

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

August

- 19th Tournament of the Minds
- 21st - 25th Book Week
- 25th Book Week Dress Up
- 25th Hot Shots Tennis
- 30th District Athletics
- 31st Fathers' Day Stall

September

- 1st Fathers' Day Breakfast
- 8th District T20 Cricket
- 14th Castlemaine Chess
Tournament
JSC Fundraiser -
Pirate Dress Up Day

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The link has been sent out via Compass

Enrolment News

The Department issued a new enrolment timeline this year with the expectation that parents would enrol their children into their local school by July 28th. This has mostly worked really well but we suspect that there are still some families in our catchment that haven't enrolled anywhere. If you know a family that hasn't enrolled somewhere yet send them to their local school to complete the process. We will officially accept all those new students next week as part of the DET process but those of you with Compass may have noticed the younger sibling appearing in their profile.

100 Days of School

Our Foundation students aged terribly on Thursday as they officially celebrated 100 days of school. They had a fantastic day with lots of laughs and excitement. We hope the second 100 are just as exciting.

Work Experience

We often have work experience students and pre-service teachers in our school. These young people can have a great impact on our students lives in a very short time. We thank them for all of their hard work whilst they are here.

Shane West
Principal

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Chester Chatter

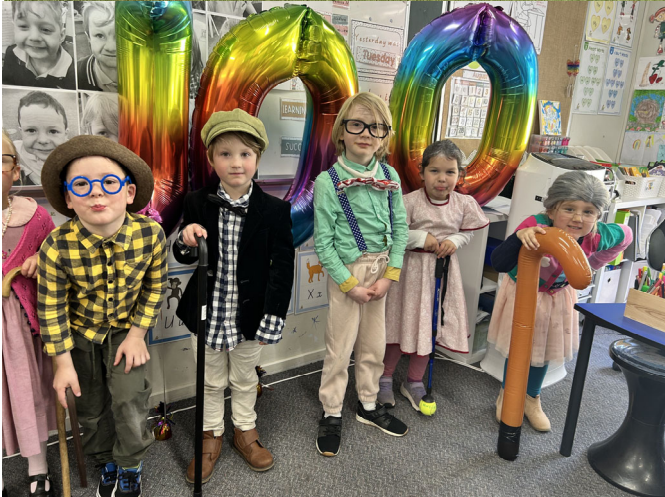
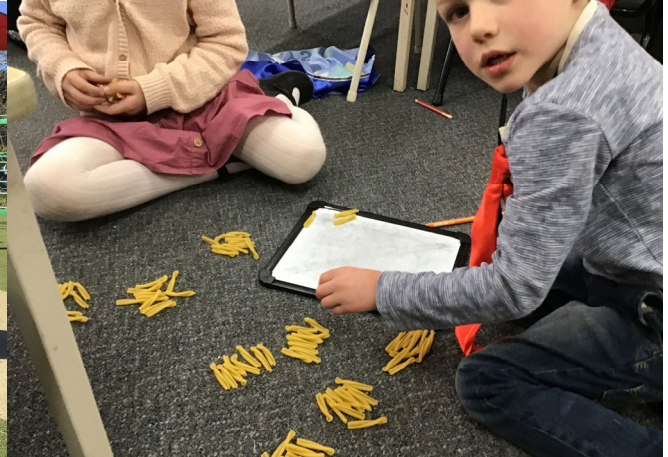
Chester Chatter

Chester loved getting out of the winter winds and heading into the library for lunchtime activities this week, listening to stories while enjoying some attention and pats from his friends in the audience. From there it was time to check out the chess strategies, quizzing Mr Dwyer on his chess moves and getting a few tips from the players.

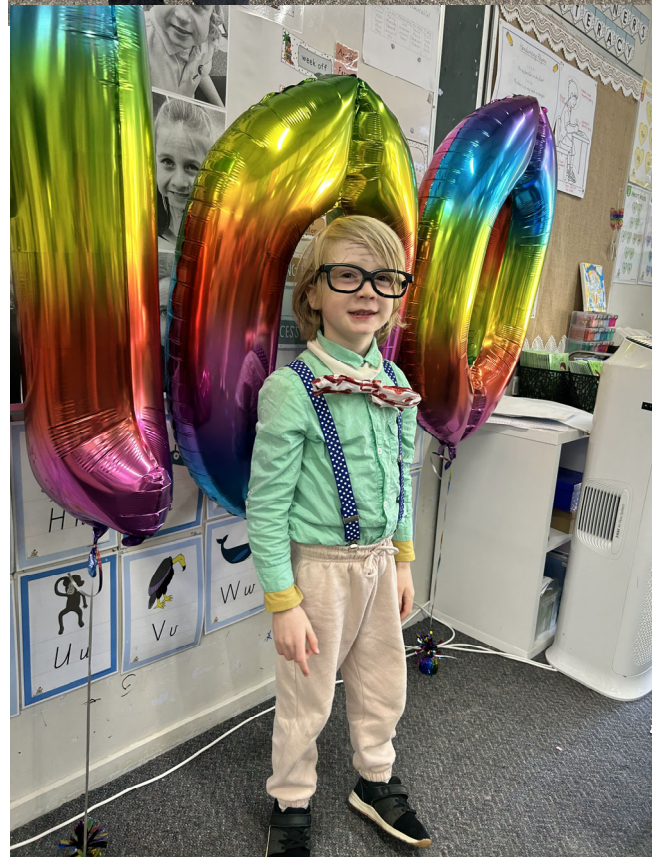
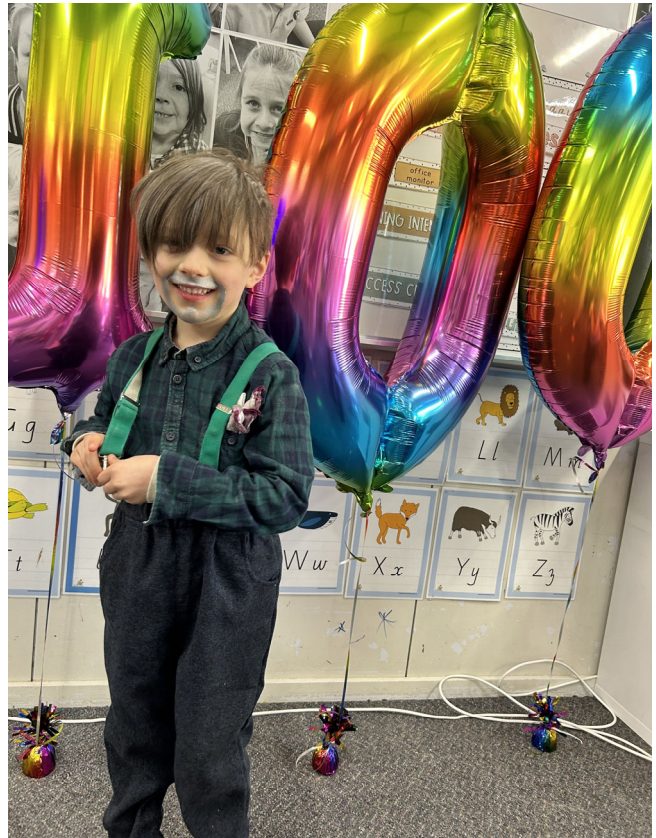


Foundation- 100 Days of School

On Thursday the 3rd of August, the Foundation students celebrated their 100th day of school. Classrooms were full of nannas and grandpas, walking sticks, glasses and grey hair! The Foundation students participated in various activities involving the number 100 and all had a wonderful day.



Foundation- 100 Days of School



District Basketball

On Wednesday the 26th of July, 28 students (2 boys team and 1 girls team) headed to Boardman Stadium in Sunbury to compete in the District Basketball Competition.



Boys A team

The Boys A team were basketball superstars and represented NGPS well at the district tournament. In our first game we played Macedon and won 16 to 10. In our second game we lost against Braemar, going down 21 to 11. We then played against Gisborne and lost 38 to 12. Next, we played Riddell's Creek and lost 28 to 13. The next two games we won. We beat Holy Cross by a point, in a nail biter (16 to 15) and then played St Brigid's and beat them 21 to 16. We won three out of our six games and finished fourth overall. We were lucky to have the best coach Kennan Lungu. He was positive, enthusiastic, supportive and a very experienced coach. Thanks again! Well done to all players in the Boys A team.

Mitchell

Boys B Team

First of all- thankyou to Miss Carnes for being an amazing coach and leading the Boys B team to victory. In our first game we played Macedon and we won 27 to 5. We then played Mt Macedon and won 25 to 0. We were on a winning streak! Our next game was against Willowbank and we won 16 to 4. We then were up against St Brigid's and we won 27 to 4. Our fifth game was against Holy Cross and we won 27 to 6. Our final game was the most important. This game decided who would be the winners of the B competition. It was against Riddell's Creek and we tried really hard. It was our closest game and we won 19 to 8. This meant that we were the Boys B champions. We appreciate everyone's amazing efforts for the team- from excellent shooting, solid rebounding, fast passes, great defence and exceptional team spirit.

Matt

Girls Team

Last Wednesday the girls team did an outstanding job representing our school. We tried our very best and worked hard as a team. Our first game of the day was against Gisborne. It was a tough game and we sadly lost 22 to 2. Next, we played Holy Cross. They were really hard. That didn't stop us from giving it our all. We then played St Brigid's and devastatingly lost by a point. Then we played Braemar. We drew right in the last five seconds of the game! Our final game was against Riddell's Creek and we just lost. By one point! We all had a wonderful day. Thankyou to our awesome coach, Ross Coats. You were very knowledgeable, fun, positive, engaging and encouraging.

Addi and Jess

Thankyou also to Mrs Hollands, Mrs Prokopec and the fabulous group of parents and supporters who cheered us on.



Kitchen Garden



The Year 4s have been busy working in the Kitchen Garden over the past few weeks. Students have made labels for each garden bed and numbered each bed as well. They have planted leeks, broccoli, beetroot, herbs, spinach, pak choy, garlic, lettuce and fennel. The Year 4 team would like to say a big thank you to Greg Hall for donating seedlings for us to plant. Thank you also to all the parents who have supported the Kitchen Garden program so far this year.



Canteen/Uniform Shop

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

Friday 4th August	Wednesday 9th August
Heidi Lehmann & Melissa Kroker	Megan Thompson
Friday 11th August	Wednesday 16th August
Kimberley Norman	Iryna Godfrey

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

POLAR FLEECE JACKETS AND RAIN JACKETS

We have a lovely amount of Polar Fleece Jackets in our shop for sale.

Brilliant price of \$39.00.

Available sizes 4 - Adult size LARGE.

Our rain jackets are very affordable, priced at \$34.00.

They are rain proof, fully lined chest, back and sleeves with micro fleece.

Available sizes 6 to 12.

Please ensure to clearly label all clothing.

Energy Breakthrough

Plant Sale

Later this term, on Friday 8th September, the Energy Breakthrough team will hold a plant sale to help raise funds needed to maintain the school's Human Powered Vehicle.

We would greatly appreciate any donations from the school community in the form of plants, cuttings or pots in preparation for this event.

All donations can be sent anytime to Mr Bell in 5A prior to the date.

Thank you for your support.



Community

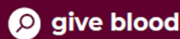


Give life. Give blood in Sunbury.

31 July to 9 August



Sunbury
Pop-up Blood Donor Centre
Hume Global Learning Centre Library
44 Macedon Street
Visit our website for opening hours.



CREATIVE WRITING LESSONS

Is there a creative person in your family with a love of words and storytelling? These lessons are aimed at 8 to 14 year olds and will explore poetry, short stories, songs and much more.

TUESDAYS 4.15 PM - 5.15 PM
AT THE CRAFT TABLE, GISBORNE
\$20 PER LESSON ON A CASUAL BASIS
\$15 PER LESSON FOR PREPAID TERM

Hi, I'm Kat Buttigieg, a local writer, poet, singer/songwriter, and qualified English teacher. I am passionate about encouraging the next wave of writers to pursue their writing dreams.

Contact Kat via kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com to register your interest

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)

By Adam Long,
Daniel Singer and
Jess Winfield

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd on
behalf of Paradigm, New York

"what the hell did I just watch?" - Some Guy

"my hair looks better than that wig" - Cleopatra

"you did THAT with my words?" - Billy Shakespeare

"the greatest trio since Simon and Garfunkel" - Albert Einstein

18th - 26th August

Evening Sessions: 8pm

Saturday/Sunday Sessions: 2pm

Bookings:

themountplayers.com or phone 5426 1892

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The Mount Players
in conjunction with
FizzWack Theatre



Women for Women
in Africa

Sr Leonida Kwamboka, the director of the WkW Center, brings us stories of children and families who live in Kibera, Africa's largest slum.

Learn about the impact of sponsorship through Women for Women in Africa.

Family Friendly

\$10 Entry Fee
Under 18s free of charge
Funds donated to WFWIA



SCAN ME



Sunday 6th August, 3pm - 4.30pm
Gisborne Church of Christ
31 Saunders Rd, New Gisborne

Please Register Here

Community



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council



Active KIDS Sports

Kids (3-5 years) will learn a variety of ball games, to improve motor skills, technique and interact with other children.

Time and location

Wednesdays 10.00-10.45am
Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend

Book now

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Email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au
Phone 5427 3411

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WITH EXPERIENCED COACHES & STATE PLAYERS**

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MILL PARK, SUNSHINE & WAVERLEY



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to register

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YOU'RE INVITED

AFL Victoria & the RDFNL invites you to participate in the Unders all-girls program!

A FREE 4-week competition playing mini matches, representing your Junior Football Club!

**Aligned Club: GISBORNE GIANTS
League: RDFNL**

ROMSEY PARK

Friday nights - 5.30-7.30pm
August 4th-August 25th

Register Here!

