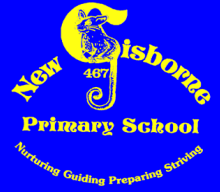


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

Reminders

We have early dismissal on Wednesday 24th June at 12.30pm to facilitate parent/teacher interviews. The interviews will start at 1.00pm and go through into the evening. Bookings are now open on Compass.

Canteen –There will be no canteen on this day.

Camp Australia will be running an alternative program on this afternoon.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

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

Foundation enrolments are due by Friday 31st July 2026

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.newgisps.co.nz)

School Reports

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

The reports will be uploaded on 19th of June on the Compass portal.

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 parent-teacher interviews scheduled for the 24th June.

Squishies and Fidgets

We have recently had an influx of squishies that have been purchased from markets etc. We have found that these do not have the same durability and have popped/leaked all over students and carpets causing a large disruption. For the majority of students we are classifying these as a toy and a distraction. If an allied health professional has recommended this for your child, can you please forward this on to the school so we can ensure that this adjustment is made.

Head Lice

We have had a small number of notifications across year levels. Can you please check your children's hair and treat as required. You can save yourself some trouble by ensuring that if your child has long hair that it is tied back. Lice can't jump or fly but move from head to head using their velcro like legs.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

June

11th	Soiree
12th	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)
15th	District Netball
16th	School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
19th	Reports Live on Compass School Disco (Gym)
22nd	Yr 5 Gisborne Secondary Excursion
24th	Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm-7pm
26th	Last Day of Term 2:30pm Early Dismissal

July

13th	First Day of Term 3
24th	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)

August

6th	Yr 1 Scienceworks Excursion
11th	School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
14th	District Basketball
27th	District Volleyball

Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

Wellbeing at NQPS Term 2 week 8

At school

Problem Solving at School and Home

Problem solving is one of the most important skills children can develop. Every day, our students are presented with opportunities to think, question, create, and find solutions to challenges both in and out of the classroom.

At school, problem solving goes far beyond mathematics. Students use problem-solving skills when working collaboratively with classmates, planning projects, resolving conflicts, learning new concepts, and making decisions. We encourage children to be curious, persevere when tasks become challenging, and learn from mistakes along the way. By asking questions such as "What do I already know?" and "What could I try next?", students develop confidence and resilience as learners.

At home

Families play an important role in supporting problem-solving skills at home. Everyday situations provide valuable opportunities for children to think critically and make decisions. Children can help plan meals, organise their school bag, follow a recipe, build with construction toys, complete puzzles, or work out solutions to household challenges. Rather than providing answers immediately, adults can encourage children by asking open-ended questions such as:

- What do you think might work?
- Can you think of another way to solve this?
- What happened when you tried that?
- What could you do differently next time?

When children are given time to think, experiment, and reflect, they learn that challenges are a natural part of learning. They begin to understand that there can be more than one solution to a problem and that persistence often leads to success.

Helpful resources for families

Together, school and home can help children develop the confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills needed to navigate challenges now and in the future. By celebrating effort, encouraging curiosity, and valuing the learning that comes from mistakes, we are helping our students become capable and independent problem solvers.



Kerry Morris

Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

**Website: Big Life Journal: How to
Teach Problem Solving to Children and Pre-Teens**



Chester Chatter

Things are getting super busy now! Chester discovered that the Year Fours had a visitor - many visitors in fact! Lots of worms in little boxes. The Year Fours got to hold the worms and discovered that worms breathe through their skin and that they have no eyes! From there, Chester was off to visit his friends in Foundation where he was thrilled to join in with his very own pair of socks to celebrate Fox in Socks Day. There has also been a very exciting visit from author, Glenda Millard, who came to speak to the Year Threes about their class novel, Perry Angel's Suitcase. Just when Chester thought the celebrations were over, he discovered the Foundation students celebrating Milo's birthday, then he couldn't resist putting on an art smock and offering a helping paw to the Year Twos as they painted some glow in the dark



Performing Arts– Soiree

Soiree

It's here! Tonight's the night!

Students have been working overtime to polish their piece and are looking forward to showcasing their hard work.

A few reminders:

Arrival:

To accommodate for a quick rehearsal, sound check and briefing, arrival times are staggered. Students from **Years 3-6** are asked to arrive at **4:30pm**. Students from **Foundation-2** are asked to arrive from **5:00pm**. Students will then wait backstage for the duration of the evening, until their item is called up to the stage. They will return backstage after their performance, for the duration of the evening.

During the show:

As students will be waiting for their turn, we suggest that they bring their water bottle and a healthy no mess snack to tie them over for the evening. Also to bring a quiet game to play with friends.

No devices please.

Departure:

Students can be collected from the holding room at the conclusion of the Soiree at approximately 7.30pm.

Dress code:

White top and black bottoms (pants, skirt, shorts). No tracksuit pants please.

See you tonight!



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

Uniform Shop

We have our lovely Polar Fleece Jackets in stock.

Priced at \$40.

Sizes available from 4 - 14.

PARENTS, please ensure you write your child's name clearly on new uniform purchases.

Makes my job easier to return IF found in LOST PROPERTY.

There is a black laundry marker available for use in Shop.

Our Uniform Shop is Open

8.30am - 11.30am

Every Tuesday

Trish Johnstone

Uniform Shop Manager



Community



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM TERM TWO 2026

These programs offer parents and their children 7-11 support with mental health and wellbeing. The one-hour sessions are run by mental health staff from the Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local. Sessions are fun, educational and interactive. **Groups are small: five children with one parent per child attending.**



TOPICS

10.30am Worry in children for kids 7-11

1.30pm Social skills for kids 7-11

2.30pm Parent Drop in with questions to ask the mental health staff about parenting and or your child. Open to any age group from birth to 11 years. Kids can play in the room while we chat. No need to book in for this session

DATES AND LOCATION:

2nd July Kyneton - Omnia Community Health

Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette or Kerry on 1800 433 977 or email us with your child's name, which sessions you want to attend, your name and contact details including telephone number, icfhwlocals@bchs.com.au.

We will be in touch one week prior to the session to confirm details including how to access the venue.

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TOPICS and DATES

Tuesday 30th June Bendigo, The Local, 19 Helm St, Kangaroo Flat

10.30am Worry 4-6-year-olds

1.30pm Social skills 7-11-year-olds

Thursday 9th July Bendigo, The Local, 19 Helm St, Kangaroo Flat

10.30am Managing Feelings 4-6-year-olds

1.30pm Managing Big Feelings 7-11-year-olds

2.30pm Parent Drop in, with questions to ask the mental health staff about parenting and or your child. Open to any age group. Kids can play in the room while we chat.

No need to book in for this session

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HORSIN' AROUND
Kings B'day Weekend

Mini Workshops 7-12 y olds

Sessions for ALL Ages

NEW Mini Workshops this Mini Break
Fun Equine Assisted Learning Activities

1.5hr \$90

Mini Workshops: Saturday 6th June
10-11.30am and 12.30-2pm in Tylden

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

- * horse communication & care
- * catching & leading
- * pony themed games
- * brush & option to decorate
- * led obstacle course
- * group fun & prizes

Goodies to take home Applewood Equine Toy Pony & a discount voucher for an individual session

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THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

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Ages 6-12 years | Woodend
9am-12pm | \$140 | July 6-7-8
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH
JUNE - JULY 2026

YOGA FOR KIDS
Discover the joy of yoga these school holidays with our fun-filled classes!

Tuesday 30th June

- \$15 Bendy Buddies (2 - 5 years) 9.30am-10am
- \$35 Creative Yoga (Prep - Grade 6) 10.30am - 12noon

MONSTER BURGERS
Unleash your creativity and bite into fun at this wildly fun art workshop.

Wednesday 1st July

- \$35 10.30am - 12noon

Prep to Grade 6

DRAMA
Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop

Thursday 2nd July

- \$35 9.30am - 12noon

Prep to Grade 6

RACE WITH MARIO
LEGO® fans, come and join us for an adventure inspired by the world-famous video game, Super Mario Bros!

Tuesday 7th July

- \$69 9.30am - 12.30pm

Prep to Grade 4

JUNIOR ROBOTICS
LEGO® fans, get ready to build, code, and create in this all NEW Junior Robotics workshop.

Tuesday 7th July

- \$69 1pm - 4pm

Grade 3 - 6

STICKER MANDALAS
Dive into a world of colour, pattern, and geometric fun these school holidays!

Wednesday 8th July

- \$35 10.30am - 12noon

Prep to Grade 6

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: www.woodendnhn.org.au or call 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

Kind regards,
Nick Beckingsale

Executive Director

Statewide Programs and Tech Schools

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