

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians

No Assembly

Just a reminder that there will be no assembly this Friday, 13th March.

Year 4 Camp

Our Year 4 cohort headed off to Anglesea this morning. We wish them all the best and know they will have a fabulous time. A special thank you to our staff and parent helpers who make this experience possible.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students headed off to Sovereign Hill yesterday—gold was found, candles were made, and plenty of lollies were eaten. The AURA sound and light show was a massive hit, reinforcing much of the learning students had been doing at school. This morning it was an early start: hair plaited and off to costume school. We hope they continue to have a fantastic time.

NAPLAN

Students began NAPLAN testing this week and, after a slightly bumpy start, quickly settled in. We are keeping it fairly low-key, as it is simply another activity students complete at school. While NAPLAN is not a particularly reliable source of individual student feedback, it does provide useful information about how education is tracking across states and schools over time.

School Council

The new 2026 School Council will meet for the first time at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 17th March at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Council meetings are always open to the general school community, and parents are welcome to attend as observers.

We welcome Erin McKinnon and Cameron Beaman to School Council. Thank you to those members who are returning, and to our outgoing members, Justine Abbott and Tanya Hilgert, who will be missed. Thank you for all your support and hard work.

Performing Arts Competition (PAC)

Your child may have come home talking about the whole-school Performing Arts Competition (PAC) practice. This is a whole-school activity run in House teams, designed just for students—there is no parent audience for this competition. Year 6 students design the performances with some teacher assistance, and these songs and dances are then taught to the rest of their House team. Our Performing Arts Competition will be held on Thursday, 2nd April.

Cross Country

Next Thursday, 19th March, is our Year 3–6 House Cross Country event at Dixon Field. Mrs Mason is always looking for parents to help on the day. If you are available to assist, please email: joanna.mason@education.vic.gov.au. You will need a current Working with Children Check, must have nominated NGPS as your volunteer organisation and completed the 'Volunteer Induction'.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

11th-13th	Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp
12th-13th	Yr 4 Camp Wilkin
17th	Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic School Council Meeting & (AGM) 7pm
19th	Yr 3-6 Cross Country-Dixon Field
26th	GRIP Student Leadership Conference District Softball (Select Students)

April

1st	JSC Fundraiser-PJ Day Foundation Easter Concert
2nd	Whole School Performing Arts Competition (PAC) Last Day of Term 1, 2:30pm Dismissal
20th	First Day of Term 2
23rd	District Cross Country (Select Students)

May

5th	District AFL 9's (Select Students)
8th	Yr 3-6 House Athletics
15th	District Soccer

Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

Wellbeing at NQPS Term 1 week 7

At school

We have lots on at school over the next two weeks!

NAPLAN: The teachers have spent some time showing students the types of questions and the tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments.

Camps: The benefits of active and immersive experiences are well understood, which is why many schools offer them. They provide students with a rich variety of activities outside the school setting, placing your child in different environments that promote their participation and engagement with sporting, cultural, educational, and outdoor activities.

At home

NAPLAN: Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

Camps: Some tips for when your child returns from camp:

- Prioritise rest and a gentle re-entry to home, as they will likely be exhausted and emotional.
- Allow for a quiet, low-pressure day, unpacking together to check for lost items and encourage storytelling about their experiences.
- Some children may need some time to themselves before they are ready to chat about their time on camp.

Helpful resources for families

Raising Children Network: Schools, Teachers and Parents: Building strong partnerships.

This is a great read about working together to make sure your child gets the most out of their education.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/working-with-schools-teachers/relationship-with-school>



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and Well-being Leader

Chester Chatter

It's been a week of "See you soon, have a great time," and "Wow, what amazing artists!" for Chester this week. Firstly he farewelled the very excited Year Sixes, who were heading off to their camp at Sovereign Hill where they'll take part in the costume school and many other fantastic experiences.



Chester Chatter

Then Chester discovered there was an exhibition of Chester artworks on show in the activities room. He was amazed at the skill and eye for detail that had gone into the portraits and took them back to his office (the one he kindly shares with Mrs Boyd) for display.



Parents' Association



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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Due: 20th of March

Community- Rotary Gisborne Easter Hunt



Rotary
GISBORNE



Community EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 28 March 2026

Jacksons Creek Reserve (behind Coles)

Check-In opens at 10 am, \$5 per child

Fun activities from 10am. Egg Hunts start at 11 am sharp, with each age group in turn after more eggs are scattered.

4 AGE GROUPS

- 3 years & under, with a parent
- 4, 5 & 6 years
- 7, 8 & 9 years
- 10, 11 & 12 years

SCAN TO GET EXPRESS ENTRY



To make it fair for all children, at check-in every child will be provided with a zip-lock bag of the same size in which to collect their eggs and will confirm their registration. Please no BYO bags, baskets, etc.

ENTRIES: At trybooking.com/DJI0G , or ON SITE

If the event is cancelled due to weather or bushfire, online entries will be refunded.

Inquiries: Tel 0493 870 635



With more eggs than ever before!



Food - Drinks - Fun Activities

Photos with the Easter Bunny

Animal Farm Petting Zoo

Thanks to our sponsors for helping make this event possible.

By the community For the community. The proceeds will go to community projects!

Community- Rotary Gisborne Easter Colouring Competition

Rotary
GISBORNE



NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ AGE _____

To enter the competition please print the above picture.

Rotary Gisborne will collect entries from the school office at 9am Wednesday March 18th



DO YOU HAVE CCTV CAMERAS?

VICTORIA POLICE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

If you have CCTV that covers driveways, front yards, streets, rear lane-ways and security doorbells that activate when pressed, then your local police station would like to add this to our secure database.

All we need is a contact name, address, contact number, camera locations and how long the footage is stored – we will do the rest.

**Contact Gisborne Police Station via email
Gisborne.Uni@police.vic.gov.au**

Your footage could help us solve a crime.



VICTORIA POLICE

Community



GISBORNE ROOKIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

For Girls and Boys Prep to Year 3.
Want to make friends while having fun
trying an awesome sport?
Come and Play Rookies Net Set GO!



REGISTRATIONS



OPEN NOW



Starts: 10 March 2026
Tuesdays
3:45 - 4:45pm
Gardiner Netball Court



ENQUIRIES:

netball@gisbornerookies.com.au

WWW.GISBORNEROOKIES.COM.AU



GISBORNE ROOKIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



GISBORNE ROOKIES

ALL INCLUSIVE AUSKICK CENTRE
STARTS @ SANKEY SATURDAY MAY 2ND
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!



Auskick is for the beginner
footballers aged 4-7



Superkick is for the footballers
aged 6 & up not doing U9s yet



For the girls aged 4 & up who
want to play footy but not
with the boys



MORE MUD
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AllPlay footy is for kids with
a disability or additional
needs ages around 4-10



ENQUIRIES FOR 2026

Jay 0417 180 918

auskick@gisbornerookies.com.au

WWW.GISBORNEROOKIES.COM.AU

JUST FOR THE GIRLS

nab AFL Auskick

GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

NEW GISBORNE ALL GIRLS AUSKICK GROUP

Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne
FRIDAYS 4:30 - 5:30PM
Starts 1st May 2026

AFL PLAY

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

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HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

MELTON HOCKEY CLUB
FIRST SESSION IS FREE! ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!

WHEN: Thursday's 26th Feb to 2nd April
5:45pm-6:45pm (arrival time 5:30)

WHERE: 132 Bridge Road, Strathulloh
(Behind the athletics track)

CONTACT: Kylie Brilliant
kyliebrilliant@hotmail.com




GISBORNE FNC & GISBORNE ROOKIES JFNC GISBORNE FEMALE FOOTBALL FOOTY FOR ALL AGES AND LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE



**ONE PATHWAY. ONE COMMUNITY.
ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES**

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS AGED 8 AND UP
SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE NUMBERS BELOW FOR MORE INFO



AMANDA CROOKS
0422 324 379



DARREN MITCHELL
0412 335 554



POSSUMS Netball Club

DON'T FORGET!

REGISTRATION ARE OPEN!

POSSUMS 2026 WINTER SEASON
[HTTPS://REGISTRATION.NETBALLCONNECT.COM/LOGIN](https://registration.netballconnect.com/login)

REGISTER NOW!



DOMESTIC BASKETBALL

JUNIOR BASKETBALL – PLAYERS WANTED!

THE MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION IS WELCOMING NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS TO OUR JUNIOR DOMESTIC MID-WEEK COMPETITION.

WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR PLAYERS IN:
GIRLS (MONDAYS) UNDER 10-14 FROM 5:00PM
BOYS (TUESDAYS) UNDER 10 AT 4:30PM
BOYS (TUESDAYS) UNDER 12 & 14 FROM 5:00PM

LOCAL VENUES:
MACEDON RANGES SPORTS PRECINCT & WILLOWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
MRBA HAS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BASKETBALL IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR 40+ YEARS AND IS AFFILIATED WITH BASKETBALL VICTORIA AND BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA.

WE ALSO OFFER:
✓ AUSSIE HOOPS BEGINNER PROGRAM
✓ SATURDAY SKILLS SESSIONS
✓ VJBL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS
✓ SENIOR COMPETITIONS

★ COME AND START YOUR BASKETBALL JOURNEY WITH US!

Register at
www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/9adae9

email: domestic@mrba.org.au



Community

Is your child turning 3
between May 2026
and April 2027?



Register for kindergarten by 31 May

To be included in first round offers for 2027

We're accepting registrations for both 3-year-old and pre-pre kindergarten for:

- Gumboots Gisborne
- Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre (Gisborne)
- Rothschild Road Kindergarten (at Willowbank Primary School)
- Swinburne Avenue Children's Centre (Gisborne)
- Kyneton Community House
- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Bug-a-Lugs (Kyneton)
- Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten (Kyneton)
- Lancefield Children's Centre
- Macedon Early Learning Centre
- Macedon Kindergarten
- Gumboots Riddells Creek
- Riddells Creek Kindergarten
- Romsey Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten

Access to a
kindergarten
place is easier
than ever!



How to Register

Visit: mrc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or scan the QR code.

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



MT MACEDON & DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

Autumn Flower & Produce Show

Sunday 15 March 2026
Open 10am to 4pm

Tickets \$6 at the door (exhibitors free)
Devonshire Tea available for purchase

Details on how to
enter, show schedule
and exhibitor classes
available at

www.mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au



The Horticultural Hall, 583 Mt Macedon
Road, Mt Macedon VIC 3441



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Open Position:

Chief Exam Supervisor

✓ 2026 and beyond

✓ Must have WWCC
that permits paid
work

Key skills needed:

- Strong Organisation and Documentation Skills
- Strong Communication Skills
- Basic Computer Literacy

Send EOIs with a brief
outline of experience to: →

Email Address:



katherine.smith2@education.vic.gov.au

