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS GISBORNE PRIMARY

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT US AT - SYNERGYFUTBOL7@GMAIL.COM

ABOUT KICKSTART:
Kickstart Futsal School is a beginner futsal program designed to provide opportunities for local kids to learn and have fun. Each session will focus on learning the basic futsal skills and movements as well as game play. If you have a child with a burning desire to play futsal, then this is the program for them!

www.synergyfutbol.com

REGISTRATION FEE
\$100
DATES & TIMES
6 Sessions in Term 1

25 FEB - 1 APRIL

4:00PM - 5:00PM - GRADES PREP & 1
5:00PM - 6:00PM - GRADES 1 & 2

PLEASE ENSURE YOU REGISTER FOR THE CORRECT AGE GROUP

MAXIMUM OF 18 PLAYERS PER CLASS

APPLEWOOD EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING HORSE CLUB AFTER SCHOOL

Term 1 - Group Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm
Individual Sessions available other times by appointment
TYLDEN, 10 mins from Woodend, Kyneton & Trentham
30 mins from Daylesford, Gisborne & Romsey

FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES WITH HORSES
applewoodequine.com.au
ApplewoodEquine

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

These activities teach kind horsepersionship and help with life skills such as calm/regulation, anxiety, movement/mobility, social interaction, team building, leadership & confidence.

Most activities are on the ground. A mounted experience may be part of the learning program - this is not compulsory. No previous experience needed. Individual and shared sessions also available by appointment

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

Guitar Lessons

Weekly ½ hour group lessons (3-5 students)

- \$210 per term
- During school hours
- For students in Grade 2-6

Scan here to complete enrollment online.



Questions/Queries Contact:
Aaron Moar
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E: aaronmoar@infinitesound.com.au
www.infinitesound.com.au

We recommend that beginners use a ¾ size nylon string guitar for home practice.



INFINITE SOUND
- School of guitar -

Ford aussie hoops x MRBA

TERM ONE 2026 AUSSIE HOOPS

BEGINNERS 5 - 11 YEARS OLD

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

8 WEEKS - 45 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL

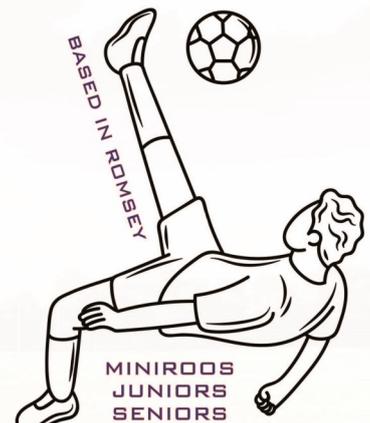
SESSIONS

GISBORNE - MRSP
WEDNESDAY - 4:30PM - 5:15PM
WEDNESDAY - 5:15PM - 6:00PM
- ALL GIRLS SESSION -
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM

WOODEND - BUFFALO
FRIDAY - 4:45PM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM
SATURDAY - 9:15AM - 10:00AM
- ALL GIRLS SESSION -

FOR MORE INFORMATION - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU

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