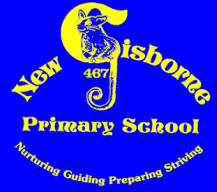


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

Goings on

Routine has quickly returned to New Gisborne. In between cross country, softball, harmonica incursion, all of our education programs started back immediately. There are a number of upcoming events in the next few weeks also with District footy, Mother's Day stall and breakfast, 3-6 House athletics and chickens in Year 2 just to name a few. We have a couple of breaks during the term with the King's Birthday (Monday 8/6) and a **Pupil Free Day on Monday 25th May**.

Stop Work 6th May

The next AEU stop work day is planned as a half day for Wednesday the 6th May. I anticipate that all year levels and most classes will be affected on this day. We will provide more information as soon as this becomes available.

Canteen

Canteen has kicked off with a bang. With Patti and her friendly inspiring group of volunteers. Students politely and respectfully ordered from the windows at recess and all lunch orders went out at 1.20pm to eager little customers.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

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

Our next 2027 Foundation Parent Information Session will be run at New Gisborne Primary School the evening of **Tuesday 12th May from 6pm-7pm**. The session will also include a brief school tour.

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

School Times

Just a reminder that our grounds are supervised from 8:40am and no students should be arriving before this time. If you need to drop students earlier than this they need to be booked in to before school care through Camp Australia.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

May

1st	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom) Kitchen Garden 4B & 4C
4th-19th	Foundation School Nurse Visits (AM)
5th	District AFL 9's (Select Students)
7th	PA Mothers Day Stall
8th	Mother's Day Breakfast Yr 3-6 House Athletics NO Assembly
11th-22nd	Yr 2 Henny Penny Hatching Incursion
12th	2027 Foundation Information Session 6pm-7pm School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
13th	Foundation Wacky Wednesday
14th	Yr 1-Toys Over Time Incursion Parent Helper Course 9:10am & 2:50pm (Staffroom)
15th	District Soccer Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
18th-22nd	Indonesian Incursion
19th	Yr4 Western Water Incursion
20th-22nd	PA Book Fair
22nd	Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A
25th	Curriculum Day– Pupil Free

PE/Sport

PE & SPORT - District Cross Country

First week back in Term 2 and we were straight into our first interschool sporting event; Cross Country. The conditions were perfect for running! All our runners should be congratulated for their wonderful effort qualifying for this level of competition and be proud of their effort on the day. We had 11 runners finish in the top ten in their age group and 15 others in the top 30! Really amazing.



Our 12/13 YO Boys were the first race of the day with a few of the boys in the front group of runners for much of the 3km race. Congratulations to Mitchell (6th) and Henry (9th) securing a spot at division.



The 12/13 YO Girls were ready to run out a few nerves and do the very best for their team. The race was a little more spread out by the time they reached the 1.5km turn-a-round and all our runners were looking strong. A big congratulations to Zarli our only runner to place in the top 10 (4th) securing her spot at Division.

Jax ran 7th in the 11 YO Boys race. He was in the lead group the entire way and secured his spot at the next level.



Charlotte secured the top spot on the day taking out FIRST PLACE in the 11YO Girls age group. What a fantastic achievement. She now will be setting the pace at divisions!



Our 9/10 YO Boys and Girls were the final two races of the day. This group of young competitors were super eager to finally get out onto the 2km course, having already watched most of the previous races on the day. For some of the 20 runners, this was their first interschool competition and they didn't disappoint. In the girls race Olivia finished a very close 4th, not far behind was Macy crossing the line in 10th. The boys race we now have 3 runners progressing to division level after what was undoubtedly one of our fastest 9/10 group. Francesco (3rd), Ned (7th) and Toby (9th).



What a superb day it turned out to be. Congratulations to ALL our competitors. You should be very proud of your effort, we certainly are. It was very humbling to watch the amazing encouragement and support shown by our students towards one another throughout the day.



I'd like to give a special thanks to Mr Dwyer for joining us and supporting our NGPS team. Thankyou also to all our parents who came down to support by cheering us home. We really appreciate it. 😊

PE/Sport

On to DIVISION Congratulations to all our runners who placed in the top 10 of their age groups. These runners will now go on to compete at Division level on Wednesday 2nd May at Masons Lane, Bacchus Marsh from 10am. We wish you all the very best.

Mrs Mason 😊



Performing Arts

Harmonica Incursion

Yesterday's harmonica incursion was a buzz! Our students (and teachers!) walked from the workshops super excited and motivated to continue learning to play the harmonica. In the session Chris taught us to read and play harmonica tabs. Students picked up the technique very quickly and were able to play a tune instantly. Some year levels even got together to jam after their session! In our classrooms we are continuing to play the harmonica along their current instrument. Students in Foundation and Year 1 will continue to work with percussion instruments, while the Years 2 to 6 will continue to play the ukulele. Thank you all for allowing our students this opportunity. It has added an extra dimension to our music program.



Wellbeing



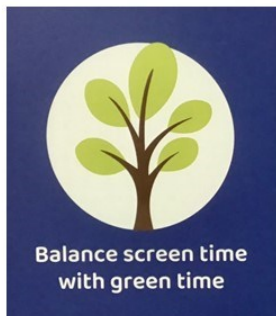
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Wellbeing at NGPS Term 2 week 2

At school

Inform and Empower - Cybersafety and Digital Wellbeing

Next week we start our Term 2 Incursions, beginning Monday 4 May, focusing on **healthy digital habits**. We're exploring how screen time can make us feel, the importance of sleep, and why we need to balance screen time with green time.



At home

Digital Wellbeing Conversations starters:

Foundations: Can you think of a way you've used a device to be creative?

Years 1/2: Thinking about the last week, what were your favourite green time activities? Are there any others you could try this week?

Years 3/4: Thinking about how you spend your time online... When are times that you feel happy & excited? When are times that you feel frustrated & upset?

Years 5/6: What are some of the "addictive features" that are built into games or apps that you use?

Helpful resources for families

Inform and Empower has a great website for parents to access. This includes blogs, videos and posters expertly designed to support you at home.

<https://www.informandempower.com.au/resource-hub>

Community Safety and Support Expo - Macedon Ranges Health is running an expo for the community to learn about support available for issues that can impact safety and wellbeing. See attached flyer.



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Stronger Together

Community Safety & Support Expo

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

When: Wednesday 27th May 2026, 10am - 1pm

Where: Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

For more information:

✉ 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

From fun and photos out on the oval with the Chester Champions, to the musical excitement of many harmonicas playing in synchronicity, Chester has been having a wonderful week with his many friends.



Chester Chatter



PA-Mother's Day Breakfast

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



FRIDAY 8TH MAY

NGPS Courtyard 8:15-9:00am

CROISSANT & JUICE \$6

To celebrate our NGPS mums, breakfast will be available to order for Friday 8th May for all NGPS mums and kids.

Order on Qkr!...don't forget the kids!



Pre orders on Qkr! only. No sales on the day.
Orders close Weds 6th May at 4 pm.

Raising funds to support the ongoing
revitalisation of our school playgrounds and gardens



MOTHER'S DAY

Stall

Mum's packs \$10 *

Nailed it Mum!*

Body Lotion
Mani/Pedi set
Fluffy socks

Little notes for Mum*

Notepad & card
Special pen
Bracelet

Pamper Mum*

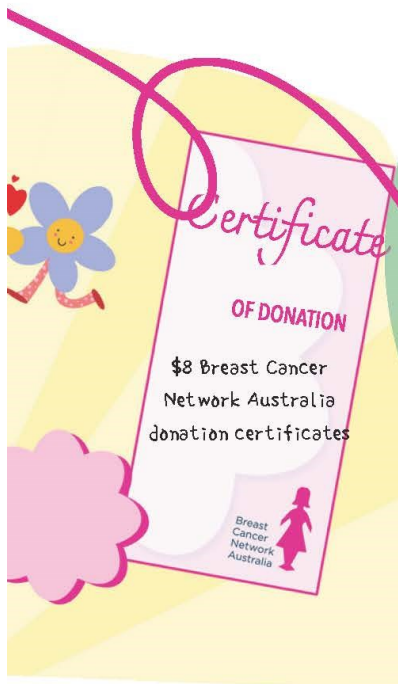
Massager
Body Lotion
Steam eye mask or
Funky socks

Make your own packs!

**Choose from a range of items
priced from \$2 to \$8**

Stock includes:

- Phone pops
 - Cheese boards
 - Mini-speakers
 - Air fresheners
 - Leaf Candle co candles
 - live plants
 - bookmarks
 - Can coolers
 - Mum's day cards
 - things for Nanna
- ...and more!



*pack numbers are limited, 1 per student max please

PA-Mother's Day Fundraiser

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY Stall Fundraiser

NGPS Parent Association is pleased to announce that **Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) Donation Certificates** will be available for purchase as one of our gift options at the **Mother's Day Stall** this year.

Certificates can be purchased for **\$8**, with **\$7** going directly to the **BCNA**, to support their work in providing vital information and assistance to Australians diagnosed with breast cancer. The remaining **\$1** will go directly to NGPS Parent Association to support the ongoing revitalisation of our school playgrounds and gardens.

Voucher printing has been generously donated by XpressImages Sunbury (a parent-owned local business) ensuring that every dollar from the sale of these vouchers can be directed to charity and school fundraising!



ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE NGPS MOTHER'S DAY STALL!

PA-Mother's Day Raffle

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY EPIC FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

It's your chance to get lucky!

**BUY YOUR TICKETS AND ENTER
TO WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES...**

\$290 WORTH OF CLASSES @ PILATES + GISBORNE

ORIGINAL FRAMED ARTWORK BY LOCAL ARTIST COURTNEY SCHRADER

\$250 CUSTOM FRAMING VOUCHER FROM XPRESSIMAGES SUNBURY

5 X MACEDON RANGES AQUA AEROBICS CLASSES AND GIFT SET

\$110 EMERGE HEALTH AND WELLNESS REMEDIAL MASSAGE VOUCHER

'NEW GISBORNE' ART PRINT BY ARTIST ELISE GOW

VARIOUS MINI-HIPPO LUNCH BOX ITEMS

MORGAN'S IGA \$50 SUSHI PLATTERS (X4)

\$3

for 1 ticket



\$8

for 3 tickets

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QKR! UNTIL THURSDAY 7TH MAY 4PM
OR GET TICKETS IN PERSON AT THE MOTHER'S DAY STALL AND
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST EVENTS**

**This event is run by NGPS Parents' Association, raising funds to support the
ongoing revitalisation of school playgrounds and gardens**

Winners announced via Compass Friday 8th May
Prizes can be collected Friday 8th May from NGPS office

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

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
- MAC & CHEESE - \$4.50
- LASAGNA - \$4.50
- TWISTA PASTA - \$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

**NEW GLUTEN FREE ITEMS
WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!
KEEP AN EYE ON QKR FOR
AVAILABILITY!!**

**PLEASE NOTE, SOME STOCK
LEVELS MAY FLUCTUATE EACH
WEEK**

Energy Breakthrough



NGPS will once again be participating in this year's Energy Breakthrough competition held in Maryborough from Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd of November 2026.

Briefly

The Energy Breakthrough Challenge is a three-day event held in Maryborough in November each year. Each team comprises of up to 10 members of equal gender.

New Gisborne will participate in the Tryathon event in 2026. Students will maintain and race a recumbent tricycle throughout an obstacle course, sprint race and 8-hour endurance event. Students are also required to present their learning to a panel of judges in a 30-minute presentation.

Teams will meet during school lunches to train and rehearse their play. Interested parents and students are invited to visit <https://www.eb.org.au/> website.

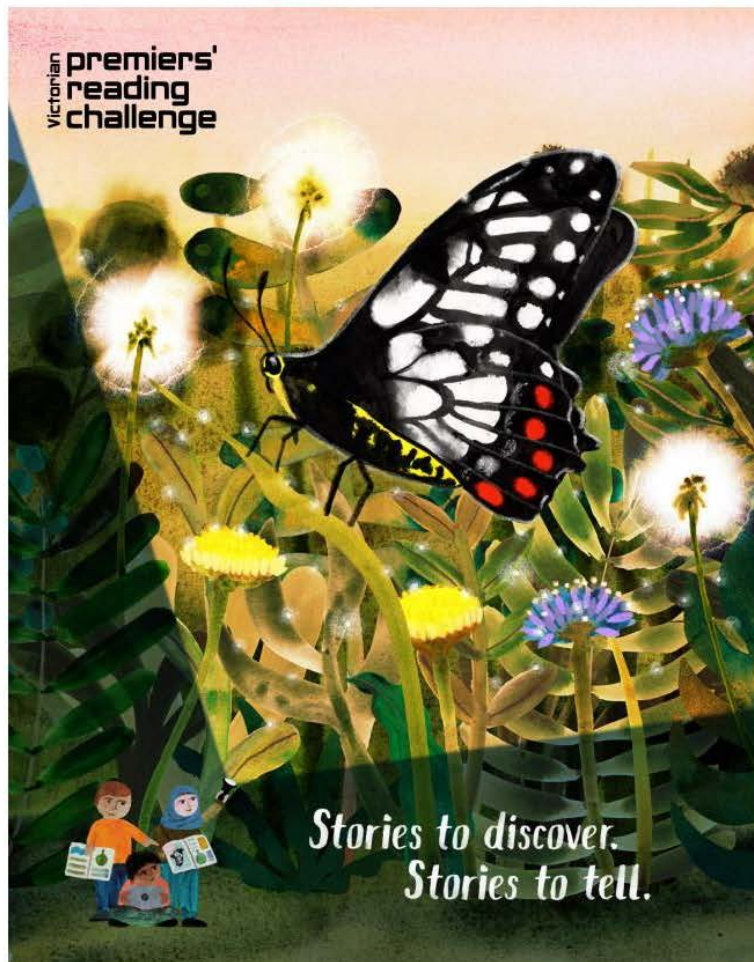
An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 28th April from 6.00pm in the staffroom.

If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact the event coordinator Mr Ray Bell – ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



Premiers' Reading Challenge

2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge



To register, visit
vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the
Premier with the support of former premiers.



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of Education

Dear Families,

Please keep a look out for your child's username and password for the 2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge. It would be a great idea to take a photo of these details just in case they get lost!

As in the past, students in Years F-2 will need to read 30 books and students in Years 3-6, 15 books, to complete the challenge.

Further information can be found at: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Challenge ends **4th September**



ANZAC Day



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!



INVENTI ENSEMBLE 1001 NIGHTS!

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

10.00am Sunday 7th June 2026

St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Step into a world of magic, adventure and mystery as Scheherazade begins her incredible tales from the 1001 Nights. Inveni Ensemble brings these famous stories to life with dazzling music by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arranged especially for their six instruments. From brave heroes and clever princesses to sea voyages and secret treasures, each piece of music opens the door to a new story.

In true Inveni style, the musicians mix exciting storytelling with brilliant live music, showing how their instruments can paint pictures and create characters. Alongside the famous music, you'll also hear three brand new pieces by Australian composers, written especially for the show. Full of colour, imagination and adventure, this concert invites children and families to discover the magical world of 1001 Nights.



For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



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: mrscvic.gov.au/kinder-rego or scan the QR code.

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

Register by 31 May 2026!



MAXINE BENEBA CLARKE

THE POWER OF PICTURE BOOKS AND POETRY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

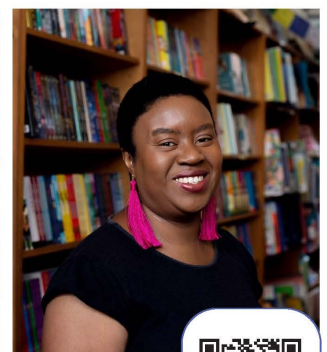
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12.

3.00pm Saturday 6th June 2026

St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Maxine Beneba Clarke takes us through some of her beloved books for younger children, including the CBCA Honour Book and Boston Globe Horn Prize winning picture book *The Patchwork Bike*, her ode to local book stores *We Know a Place*, her fashion anthem for young people, *Fashionista*, and her poetry collections *It's the Sound of the Thing*: 100 new poems for young people, and *Stuff I'm (NOT) Sorry For*: 99 new poems for young people.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance using the ticketing system.



For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



Community



FAMILY FUN DAY
46th Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Steam Mini Rally

17th May 2026
Gates open from 9am to 3pm

Come and meet Matilda for her 100th birthday!

FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE!

- BBQ + Coffee + drinks
- Children's activities
- Miniature train rides \$4pp
- Hay baling demonstration
- Small farm engines
- Vintage motor bike
- Some other displays
- Large steam engines - Matilda the roller turns 100 this year
- Eftpos available
- Furphy water cart display

Be a part of the fun!
we have plenty of activities and events on for all!

gisbornevmrs.com or facebook.com/gisbornevintagemachinerysociety
Webb CRT New Gisborne just off the freeway



AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

ART CLUB FOR KIDS
Wednesdays 3.45pm - 5pm

ART CLUB

CREATIVE YOGA
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

Creative Yoga
I am...

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



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Term 2 2026

AUSSIE HOOPS

Beginners 5-8 years old

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

7 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU

Community

GISBORNE FNC & GISBORNE ROOKIES JFNC

GISBORNE FEMALE FOOTBALL

FOOTY FOR ALL AGES AND LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE



**ONE PATHWAY. ONE COMMUNITY.
ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES**

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS AGED 8 AND UP
SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE NUMBERS BELOW FOR MORE INFO



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0422 324 379



DARREN MITCHELL
0412 335 554



GISBORNE ROOKIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



**GISBORNE ROOKIES
ALL INCLUSIVE AUSKICK CENTRE
STARTS @ SANKEY SATURDAY MAY 2ND
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!**



Auskick is for the beginner
footballers aged 4-7



Superkick is for the footballers
aged 6 & up not doing U9s yet



For the girls aged 4 & up who
want to play footy but not
with the boys

AllPlay footy is for kids with
a disability or additional
needs ages around 4-10

ENQUIRIES FOR 2026

Jay 0417 180 918
auskick@gisbornerookies.com.au



WWW.GISBORNEROOKIES.COM.AU



GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

NEW GISBORNE ALL GIRLS AUSKICK GROUP

Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

FRIDAYS 4:30 - 5:30PM

Starts 1st May 2026



GOOD CLEAN FUN

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NEW GISBORNE AUSKICK CENTRE

Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

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