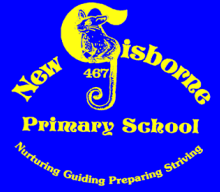


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

School Times

Just a reminder that our grounds are supervised from 8:40am and no students should be arriving before this time. If you need to drop students earlier than this they need to be booked in to before school care through Camp Australia.

Mother's Day

The Mother's Day stall was a huge success today. Thank you to all the mums who helped out.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Mother's Day Breakfast tomorrow.

I wish you all a happy Mother's Day, may it be filled with love, happiness and a moment of peace and tranquility.

Reminders

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

Athletics

Our Athletics Carnival has been upgraded from cold wet and boggy on Friday to warm, sunny and dry on Wednesday. If you are able to help out on the day reach out to Mrs Mason.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

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

Our next 2027 Foundation Parent Information Session will be run at New Gisborne Primary School the evening of **Tuesday 12th May from 6pm-7pm**. The session will also include a brief school tour.

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

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

May

8th	Mother's Day Breakfast Assembly
11th-22nd	Yr 2 Henny Penny Hatching Incursion
12th	2027 Foundation Information Session 6pm-7pm School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
13th	Foundation Wacky Wednesday Rescheduled Yr 3-6 House Athletics
14th	Yr 1-Toys Over Time Incursion Parent Helper Course 9:10am & 2:50pm (Staffroom)
15th	District Soccer Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
18th-22nd	Indonesian Incursion
19th	Yr 4 Western Water Incursion
20th-22nd	PA Book Fair
22nd	Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A
25th	Curriculum Day—Pupil Free

June

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

DISTRICT SOFTBALL

Girls Team

On 27th of April, the girls and boys softball teams jumped on the bus, ready for 'District Softball'. The ride there was loud and full of energy, especially after picking up Holy Cross, the bus was completely packed.

When we arrived at Dixon Field, we had a quick briefing and then got straight into our first match against Gisborne. They were a tough team, and although it was a really close game, we just fell short by a few runs. This game and the next game were back-to-back.

Next, we played Riddells Creek. We had some great moments, striking out a number of their players, but unfortunately, they finished with 6 more runs than us.

Our final game was against Braemar. We gave it everything, and with just a few more home runs, we could have taken the win.

Overall, it was a great day with lots of effort, teamwork, and determination shown by everyone. We would like to thank Mr Bell and Mrs Cullinger for coaching us.

By Mia and Cailin 5A



Boys Team

We kicked off 'District Softball Day' in the best way possible with a huge 11-run win. The energy was high from the start, and everyone played their part to get us off to such a strong beginning.

With back-to-back games, things got tough as the day went on. We gave it everything we had but couldn't quite get the results in the next two games, including a hard-fought match against Braemar.

There were still plenty of great moments to be proud of — some massive home runs and a few gnarly catches in the field that really showed our team spirit and effort.

Big thanks to Mr Bell for coaching and supporting us throughout the day, and to all the parents who came along and cheered us on — we really appreciate it.

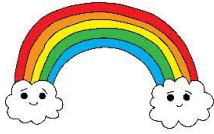
By Baxter and Owen 5B

Visual Arts

Year Two – 'OJO DE DIOS'. Mexican Weaves



Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

Wellbeing at NQPS Term 2 week 3

At school

Have you talked to an angry/worried/upset child recently?

They might be frustrated about something which has happened, worried about something coming up, annoyed by something they think is unfair, sad about something which has happened, jealous of someone else, embarrassed by an event - and so on.

Quite often our instinct is to want to just "fix it fast" when we hear children's distress. This is not surprising - there are so many pressures - time constraints, professional roles, parental expectations - to make this child feel better **as quickly as possible**. So we use fix it statements such as 'You're okay' or 'calm down'

Asking curious questions is a better response. This gives the child a chance to think about what happened before the incident, how they reacted, what went well, what they could do next time. Asking questions helps to build resilience.

At home

Here are three helpful things about asking children and young people good questions when they are feeling upset.

1. We potentially get more information - which means we can better support and work with them.
2. They get a strong message from us: we care about what is going on and how they feel
3. They get a chance to practice talking about tricky stuff.

we know that children who are skilled at telling people about how they feel, what happened and what they want - **do better emotionally** than young people who don't have these skills. How do we help kids get better at this? Simple, we help them practice talking about upsetting things.

Some things that are important:

Present a calm and relaxed front

Ensure questions are appropriate for age and ability

Ask about the positives

Helpful resources for families



This website has a selection of articles about how to support children/teens with mental or emotional health challenges: <https://>

Kerry Morris

Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Stronger Together

Community Safety & Support Expo

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

When: Wednesday 27th May 2026, 10am - 1pm

Where: Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

For more information:

✉ 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

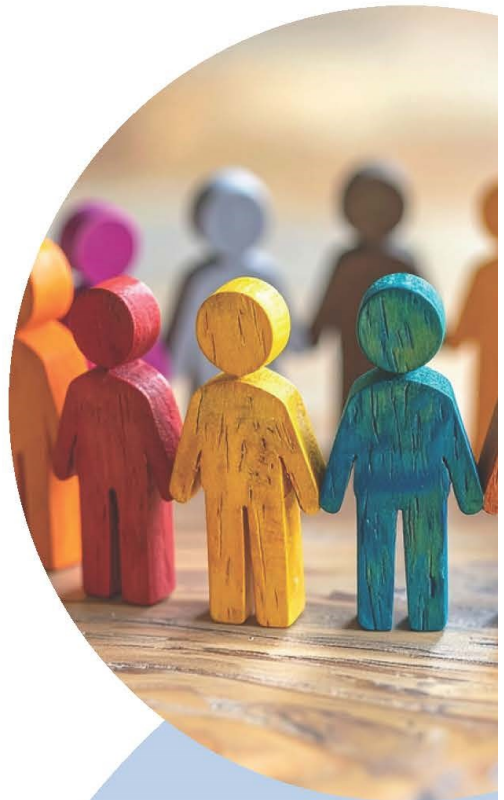
Why come?

- 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

Chester has loved playing outside with his friends and enjoying all the autumn leaves at school, but with the chilly weather coming he's also getting ready to put his layers on and keep warm.



Chester has enjoyed visiting the kitchen garden to check out the plants and wonder what wonderful culinary delights the Year Fours will be conjuring up. He's also loved checking in with both new and old friends with the Foundation students and the Year Sixes.



PA-Mother's Day Breakfast

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



FRIDAY 8TH MAY

NGPS Courtyard 8:15-9:00am

CROISSANT & JUICE \$6

To celebrate our NGPS mums, breakfast will be available to order for Friday 8th May for all NGPS mums and kids.

Order on Qkr!...don't forget the kids!



Pre orders on Qkr! only. No sales on the day.
Orders close Weds 6th May at 4 pm.

Raising funds to support the ongoing
revitalisation of our school playgrounds and gardens



PA-Mother's Day Raffle

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY EPIC FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

It's your chance to get lucky!

**BUY YOUR TICKETS AND ENTER
TO WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES...**

\$290 WORTH OF CLASSES @ PILATES + GISBORNE

ORIGINAL FRAMED ARTWORK BY LOCAL ARTIST COURTNEY SCHRADER

\$250 CUSTOM FRAMING VOUCHER FROM XPRESSIMAGES SUNBURY

5 X MACEDON RANGES AQUA AEROBICS CLASSES AND GIFT SET

\$110 EMERGE HEALTH AND WELLNESS REMEDIAL MASSAGE VOUCHER

'NEW GISBORNE' ART PRINT BY ARTIST ELISE GOW

VARIOUS MINI-HIPPO LUNCH BOX ITEMS

MORGAN'S IGA \$50 SUSHI PLATTERS (X4)

\$3
for 1 ticket



\$8
for 3 tickets

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QKR! UNTIL THURSDAY 7TH MAY 4PM
OR GET TICKETS IN PERSON AT THE MOTHER'S DAY STALL AND
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST EVENTS**

**This event is run by NGPS Parents' Association, raising funds to support the
ongoing revitalisation of school playgrounds and gardens**

Winners announced via Compass Friday 8th May
Prizes can be collected Friday 8th May from NGPS office

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

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
- MAC & CHEESE - \$4.50
- LASAGNA - \$4.50
- TWISTA PASTA - \$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

**NEW GLUTEN FREE ITEMS
WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!
KEEP AN EYE ON QKR FOR
AVAILABILITY!!**

**PLEASE NOTE, SOME STOCK
LEVELS MAY FLUCTUATE EACH
WEEK**

Energy Breakthrough



NGPS will once again be participating in this year's Energy Breakthrough competition held in Maryborough from Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd of November 2026.

Briefly

The Energy Breakthrough Challenge is a three-day event held in Maryborough in November each year. Each team comprises of up to 10 members of equal gender.

New Gisborne will participate in the Tryathon event in 2026. Students will maintain and race a recumbent tricycle throughout an obstacle course, sprint race and 8-hour endurance event. Students are also required to present their learning to a panel of judges in a 30-minute presentation.

Teams will meet during school lunches to train and rehearse their play. Interested parents and students are invited to visit <https://www.eb.org.au/> website.

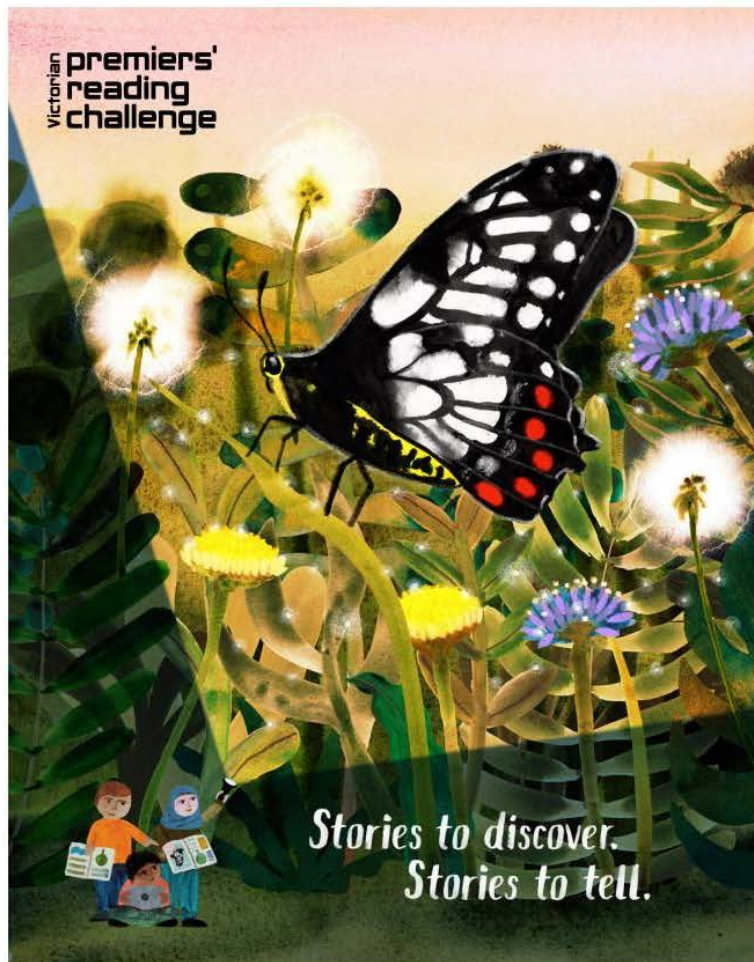
An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 28th April from 6.00pm in the staffroom.

If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact the event coordinator Mr Ray Bell – ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



Premiers' Reading Challenge

2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge



To register, visit
vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the
Premier with the support of former premiers.



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of Education

Dear Families,

Please keep a look out for your child's username and password for the 2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge. It would be a great idea to take a photo of these details just in case they get lost!

As in the past, students in Years F-2 will need to read 30 books and students in Years 3-6, 15 books, to complete the challenge.

Further information can be found at: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Challenge ends **4th September**



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!



INVENTI ENSEMBLE 1001 NIGHTS!

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

10.00am Sunday 7th June 2026

St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Step into a world of magic, adventure and mystery as Scheherazade begins her incredible tales from the 1001 Nights. Inveni Ensemble brings these famous stories to life with dazzling music by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arranged especially for their six instruments. From brave heroes and clever princesses to sea voyages and secret treasures, each piece of music opens the door to a new story.

In true Inveni style, the musicians mix exciting storytelling with brilliant live music, showing how their instruments can paint pictures and create characters. Alongside the famous music, you'll also hear three brand new pieces by Australian composers, written especially for the show. Full of colour, imagination and adventure, this concert invites children and families to discover the magical world of 1001 Nights.



For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



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: mrscvic.gov.au/kinder-rego or scan the QR code.

Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or kinderenrolment@mrscvic.gov.au

Register by 31 May 2026!



MAXINE BENEBA CLARKE

THE POWER OF PICTURE BOOKS AND POETRY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

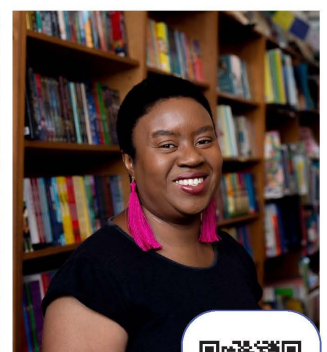
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12.

3.00pm Saturday 6th June 2026

St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Maxine Beneba Clarke takes us through some of her beloved books for younger children, including the CBCA Honour Book and Boston Globe Horn Prize winning picture book *The Patchwork Bike*, her ode to local book stores *We Know a Place*, her fashion anthem for young people, *Fashionista*, and her poetry collections *It's the Sound of the Thing*: 100 new poems for young people, and *Stuff I'm (NOT) Sorry For*: 99 new poems for young people.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance using the ticketing system.



For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



Community



FAMILY FUN DAY

46th Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Steam Mini Rally

17th May 2026
Gates open from 9am to 3pm

Come and meet Matilda for her 100th birthday!

FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE!

- BBQ + Coffee + drinks
- Children's activities
- Miniature train rides \$4pp
- Hay baling demonstration
- Small farm engines
- Vintage motor bike
- Some other displays
- Large steam engines - Matilda the roller turns 100 this year
- Eftpos available
- Furphy water cart display

Be a part of the fun!
we have plenty of activities and events on for all!

gisbornevmrs.com or facebook.com/gisbornevintagemachinerysociety
Webb CRT New Gisborne just off the freeway



AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

ART CLUB FOR KIDS

Wednesdays 3.45pm - 5pm

ART CLUB

CREATIVE YOGA

Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

Creative Yoga
I am...

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

Kind regards,
Nick Beckingsale

Executive Director
Statewide Programs and Tech Schools

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