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Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

12th - 13th

Yr 2 Lady Northcote Camp

20th Yr 1 Fairy Park Excursion

26th Yrs 3-6 District Orienteering

31st Prep Butterflies Incursion

NOVEMBER

3rd Colour Fun Run

6th Pupil Free - Curriculum Day

7th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

9th GSC Transition Visit

10th Cardboard Cart Regatta

14th & 16th Yr 5 Kinder Visits

14th - 20th Book Fair

21st 2024 Prep Transition Sessions 2024 Prep Uniform Shop

Fittings

23rd Prep Zoo Excursion Energy Breakthrough

28th 2024 Prep Transition Sessions 2024 Prep Uniform Shop

Fittings

DECEMBER

18th Last School Day for students
3.20pm Dismissal

19th-20th

Pupil Free - Curriculum Days

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Year 2 Camp

It was wonderful to see the happy faces of our Year 2 campers as they headed off to Lady Northcote camp this yesterday. Everything is running smoothly at camp and Ms Morcombe said everyone is settled and having fun.

Maintenance Works Commencing Soon

The Victorian Schools Building Authority will be commencing work to upgrade our gym within the next couple of weeks. Our gym is a designated Shelter in Place building for our school community and requires some upgrades to ensure it complies with the safety guidelines. You can expect to see some areas around the gym fenced off while the work takes place.

Cyber Safety Session

Safety online is a high priority for us every day at school, but it is also extremely important that you as parents are aware of exactly what your children are doing online. Romsey Primary School has kindly invited all parents in the Macedon Ranges to attend a 90 minute parent information session by Susan McLean on Wednesday 27th November at 7pm. This presentation is free of charge, and I would highly recommend you attend (please see attached flyer).

How to access free dental care?

The Smile Squad team from Sunbury Community Health are **coming to our school next week**. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic OR use the QR code in the further information attached.

Hats

Please help us by ensuring your children have a suitable SunSmart hat for school. There are still quite a few students being restricted to the shaded area in the Canteen courtyard. It would be great if everyone could enjoy all our lovely outdoor areas.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder to make sure you've marked Monday 6th November in your calendar as a whole school Pupil Free Day. Staff will be undertaking professional development on this day (updating our First Aid qualifications). Please note that this is the day before Melbourne Cup Day which is a public holiday in Victoria. Camp Australia will offer care on this day.

Jenni Boyd Acting Principal

Smile Squad

Smile Squad information sheet

Everyone deserves a healthy smile.

Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease in Australia, but it can be prevented. Regular dental check-ups can find and manage problems early.

Dental services

Smile Squad provides free dental services to students at school during school hours. This includes any general treatment that is needed.

Smile Squad staff include oral health therapists, dental therapists, oral health educators, dental assistants, and dentists.

Do I need to pay anything?

No. This is a free service for all students, provided by the Victorian Government.

What happens at the examination (check-up)?

A full dental examination includes a check of a student's teeth, gums, jaw and the mouth.

If you give consent, the following services might be provided:

Service	Description
Tooth cleaning	A clean of the teeth to remove calculus (hard plaque) or tough stains
Dental x-rays	X-rays (usually one for each side of the mouth) help to see what is happening under the gums and inside the teeth
Fluoride varnish	Fluoride varnish is painted onto all teeth every six months to help prevent tooth decay
Fissure sealants	A coating painted onto molar teeth to help prevent tooth decay. Some fissure sealant materials contain fluoride

If extra treatment is needed, Smile Squad will discuss this and seek consent.

Smile Squad will only provide preventive services that will benefit a student.

Who can provide consent?

Parents, legal guardians, carers or mature minors may complete these forms and provide consent for examination.

Whilst the engagement of parents/guardians is encouraged, in Victoria, children who are considered 'mature minors' may provide consent for their own dental care. The law recognises that as children become older and more mature, they are more capable of making their own decisions, including seeking and obtaining their own health care

To be considered a mature minor, the Smile Squad clinician must be satisfied that the student has sufficient understanding of the risks, benefits, and possible complications of their condition and proposed treatment to give informed consent. A student may be considered capable of making some dental treatment decisions but not others. Where a secondary school aged student isn't considered to be a mature minor by the dental clinician, they will seek parent/guardian consent.

If you have any questions, please speak with your Smile Squad provider.

Do parents, legal guardians or carers have to attend a student's appointment?

Parents, legal guardians, or carers are welcome to attend if they want to, but this is not a requirement.

If more treatment is needed, we might ask a parent, legal guardian, or carer to come to the appointment.

What if a student has had dental treatment recently?

If a student has had a recent dental visit they can be seen again by Smile Squad. They may not need x-rays and other preventive services.

Smile Squad can become a student's regular dental provider. We will visit your school every year - more often for those students who need it.

What if a student is away from school during the Smile Squad visit?

If a student is away from school, we will see them another day or they can visit us at their local community dental agency.

Find your nearest community dental clinic at: https://www.dhsv.org.au/our-services/find-dental-clinics/clinic-search

Smile Squad

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Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

What is the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)?

The Australian Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) is a dental benefits program that provides eligible 0–17-year-olds basic dental care over a two-year period.

Smile Squad will use CDBS for eligible students.

We will make a claim on your behalf for CDBS if you sign the consent form in this pack.

What if a student is not eligible for CDBS or Medicare?

Every student will still receive free dental care. All students in government schools are eligible to see Smile Squad. There are no out-of-pocket costs.

Privacy

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program. Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) is delivering this program in partnership with community dental agencies.

Smile Squad will protect your privacy. They will keep your personal and health information confidential and secure. Smile Squad will store, maintain, and use this information so it meets high standards set by the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and the *Health Records Act 2001*.

We respect these laws and guidelines. They tell us when and how to collect, use, handle and destroy all personal and health information.

Smile Squad will only collect personal and health information that is necessary. Smile Squad may need to collect extra information during visits. We do this to come up with the best care plan possible.

We will collect information and store it in a student's dental record. Authorised Smile Squad personnel (from DHSV and Victorian community dental agencies) have access to this.

We will primarily use and share a student's personal and health information to:

- determine a student's dental needs, and
- provide dental care and treatment to them.

At certain times we will collect data and feedback for Smile Squad evaluation purposes and to improve our services. We will keep your identity anonymous for this.

We will remove any identifying information. We will need to share anonymised information between government agencies like DHSV, Department of Education and Training, and Department of Health. We will do this so we can learn together about the oral health of all students at school in Victoria.

Smile Squad may use or disclose a student's health information, in other circumstances, if required or permitted by law.

You may access your dental record by contacting Smile Squad. In some cases, the Freedom of Information (FOI) process may be appropriate. A copy of the DHSV privacy statement is available on the DHSV website at: https://www.dhsv.org.au/privacy

In some circumstances, Smile Squad may share information with a student's school if this is necessary to support their safety, health, and wellbeing. Information about a student that the school collects or receives in connection with the Smile Squad program will be used and managed in accordance with the school's privacy policy, available from the school.

A student's school may also share information that the school already has with Smile Squad if this is needed to support a student's safety, health, and wellbeing during their appointment.

Rights and responsibilities

A copy of your healthcare rights is available on the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care website.

Feedback

Please tell us what you think (good or bad), at any time. You can email feedback to smilesquad@dhsv.org.au

Sign up to Smile Squad using the QR Code



Chester Chatter

Chester Chatter

Chester has loved being back at school this week receiving lots of pats from all the students and teachers. He was very excited to be at school early on Thursday morning to wave the Year Two students, teachers and parent helpers off on their camp to Lady Northcote Discovery Camp in Bacchus Marsh. The happy campers have promised to bring back lots of stories of their adventures to share with Chester next week.



PE/Sport

PE & SPORT

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have already had to kickstart Term 4. Congratulations to all our students who represented NGPS in our District and Division teams. Our students continue to show amazing sportsmanship and team spirit and we are super proud of you all. Goodluck to our boys 'Hot Shot Tennis' team moving on the play Regionals next month. WOW!! This is our first NGPS team to progress through to a 'Regional final' in Hot Shots Tennis. How amazing is that!

CALLING ALL GIRLS. Don't forget to take up the opportunity to participate in a FREE All Girls Cricket Blasters Program coming to **New Gisborne Primary School.** This not only allows girls the opportunity to try/play our great game but a chance for the local cricket clubs such as **Gisborne Cricket Club** to connect with new aspiring female cricketers! The registration link for the free program is now officially live and ready for parents or guardians to begin signing up their children. This is open to all grades for any girls from Prep-6 to join! See the flyer attached for full details.

DIVISION HOT SHOTS TENNIS

Last Thursday the boys 'Hot Shots Tennis' team travelled to Maddingly Park, Bacchus Marsh to compete in the



Western Ranges Tennis Competition. We played 3 schools in both singles and doubles matches. In our first round, we played Bacchus Marsh Grammar. They had a lot of courage, but we smashed them, giving us our first win. Our second round was against Melton. They were better than the last team, but we still won by a wide margin. In our final round, we played against Wedge Park and destroyed them, which meant we won all our matches. At the end of the day, all the individual points were added to our school team total, meaning NGPS were the overall winners on the day and are now moving on to play 'Regional finals' on Thursday 2nd November at Bayside Tennis School, Williamstown. By Lucas and Sam 6A

DIVISION GIRLS CRICKET

On the 10th of October the New Gisborne girls cricket team drove to Masons Lane in Bacchus Marsh to represent our school in division cricket. Nothing but sun warmly shone on the oval with very few clouds in sight. Shortly after the briefing, our first match began against Wedge Park. After an energetic 16 over match, we reigned victorious smashing Wedge Park by 39 runs collecting a breathtaking win. After a 20-minute break we were back on with our next competition being Arnold's Creek. Sadly, this was our first and final loss of the day only losing by a nail biting 7 runs. Bacchus Marsh



Grammar was originally going to be our last match of the day, but they turned out to be not present at the ground, leaving the New Gisborne girls cricket team to finish runners up. A big thank you to Mrs Mason who supported the team and supplied us with cricket equipment. A massive thank you to our amazing coach James Sullivan, that happily lead us to division and a strong finish to our journey.

By- Holly 6A

PE/Sport



The boys started the day with the bye, so they cheered on the girls in their first game. The boy's pool was made of up three teams, Riddell's Creek, Gisborne and New Gisborne, with the teams playing each other twice. The boys played their hardest in each game with some stand out fielding and batting. However, were unsuccessful in a win for the day losing by the slightest of margins in each game. Both teams enjoyed the day and would like to thank Mr Bell and Mr Koski for supporting the teams.

By Ivy 5A

ATTENTION FREE TO GIRLS AT NGPS



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

CRICKET VICTORIA ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST
NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
17, 24, 31 OCT & 14 NOV FROM 3:35PM - 4:35PM
SCAN THE OR CODE TO REGISTER



SIGN UP TODAY!

Q Play Cricket

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Visual Art

Year Four Observational Sketching



HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

We are always looking for canteen volunteers!

If you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated.

Contact Brenda at Brenda.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au

Wednesday11th October	Friday 13th October	
Lorraine Dixon	Rachel May & Iryna (AM)	
Wednesday 18th October	Friday 20th October	
Volunteers Needed!	Gill Punshon, Heidi Theuerle & Sarah Lungu	



Parents' Association





NEW! Best Teas: A Book for

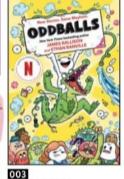
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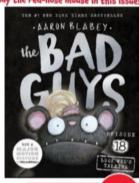
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Parents' Association





ROMSEY PS CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORI



Wednesday 29th NOVEMBER @ 7pm sharp 90 minute session Multi Purpose Building (tea/coffee and light supper provided) Romsey Primary School Station Street

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS IN THE MACEDON RANGE NO ENTRY FEE





SUSAN MCLEAN

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought-after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

An educational & entertaining session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of.

Cyberspace 101. The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.

What are kids doing online. Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, House Party & more.



Online Grooming. What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.



Cyberbullying. What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.

Exposure to damaging content. Including online pornography & sites that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.

Top Tips- how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.



Email the school at Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call on 5429 5099 to secure your spot.

THE SESSION WILL CONCLUDE WITH TIME FOR QUESTIONS



10 WEEK PROGRAM - STARTS TERM 4

Week 1-6 (23 Oct -4 Dec) | Wk 7-10 (5 Feb-26 Feb) Mondays 3.45pm - 4.45pm MRNA Netball Courts, New Gisborne

REGISTER HERE:

https://registration.netballconnect.com/login

NET: 5-6yrs **SET:** 7-8yrs **GO:** 9yrs

MORE INFORMATION:

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Time: Sunday 10am to 11am

Dates: 4 weeks starting on Sunday 15th October

Location: Woodend Campaspe Parklands

Cost: \$40

Enquiries: Wendy (0439433665)

Registration: Register at eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/19540
Or scan the QR code:







CENTRAL HIGHLANDS ORIENTEERS 2023 SUMMER TWILIGHT SERIES



RETURNS

WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 6.30pm MACEDON ASH WEDNESDAY PARK

www.centralhighlands.weebly.com

Navigation sport suitable for families or people looking to add interest regular walk or run

No experience necessary and all fitness levels welcome

Participate individually or in a group it is up to you

Events take up to an hour exploring a different town each week It's a bit of exercise, a bit of geography, and LOTS of FUN!

Courses: 3-9km AD

ADULTS \$5 CHILDREN \$3

Includes map and hire of electronic timing device

Registration from 6.00pm

Starts from 6.30pm to 7.00pm - Courses close 8pm

8th NOV	MACEDON	Ash Wednesday Park	Smith St
15th NOV	KYNETON	Barry Doyle Rotunda	Cnr Piper St & Campaspe Cres
22 nd NOV	WOODEND	Campaspe Park Reserve	4 Campaspe Drive
29th DEC	ROMSEY	Lions Reserve Playground	50 Main St
6th DEC	GISBORNE	Adventure Playground	10 Brantome St







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AN INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Kyneton Baptist Church, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and the Macedon Ranges Shire have partnered together to support local families this Christmas.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

This year we are providing families with gift cards to spend at our local businesses. We need your financial help to make this possible. Donations can be made at Bendigo Bank Branches and via bank transfer by 14th November 2023. Find us on Facebook for more details.







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Supporting local families at Christmas



