

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

SunSmart Season

New Gisborne Primary is a SunSmart School. This means we ask that all students wear a broad-brimmed hat (not baseball cap) from the beginning of September until the end of April each year. Hats can be purchased via Qkr! or from the Uniform Shop if you need a new one.

Thank you to all the families who have made sure their children have a SunSmart hat.

Bush Dance Workshop & Evening Family Bush Dance

Our Billy Tea Bush Band incursion will be on the 17th September. During the day each class will participate in the workshop. They will learn about Australian culture through dance and having fun with their class mates. The workshop is an experience not to be missed even if they are unable to attend the family bush dance in the evening.

Make sure that you have consented on **Compass** for your child to participate in the workshop. Also refer to the flyer in the newsletter for information relating to the evening family bush dance.

The evening bush dance was a huge success last year and we look forward to it being bigger and better this year.

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 behaviour, 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 is open until **Friday 19 September 2025**. The survey is 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.

Foundation 2026

This week we have emailed letters to parents detailing transition session information, Compass login details, uniform fitting appointments and 2026 start of year dates and times. We are looking forward to welcoming our 2026 Foundation students in Term 4.

A network meeting of all schools and kindergartens to be held in early Term 4, will kick off the transition program.

PMP in the Park

Our Foundation students will head down to Ross Watt reserve on Wednesday for PMP in the Park. Thank you to all the teachers, education support and parents who help make this happen. Fingers crossed that we have great weather for this event.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

5th	Fathers' Day Breakfast - CANCELLED Kitchen Garden - Grades 4B & 4C
9th	Indonesian Independence Day - Fundraiser
10th	Foundation - PMP In The Park
12th	Kitchen Garden - Grades 4C & 4A
16th	Chess Tournament
17th	Billy Tea Bush Band Incursion Family Bush Dance
18th	District Tennis
19th	JSC Sports Day Dress Up Last Day of Term 2.30pm Finish



SCHOOL CAN'T

WHEN:
SATURDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME:
11AM-12PM
Followed by a
Light Lunch

WHERE:
LAKESIDE
HOTEL
286 Napier Street
Bendigo

IS YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON STRUGGLING WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?

Come along to this event and hear Tiffany Westphal, Director, School Can't Australia, talk about the experience of school can't.

Learn about tools, support, and resources to help you feel empowered and confident to advocate for your child.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



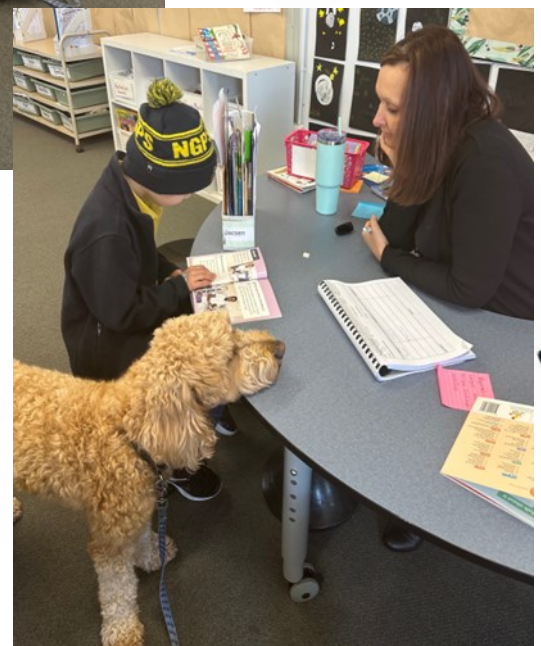
www.trybooking.com/DEJNP



Chester Chatter

It turns out that Book Week is not the only week for stories!

Chester has loved hanging out with the Foundation and Year One students this week, hearing them read and discovering the wonder of reading and sharing the world of stories is a daily thing.



Indonesian Fundraiser

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ecoton
Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation



TUESDAY THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER

To celebrate **Indonesia's Independence Day**, we're holding a **fundraiser** to support an incredible Indonesian environmental organisation: **ECOTON** (Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation).



- Come to school dressed in:**
- **Red and white** (Indonesian flag colours)
 - A **sarong** or batik
 - **Anything Indonesian-inspired!**



Bring a **gold coin donation**



What is ECOTON?

ECOTON is a group of passionate scientists, educators, and young activists in Indonesia working to protect rivers, wetlands, and wildlife. They:

- Fight plastic pollution and protect river ecosystems
- Teach local communities to care for the environment
- Save endangered river species like the Mahakam dolphin and native freshwater fish
- Run river clean-up projects and eco-education for kids and families

ECOTON is based in **East Java, Indonesia** and their work has helped clean up the **Brantas River**, which provides drinking water for millions of people!

What are we fundraising for?

Your **gold coin donation** will go directly to ECOTON to support:

- Community river clean-up programs
- Eco-education kits for local schools
- Equipment to monitor water pollution
- Campaigns to reduce plastic waste and protect river wildlife



FUN COMPETITION!

To raise even more, we're running this exciting competition:

"Guess the Number of Nasi Goreng Grains"

(A jar filled with uncooked rice – how many grains in the jar?)

→ Closest guess wins a yummy **Indo-themed prize pack!**

Each guess = **\$1 donation** to ECOTON!

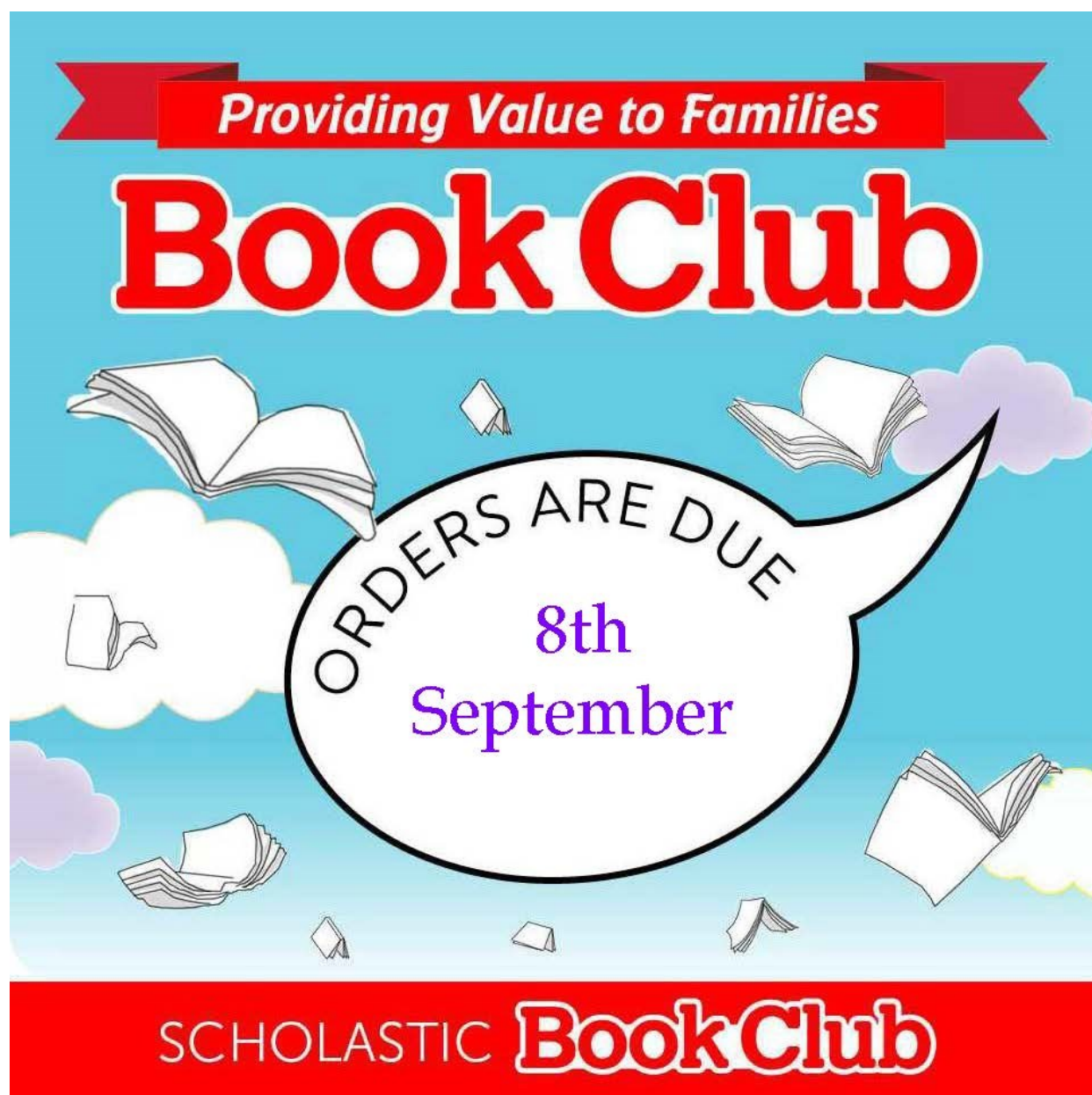
Let's show our global kindness!

Together we can support our Indonesian neighbours and help save their beautiful rivers and wildlife.

Terima kasih banyak! ❤️

– Ibu Wencel dan Ibu Hunichen





Parents' Association



New Gisborne Primary School
FAMILY BUSH DANCE
WED 17TH SEPTEMBER | 5-7:45PM
SAUSAGE SIZZLE BY ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH TEAM FROM 5PM
PICNICS WELCOME | MUSIC AND BUSH DANCING FROM 6.30PM
COWBOY HATS AND FARM GEAR ENCOURAGED

FREE ENTRY

Footy Colours Day

Friday 19th September

To Celebrate Footy Finals Season & the Last Day of Term 3

CANTEEN SPECIAL MEAL DEAL



OPTIONS...

MAIN

- Hot Dog
- Meat Pie
- Sausage Roll
- Vegetable Pastie
- Nachos *Gluten Free*

SWEETS

- Jam Donut
- Personalised AFL Logo Cookie *Allergen Friendly (no added gluten, egg or dairy)*

DRINK

- Fruit Juice *Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange*
- Flavoured Milk *Chocolate or Strawberry*

\$6



Order on Qkr by 12-SEP-25



Volunteer/Staff Profile

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANTEEN CREW

INTRODUCING NEIL...



IN A NUTSHELL: I grew up on the Mid North Coast of NSW, and moved to Victoria in 2009 to study computer science at university. I currently work as a software engineer. In 2017 my wife Louise and I relocated to New Gisborne to raise our two amazing daughters who both attend NGPS - Eva (grade 3) and Lily (prep).

Q & A

Q1. What are you doing when you're not in the Canteen?

A1. *When I'm not programming, I enjoy table tennis, woodworking, cycling and going to the gym.*

Q2. What do you like best about Canteen?

A2. *I enjoy counter sales. The kids are so polite and excited when picking which treats to buy.*

Q3. What do you like least about Canteen?

A3. *When we completely sell out of a menu item.*

Q4. What's your favourite thing on the Canteen menu?

A4. *Who doesn't love a paddle pop??*

Just a few of his favourite things

1	2	3	4	5
COLOUR	FOOD/DRINK	ANIMAL	PLACE	PLANT
Blue	Coffee & Donuts	Penguin	A Coffee Shop	Lilies

Most Watched

Star Wars



Most Played

Podcast: Short history of...



Most Read

Programming Textbooks



Most Used Emoji



Canteen

Your child loves seeing YOU in their Canteen !
Only 5 more canteen days this term - can you help?

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
FRI 5 SEP	Emma	Renee	*	*
WED 10 SEP	*	*		
FRI 12 SEP	*	*	*	*
WED 18 SEP	*	*		
FRI 19 SEP	Emma	*	*	*

Let's replace all the above * with names

AVAILABLE SHIFTS

- ★ 9am-9:30am Receive & Sort Lunch & Drinks Tubs
- ★ 9:30am-10am Trolley up Frozen Food
- ★ 10am-10:30am Prep Drinks Tubs
- ★ 10:30am-11am Make Popcorn & Hot Chocolate
- ★ 11am-11:30am Recess Window Sales
- ★ 11:30am-12:40pm Prepare Lunches (Rolls, Nachos, Hotdogs, Burgers, Toasties, Noodles)
- ★ 12:40pm-1:15pm Bag & Tub Up Orders
- ★ 1:15pm-1:30pm Distribute Lunch Tubs
- ★ 1:30pm-2:15pm Lunch Window Sales

In the NGPS Canteen...



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

Indoor Activities

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)

Community



GO DRAGONS!

JUNIOR GIRLS CRICKET REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

U/13, U/15, U/18 - FRIDAY EVENINGS

WEBSITE: WWW.GISBORNE-CC.COM.AU

INSTAGRAM: [gisbornecricketclub](https://www.instagram.com/gisbornecricketclub)

JUNIOR GIRLS COORDINATOR:

JARROD BYHAM (0433386767)



MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL
SUMMER SEASON 2025/26
16 WEEK SEASON - STARTING 13TH OCT

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
U10S - \$190 **OTHER AGE GROUPS - \$215**
PLUS BV & BA FEES, WHERE APPLICABLE

ENDS SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

AFTER THIS DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$235

AGE GROUPS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
JUNIOR GIRLS	U10 BOYS	U19 BOYS
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	U12 BOYS	(NEW AGE GROUP)
	U14 BOYS	
	U16 BOYS	

OUR DOMESTIC COMPETITION IS STILL SETTLING INTO OUR FRESH NEW LOOK!
TEAM SUBMISSION DETAILS WILL BE SHARED ONCE REGISTRATIONS ARE COMPLETE!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



SCAN HERE



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT - WWW.MRBA.ORG.AU

HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

40 YEARS OF MRBA

Community



Kindergarten Tours

Drop-in sessions

Come and see our kindergarten services

No bookings required.
To find out more scan the QR code or visit:
mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten-tours

Kindergarten tours available in September!

Scan here



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL



Why walk or ride?

Physical activity is good for kids' physical and mental health

Kids that are active are more likely to continue healthy behaviours later in life

Kids who walk or ride to school have been found to be more attentive and focused in class

Kids who walk to school will have a greater connection with their community

Remember

Plan ahead

Plan with your parents or guardians so everyone knows which paths you will take, and who you will walk or ride with

Safety first

Take care when crossing roads. Always follow the road rules. Plan for hot, cold, or wet days. Wear a helmet when riding

Part way is OK

If you can't walk all the way, why not park the car a few blocks from school and walk, ride or scooter the rest of the way?

For more information visit:
walktoschool.vichealth.vic.gov.au




HORSIN' AROUND

Holiday Workshops and Sessions

10am 'til 2pm \$200

ARRANGE A CUSTOMISED SESSION

Fun Equine Assisted Learning Activities

Workshop: Tuesday 30th September - Tylden/Kyneton

Individual, shared & group sessions available throughout holidays & school term

A great way to learn life & social skills along with good horsepersionship skills in a small supportive group environment, outdoors in nature with horses.

- * catching & leading
- * led obstacle courses
- * horse communication
- * grooming & decorating
- * pony themed games
- * mounted riding activity

Equine Assisted Learning can help with self regulation, over coming anxiety, gaining confidence, increased social participation, boundary consciousness, improved physical/motor skills, positive/kind thinking and behaviour.

Contact Mel: 0402 842 233
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Certified EAL Practitioner
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APPLEWOOD EQUINE
Personal development and healing with horses
Equine Assisted Learning



Community

KIDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kyneton on Riverside

KYNETON
DAFFODIL
& ARTS
FESTIVAL



WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	TIX?
SCARECROW MAKING WORKSHOP	30 TH & 31 ST AUGUST 10:30-2:30PM	THE OLD AUCTION HOUSE	\$10
BLACK HILL RESERVE WALK	SEPT 6TH 10AM-12PM	BLACK HILL	FREE- BOOKINGS ONLINE
FERRET RACING	6TH SEPT 11AM-3PM	MECHANICS INSTITUTE	FREE
ROLLER SKATING SESSIONS	12 TH SEPT 5:30PM	WATTS PAVILION	\$10- SCAN QR CODE
DOG DASH	SEPT 8TH 2PM-4PM	KYNETON VELEDROME	FREE
SCARECROW TRAIL	5 TH SEPT- 15 TH SEPT	AROUND TOWN	FREE
KYNETON FARMERS MARKETS	SEPT 13TH- 8:00AM-1PM	ST PAULS PARK, PIPER STREET	FREE
OLR DEVONSHIRE TEA AND CAKE STALL	8TH SEPT 10:30-3:30	ST MARYS HALL HUTTON STREET	FREE
GRAND PARADE	SEPT 14TH- 12:00PM-4:00PM	MOLLISON STREET	FREE

WWW.KYNETONDAFFODILANDARTSFESTIVAL.COM.AU

Macedon
Ranges
Shire Council



Kyneton
on riverside
One of a kind

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