

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back for Term 4!

It has been wonderful to hear many exciting stories of what students were up to in the holidays. We are starting the term with a number of senior sporting events, some incursions and hopefully even PMP in the park.

Compass

Term 4 is a very busy one with lots of different activities going on across many year levels. Please check Compass regularly and make sure you are up to date with permissions and consents for anything your children are participating in.

SunSmart

Remember it is a requirement that all students have a SunSmart hat to wear for all outside activities, including recess and lunch breaks. Any student without a suitable hat will be restricted to the shaded area in the Canteen courtyard.

As the days warm up, we tend to end up with lots of discarded jumpers in lost property. You can help us by ensuring that your children's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class.

Curriculum Day & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Make sure you've marked Monday 3rd November in your calendar as a whole school pupil free day. Staff will be undertaking professional development on this day (some wellbeing training and updating our First Aid qualifications). Please note that this is the day before Melbourne Cup Day which is a public holiday in Victoria.

I believe that Camp Australia will offer care on the Monday.

Chewing Gum

Can you please help us by ensuring that your children are not bringing gum to school.

Foundation 2026

Transition is starting up for our 2026 Foundation students with our staff making contact and visits with local kinders. Year 5 students will visit Swinburne Avenue kinder next week as the start of the buddy program.

Yard Supervision

Our yard is supervised from 8.40am in the morning. Students who need to arrive before this time should be booked in to before school care. Our dismissal time is 3.20pm and parents should be onsite as close to this time as possible to collect their children. We supervise until 3.40pm in case of emergencies. If you are unable to collect your child at dismissal they should be booked in to after school care.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

10th	Yr 5B & 1/2 5C Kids Helpline Incursion Kitchen Garden 4C & 4B
11th	Sunbury Show Battle Of The Bands
13th	District Softball Yr 5C Swinburne Kinder Visit
14th	Yr 5B Swinburne Kinder Visit
15th	Rescheduled PMP In The Park
16th	Yr 5A Swinburne Kinder Visit
17th	PA Meeting 9:00am– Staffroom Kitchen Garden 4A & 4C
21st-22nd	Yr 2 Lady Northcote Camp
24th	PA Colour Fun Run Kitchen Garden 4B & 4A
29th– 30th	Yr 6 Preparation for Puberty Sessions
31st	District Orienteering

NOVEMBER

3rd	Pupil Free– Curriculum Day
4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
7th	Cardboard Cart Regatta

Wellbeing

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents & Carers

Social media
Online gaming
Strengthening family communication
Impacts of screen time
Cyberbullying
Managing devices at home
Explicit/adult content
Artificial Intelligence

New Gisborne Primary School

Wednesday 12th November | 7.00-8.30pm



Register to attend:

bit.ly/newgisborne25

*This session is strictly for parents and carers only



Presented by
Martin McGauran,
primary teacher and
digital safety educator
and Carley McGauran,
psychologist and mum
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided
some reality checks! A few
new changes in our home
this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply
sensational. Their presentation
was relevant, honest and
informative. A MUST for each
school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should
be essential for all parents!
- Parent

Community Bank
Gisborne & District

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INFORM&EMPOWER

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This session will be in person and held at New Gisborne Primary School on the 12th of November. If you are having trouble registering using the QR code, there are posters with this QR code up on the office doors, on the noticeboards, on school gates, on the gym door and outside of OC.

The benefit of having a face-to-face session includes the opportunity to ask questions and hearing other parent's ideas and concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

regards

Kerry Morris

Learning Specialist and Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

Wellbeing



Creating cooperation and connection

Raising children is hard.

One of the greatest challenges in parenting is getting children to cooperate. How can we do this without using punishments, rewards or coercion?

This talk will explore other ways to help children to cooperate while keeping our connection strong. It explores the benefits of play and connection and gives practical ideas and strategies to use with your child.

- The impact of punishment and rewards
- The power of play for healing and connection
- Take home ideas to use with children
- Ways to stop yelling and start connecting
- Healthy boundaries

Lael Stone is an educator, TEDx speaker, author, mother, and parenting counselor who has been working with families for over 20 years. Her work as a birth educator, post-natal trauma counselor, and parenting educator has seen her work with thousands of families consulting about newborns all the way to the teen years.



WITH
Lael
Stone

The
Details

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Tuesday 28 Oct 2025

7:00 – 8:30pm

The Capital Theatre, Bendigo

Hosted by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

Tickets: \$10 (inc booking fee)

FOR MORE INFO WWW.GOTIX.COM.AU | TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE



Performing Arts

End-of-Year Concert – Save the Date! Thursday, 11 December 2025

Term 4 is always a magical time in the Performing Arts, as our talented students dive into learning, choreographing, and perfecting their end-of-year concert pieces.

We're thrilled to announce that the **2025 concert theme is "What's in a Book?"**

Get ready to be wowed, fall in love, shed a tear, and even experience a few thrills as our performers bring beloved stories and characters to life on stage!

Further details about the event will be shared soon, but in the meantime, we're reaching out for our incredible **parent volunteers**. These unforgettable nights wouldn't be possible without your support!

We are looking to have **one parent helper from every class** to assist with costumes, coordination, and backstage organisation. If you're able to help whether it's assisting your child's class, coordinating costumes, or lending a hand on the night, please contact:

melisa.anikeev@education.vic.gov.au or carol.preaudet@education.vic.gov.au

Concert USBs – Available on QKR! Soon.

We're delighted to share that USBs of the performance will be available for purchase, more details to follow soon.

Sunbury Show – Battle of the Schools!

Our amazing **NGPS Choir** will be performing this **Saturday at the Sunbury Show** as part of the exciting **Battle of the Schools** competition!

If you're heading to the show, be sure to stop by and **cheer on our talented choir** as they represent NGPS with pride and passion. Let's show them our support and celebrate the incredible talent within our school community!

Parents' Association



NGPS colour fun run t-shirts can be worn in place of regular school uniform for the day, otherwise a plain white t-shirt can also be worn.

Children riding the public bus home from school must have a change of clothes or a large bag to sit on and keep their seat clean.

Colour Fun Run is back! Get ready for a fun, colourful run Friday 24 October 2025 around New Gisborne Primary School. Junior school children (Foundation to Year 2) will stick to the oval where there will be 3 colour stations. Senior school children (Year 3 - 6) will complete a larger lap around the school as well as around the oval. Children hesitant to partake can stick to the outer side of the oval and wear green vests (provided on the day) to keep them colour free. They are welcome to return the vest at any time to join in the fun when they are ready. We look forward to seeing everyone in white t-shirts on the day.

Please register your child(ren) on Qkr! to cover the costs of the powder as this is a PA run event that aims to be cost neutral. If your child(ren) ride the public buses home, please ensure they have a change of clothes or a large bin liner to sit on and keep the bus tidy.

Reach out to Alison Simmenauer on 0420 352 926 if you wish to volunteer and help out with the event.

Parents' Association

parents association

Student Art Fair

Each student will bring home a sheet of art paper this week to complete artwork of their choice. Your little artist's artwork can then be transformed into high-quality keepsakes and gifts!

-Turn your child's artwork into these AMAZING products-



Greeting Cards \$15

Diaries, Notebooks & Sketchbooks \$20

Pillowcases \$25

Calendars \$15

Tea Towels \$25

Tote Bags \$25

Great gifts

Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

Please fill in the little box on the bottom of the cardstock with your child's name and age in marker (not pencil) and how many sets or items you would like to order. Please write their class on the back of the artwork.

Orders MUST be submitted for EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD via Qkr! by 27th October.

Please return artwork to your child's class by 27th October

Order under each of your children's names so that they each get their personal design printed. If you pay for three children under one name, you will receive the design of that one child, three times!! So please make sure you order per child, and return artwork to *each* child's class.

Parents' Association



The NGPS Parents' Association are selling trays of 'Kensington Pride' mangoes to raise money for school projects.

Fresh Mangoes direct from the farm to you!

Cost per Tray is: **\$31 (12-23 Mangoes)**

Order by: 25th October for collection early December

Order Direct on **Qkr!** Under Special Events

Each Tray Contains mangoes in various stages of ripeness, and they are a great fruit for freezing to use later. Remember to spread the word to friends and family too.

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)

Canteen

MONTHLY (September) Canteen Crew

SHOUT

OUTS

TO THESE ABSOLUTE SUPERSTARS
For Their Amazing Assistance & Support Last Month...

JACQUIE GALEA
RENEE ROWLAND
EMMA MCKAY
MARY GORDON
SARAH HOLLAND

...Every Minute Helps!

Your Time & Effort is Truly Valued & Appreciated

Thank you

RECESS WINDOW SALES

10:50am-11:20am

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

To increase students play time by reducing their wait time, volunteers are needed to help serve...

Are you available for a single or regular (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) **30-minute** shift?

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY REQUIRED

What's Involved, What Times, How Many Are Needed?

- 9am-9:30am Receive & Sort Lunch Tubs/Food Prep x2
- 9:30am-10:15am Label & Prep Lunch Bags x2
- 10:15am-11am Prep Drinks Tubs x2
- 11am-11:30am Recess Window Sales x2-4
- 11:30am-12:40pm Prepare Lunches (Rolls, Toasties, Nachos, Burgers, Hotdogs, Noodles) x2-4
- 12:40pm-1:15pm Bag & Tub Up Orders x2-4
- 1:15pm-1:30pm Distribute Lunch Tubs x2
- 1:30pm-2:15pm Lunch Windows Sales x2

*All volunteers must hold a current WWCC

Bring a Friend*



OUR CANTEEN IS
OPEN

Wednesdays & Fridays

To join our Canteen Crew of Awesome People, & have a bit of fun, while feeding our hungry children 😊 please visit Lana in the canteen or leave your details with Bec in the office



Your child loves seeing YOU in their Canteen... Will you help this term?



Canteen Roster

TERM 4, 6TH OCTOBER - 19TH DECEMBER 2025

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

DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
FRI 10 OCT	Renee	*	*	*
WED 15 OCT	*	*		
FRI 17 OCT	Renee	Jen	*	*
WED 22 OCT	*	*		
FRI 24 OCT	Renee	*	*	*
WED 29 OCT	*	*		
FRI 31 OCT	Renee	Jen	*	*
WED 5 NOV	*	*		
FRI 7 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 12 NOV	*	*		
FRI 14 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 19 NOV	*	*		
FRI 21 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 26 NOV	*	*		
FRI 28 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 3 DEC	*	*		
FRI 5 DEC	Renee	*	*	*
WED 10 DEC	Sarah H	*		
FRI 12 DEC	Renee	*	*	*
WED 16 DEC	Sarah H	*		
FRI 19 DEC	Renee	Sarah H	*	*

Community



SUNBURY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

**SUNBURY RECREATION RESERVE
CLARKE OVAL**

OCT 11TH 2025

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:
HUME CITY COUNCIL

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 **SUNBURY SHOW**






BOLINDA-MONEGETTA PRESENT

Light up the Night

Saturday 18th October 2025

Bigger. Better. Bolder.
Flames dancing beneath the dark sky,
Food and music as night drifts by,
Friends together, laughter near,
Our biggest bonfire of the year!

**It's not just a bonfire; it's a celebration of
our community spirit!**

- ▶ SES display before the bonfire is lit
 - ▶ Iain Archibald Band
- ▶ Parachute Landing (Beer & Cider)
- ▶ Bolinda Hall Committee bar (Wine + Beer)
- ▶ Food trucks, pastries, coffee, sausage sizzle
- ▶ Raffle + family fun

 **\$5 entry | \$20 Family Pass**
All funds raised go towards supporting the
Bolinda-Monegetta CFA.



JOSEPH

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MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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Community







POSSUMS NETBALL CLUB  **IS BACK!**

'NET' 5-6YRS 'SET' 7-8YRS 'GO' 9YRS

10 WEEK PROGRAM – STARTS TERM 4 2025
THURSDAYS 4.15 – 5.15PM
MRNA NETBALL COURTS, NEW GISBORNE

OCT 30 | NOV 6,13,20,27 | DEC 4,11 | FEB (2026) 5,12,19

TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK, SEARCH FOR 'POSSUMS' AND ENTER POSTCODE '3438': [HTTPS://REGISTRATION.NETBALLCONNECT.COM/LOGIN](https://registration.netballconnect.com/login)

For more information email: possumsnetballclub@gmail.com

\$150
(VNA members)

\$249
(Non VNA members)

Includes ball, shirt & keychain



FIRE SEASON IS COMING

ARE YOU READY?



Living in the Macedon Ranges means living with fire risk. With large forests, open farmland, and dry conditions, our region is highly vulnerable to fire — especially with the current rainfall deficit.

What you can do today:

- ✓ Slash long grass
- ✓ Rake up leaves, bark, and debris
- ✓ Remove woody weeds like gorse & blackberry
- ✓ Clear gutters, rubbish around homes, sheds and fences
- ✓ Keep your property maintained all summer
- ✓ Create or review your Fire Plan
- ✓ Have a plan for the first 72 hours

Preparation reduces risk — but it doesn't remove it. On hot, windy days, fire can still occur. That's why it's critical to have a Fire Plan and be ready to act early.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY | PROTECT YOUR FAMILY | START PREPARING TODAY



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(Council resources)



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council



cfa.vic.gov.au
(Fire safety & planning)