

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Reminders

We have a couple of breaks during the term with a **Pupil Free Day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May** and the King's Birthday (Monday 8/6)

## 2027 Foundation Enrolments

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

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

## Year 4 Poems

The year 4's have been working on their poetry skills and below is an example that Estelle completed at home.

### Red

Red looks like luscious red roses,  
Red feels like hot fire getting lit on the barbecue,  
Red smells like a bonfire burning off  
Red sounds like the crackling of the wood,  
Red tastes like the burning hot sauce in your mouth,  
Red is anger.

By Estelle 4C

## School Reports

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual.

The reports will be distributed on the 19<sup>th</sup> June on Compass.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments may not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our next parent-teacher interviews scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Shane West  
Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES

## May

|                  |                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>11th-22nd</b> | Yr 2 Henny Penny Hatching Incursion       |
| <b>15th</b>      | District Soccer<br>Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B |
| <b>18th-22nd</b> | Indonesian Incursion                      |
| <b>19th</b>      | Yr 4 Western Water Incursion              |
| <b>20th-22nd</b> | PA Book Fair                              |
| <b>22nd</b>      | Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A                    |
| <b>25th</b>      | <b>Curriculum Day–Pupil Free</b>          |

## June

|             |                                                                  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2nd</b>  | Yr 5 Parliament Online Incursion                                 |
| <b>5th</b>  | Foundation Fox in Socks Day<br>Yr 4 Sustainability Incursion     |
| <b>8th</b>  | <b>King's Birthday Public Holiday–Pupil Free</b>                 |
| <b>10th</b> | Yr 3 Glenda Millard Author Visit                                 |
| <b>11th</b> | Soiree                                                           |
| <b>12th</b> | Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)                     |
| <b>15th</b> | District Netball                                                 |
| <b>16th</b> | School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)                           |
| <b>19th</b> | Reports Live on Compass<br>School Disco 5:30pm (Gym)             |
| <b>24th</b> | <b>Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm-7pm</b> |
| <b>26th</b> | <b>Last Day of Term 2:30pm Early Dismissal</b>                   |

## Yr 4 Greater Western Water Incursion

On Tuesday, Kirsten from Greater Western Water came to speak to the Year 4s about how New Gisborne Primary School uses water. We found out that each person at our school uses about 5 litres of water each day while they are at school, which is over 3,000 litres per day. On the days we do Kitchen Garden, we use over 4,000 litres! We also learned that only 1% of the water on earth is drinking water.

Some of the ways we can save water at home are:

- take shorter showers
- only use the washing machine or dishwasher when they are full
- turn off the tap when you brush your teeth
- check to see if you have any leaks



# Wellbeing



[This Photo](#) by Un-

## Wellbeing at NQPS Term 2 week 5

### At school

For many children, maths can bring feelings of worry, frustration, or self-doubt. While some students happily tackle number challenges, others may feel nervous before maths lessons or become upset when they make mistakes. This experience is often called *maths anxiety*, and it is more common than many people realise.

Maths anxiety is not about intelligence or ability. Children who experience it are often capable learners who have become fearful of “getting it wrong” or comparing themselves to others. When children feel anxious, their brains can find it harder to think clearly, remember steps, or solve problems — which can then reinforce the belief that they are “bad at maths.”

The good news is that supportive adults can make a significant difference.

### At home

You don’t need to be a maths whiz to make a difference. There are simple things you can do to help you child build the skills and confidence they need so they can thrive in maths.

1. Talk positively about maths at home
2. Build confidence in maths
3. Work with you child’s school

For specific ideas, have a look at the following pages.

## Helpful resources for families

Your first port of call should be your student’s class teacher. Here are some websites with great ideas as well!

<https://www.vic.gov.au/mathematics-and-numeracy-home>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



Kerry Morris  
Mental Health and  
Wellbeing Leader

# Understanding maths anxiety: a guide for parents and carers

You don't need to be a maths whiz to make a difference. There are simple things you can do to help your child build the skills and confidence they need so they can thrive in maths.

### 1. Talk positively about maths at home

The way parents and carers talk about maths (sometimes referred to as numeracy) has a **powerful impact** on how children feel about the subject.

When maths is spoken about negatively at home, children are more likely to experience maths anxiety – a sense of fear or worry when faced with mathematical tasks. This anxiety can lead to lower achievement and/or avoidance of maths altogether.

On the other hand, positive maths talk – like emphasising effort, persistence, and everyday usefulness – can foster a **growth mindset**. This is the belief that abilities improve with practice and hard work.

### 2. Build confidence in maths

A home environment that values effort over right answers can build confidence. **Showing curiosity and talking through problem-solving** helps children see maths as a skill that can be developed. There is also growing research that suggests some children, particularly girls, may experience higher levels of maths anxiety, making confidence-building support especially important.

### 3. Work with your child's school

When schools and families partner together, children are more likely to feel **confident and positive** about maths.

Parents can support maths learning at home by using simple, step-by-step approaches that connect to what their child already knows. By building on familiar everyday tasks, giving them time to practice, and **offering encouragement**, you help them gain the confidence to **tackle more challenging problems**.

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## fun activities to boost maths skills



### Daily routines

#### Master chef

Cook or bake together using measurements and fractions



1

#### Supermarket sweep

Estimate total costs at the shops and compare to the receipt



2

#### Family budget

Plan a family budget for a meal or day out



3

#### Weather watch

Graph the weather over a week



4

#### Savings jar

Sort and count coins together



5

### Play and puzzles

#### Card games

Play strategy or number games like Memory, Uno, Monopoly, or Yahtzee



6

#### Interior designer

Measure furniture or spaces for DIY tasks or rearranging rooms



7

#### Logic puzzles

Have a weekly puzzle night with Sudoku, logic puzzles, or riddles



8

#### Bargain hunt

Compare discounts and percentages in catalogues or online



9

#### Dream team

Track sports statistics or scores and graph them



10

### Outdoor & creative fun

#### Travel log

Track the travel time to and from familiar destinations like school, the shops or to a friend's place



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#### Patterns in nature

Explore patterns in nature – count petals, spot symmetry



12

#### Lego

Build with LEGO using equal lengths and shapes



13

#### Geometry

Draw or cut out shapes and identify sides, angles or symmetry



14

#### Word problems

Turn daily situations into maths questions to solve



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# Stronger Together

## Community Safety & Support Expo

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

**When:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am - 1pm

**Where:** Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

### For more information:

✉ [kristen.holding@benetas.com.au](mailto: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

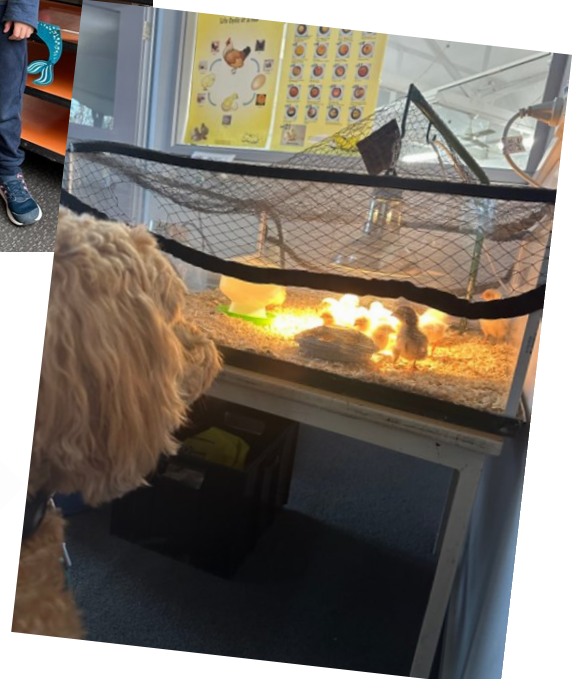
Parents • Families • Young people • Community members • Professionals

***"Building stronger communities together"***



# Chester Chatter

It's been another busy week for Chester. He's helped out at sick bay, got his own special portrait from one of his Foundation friends, and been to visit the Year Twos to check out the baby chicks hatching in the incubator. Then, before he trotted back to his office for a well-earned rest, Chester went to the Book Fair, which is on in the multipurpose room before and after school until Friday.



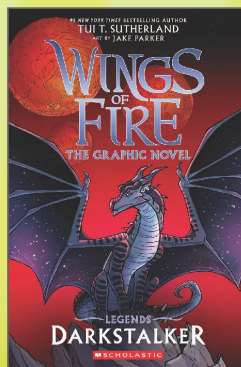
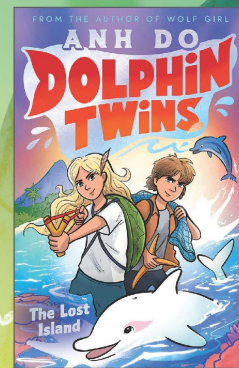
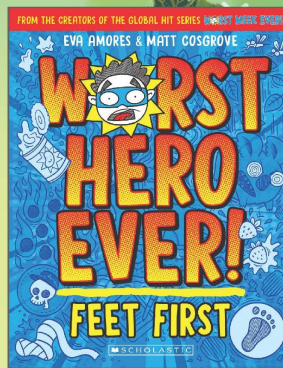
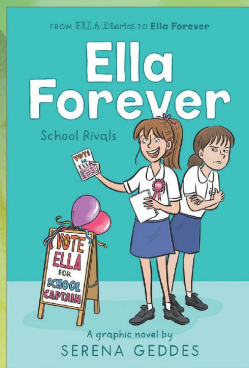
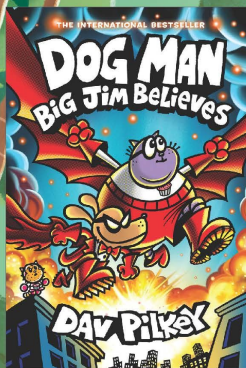
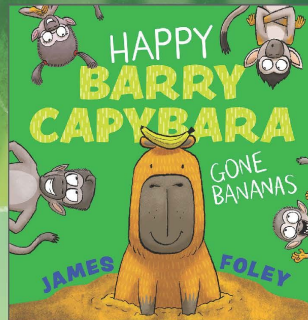
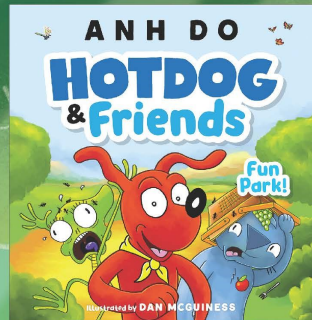
# PA- Scholastic Book Fair

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**

**THE #1 BOOK FAIR**



Find these  
books and  
much more  
at the Fair!



Date 20th - 22nd May  
Place Multipurpose Room

Time 8:15am - 9:00am &  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

**EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

 **SCHOLASTIC**



NSW BOOKS 2026

## PA- School Disco

NGPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
*presents...*  
**SCHOOL DISCO**  
★ GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY ★

⇒ Friday 19th June ≤  
— Venue: School Gym —

**PREP – GRADE 2**  
5:30pm – 6:45pm  
(1 parent encouraged to stay for the duration)

**GRADE 3 – GRADE 6**  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

⇒ **Glow in the dark clothes encouraged!** ≤  
⇒ Wear your brightest neon outfits ≤  
so you shine on the dance floor! ⇒

  **Snacks, Water & Glow Products**   
Available for purchase on the night

 **FREE FACE PAINTING & HAIR SPRAYING!**  

★ Tickets available through Qkr! \$5 per person ★

★ *Get ready to* **GLOW & DANCE!** ★

## 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

COMING SOON!  
HOT CHOCOLATE - \$2.00  
DIM SIM - \$1.00  
RECESS ONLY

### 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
- BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA - \$4.50
- MEAT LOVERS PIZZA - \$4.50
- MAC & CHEESE - \$4.50
- LASAGNA - \$4.50
- TWISTA PASTA - \$4.50
- VEGETARIAN LASANGE - \$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

# Community



## GSC Grade 6 After-School Program

Gisborne Secondary College is pleased to invite Grade 6 students to participate in an after-school enrichment program featuring activities in Textiles, Art, Science, Music, Media and History. The program is designed to give students the opportunity to explore a range of high school subjects in a fun and hands-on environment.

Students may choose to attend one or both sessions. In each session, students will participate in two 45-minute activities, with a 15-minute catered break provided between activities.

The sessions will be led by our Senior School student leaders, providing students with the opportunity to connect with both GSC staff and student mentors. There is no cost for students to participate.

### Session Times:

**Tuesday 26 May 4:00 – 5:45 pm**

**Tuesday 2 June 4:00 – 5:45 pm**

### Venue:

**Gisborne Secondary College, Year 7 Learning Centre**

*Registrations close 12 pm, Thursday 21 May*

*Please note that places are limited to ensure students receive individual support and can safely participate in all practical activities.*

### Any queries:

Simone Moore

Junior School Programs and Curriculum Leader

[simone.moore@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:simone.moore@education.vic.gov.au)

### To register:

<https://forms.gle/uZz71PKzHcwXaPAb9>

Confirmation of your child's successful registration for the program will be emailed by Friday 22 May.

### ACTIVITIES

**Textiles:** Students will use a variety of stencils and coloured paints to create a block-printed design on fabric.

**Art:** Students will create collages using magazine images to develop their creativity and explore how visual elements can be organised to communicate ideas.

**Science:** Students will take part in a variety of hands-on scientific experiments.

**Music:** Students will have the opportunity to explore a range of selected instruments and discover new interests in music.

**Media:** Students will learn the basics of camera use and camera angles before applying their skills to capture a short sequence of photographs.

**History:** Students will take part in a Jeopardy-style quiz activity exploring a range of historical topics and events.

# 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!

## 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: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego) or scan the QR code.

Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or [kinderenrolment@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kinderenrolment@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

**Macedon Ranges**  
Central Registration Scheme



**Register by  
31 May  
2026!**



## Shaping Future Kinders

Help shape future kindergarten planning across the shire. Complete a quick survey or attend a drop-in session:

- Thursday 21 May, 11:30am-12:15pm at Romsey Library
- Monday 1 June, 10am-11:30am at Woodend Playgroup
- Tuesday 2 June, 10:30am-11:15am at Kyneton Library

**Find out more:**

[yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-principles](https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-principles)

**Macedon Ranges**  
Shire Council



## Community

**BECOME A  
FOSTER  
CAREER**

Brighter futures **start with you!**



**TERM 2: ONLINE INFO SESSIONS**

**April:**  
Wednesday 15th, 4 – 5pm  
Thursday 30th, 6.30 – 7.30pm

**May:**  
Wednesday 13th, 6 – 7pm  
Wednesday 27th, 7 – 8pm

**June:**  
Thursday 11th, 4 – 5pm  
Wednesday 24th, 6.30 – 7.30pm

**Register to attend!**  
1800 809 722  
caring@anglicarevic.org.au



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 **Anglicare**  
Victoria



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

# Community

## Water Safety in Schools – Staff and parents/carers are eligible for free swim teacher training

### Free swim teacher training for parents and carers

The department of education is providing free swim teacher training for interested parents and carers from our school.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming with your local school, or Australia wide.

There are several things you will need to register for the training, including a current Working with Children Check. Please check the requirements when registering.

There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

### Information for teachers

Share the text below with your teachers to let them know about the training opportunity.

### Free swim teacher training available

The department is providing free swim teacher training for interested teachers.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming at school, or Australia wide.

This optional course is designed especially for VIT registered teachers and only takes two days. There is no requirement to complete extra prac time.

This is a great opportunity to increase your skills.

There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

### Find out more

For more information, visit the [Swim Teacher Training website](#)

- For further enquiries, contact Geoff Adams, Statewide Swimming Coordinator, Targeted School Services Unit, Partnerships and Priority Cohorts Branch:
- **phone:** 03 4334 0523

**email:** [school.swimming@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.swimming@education.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards,  
Nick Beckingsale

Executive Director  
Statewide Programs and Tech Schools

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