

Newsletter

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School Council President: Nial Muecke

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Dear Parents & Guardians

School Photographs

The photographers are coming out to NGPS next Tuesday 10th February. The process to purchase photos is the same as last year – all orders are completed online directly with the company. The school just supplies the venue and the children. Instructions on how to order have been posted via Compass and the flyer is also attached to this newsletter. If you need any assistance, please contact the office.

Open Classroom Years 1 - 6

We will have an open afternoon from 2:25pm on Friday 6th February for Years 1-6. Come in and see your child's classroom. This will be followed by our first 2026 assembly for Years 1-6 at 2:55pm. In case of extreme weather, we will cancel and notify parents via Compass.

Swimming Carnival

Yrs 3-6 House Swimming Carnival is Wednesday 11th February. Make sure that you have consented on Compass and contact Mrs Mason if you would like to help on the day. There are a wide variety of activities to cater for everyone's level and ability.

Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet

Parent/Teacher Meet & Greets are on the 17th & 18th February. The Meet and Greet is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and share information about them with the teacher. Look out for booking information on Compass next week.

Foundation Information Session and Foundation and New Families BBQ

There will be a Foundation information session on the 10th February at 4:30pm for new Foundation families in the staff room.

Followed by our Foundation and New Families BBQ from 5-6pm. Come and have a chat with staff and other parents. This is a lovely way to meet other families that your child is interacting with each day. Please RSVP through 'Compass Insights' to ensure you get a sausage or a veggie burger.

Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website (newgisps.vic.edu.au).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#), please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy - information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

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If you hold a valid means-tested concession card. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Shane West
Principal

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

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If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

6th	Open Afternoon For Parents 2:25pm First Parent Assembly 2:55pm
10th	Whole School Photo Day Foundation Parents Information Session 4:30pm New Families BBQ 5pm
11th	Yr 3-6 House Swimming Carnival (Sunbury Aquatic Centre)
17th & 18th	Meet & Greet Parent Sessions
23rd-6th Mar	Yr 1-2 Swimming Program (Gisborne Aquatic Centre)
24th	District Swimming Carnival-Select Students
27th	Foundation Grandparents Afternoon 2:30pm

MARCH

2nd	Foundation Students Commence Fulltime
4th	Yr 3 CERES Excursion
9th	Labour Day Public Holiday-Student Free
11th-13th	Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp
12th-13th	Yr 4 Camp Wilkin
17th	Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic School Council Meeting 7pm
19th	Yr 3-6 Cross Country-Dixon Field

2026 Curriculum Days (Student Free)

Monday 25th May-Professional Practice Day
Monday 2nd November-Curriculum Day
Thursday 17th December-Curriculum Day
Friday 18th December-Curriculum Day

Whole School Photo Day

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **10/02/2026**



leadingimage.com.au

New Gisborne Primary School

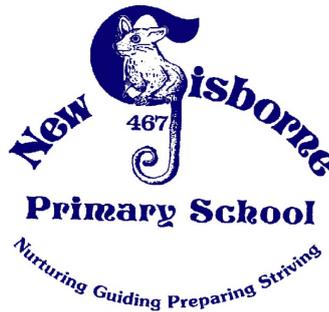
DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **EN5E63GV**



Scan to order!



Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

Wellbeing at NQPS Term 1 week 2

At school

This week all classes have begun Topic 1 of Respectful Relationships, **Emotional Literacy**.

This will help students to learn how to be aware of, understand and use information about their own emotions and the emotions of others.

Some of the activities in class have included naming and role playing different emotions and examining emotional triggers.

This helps students to listen respectfully to others, take turns and build empathy.

Safer Internet day is on February 10th. More information can be found here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whats-on/safer-internet-day>

At home

To support the development of emotional literacy at home, try these things

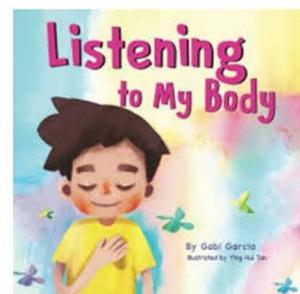
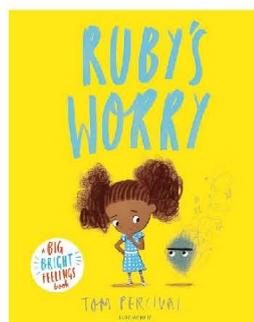
- encourage your child/children to talk with a family member about the experiences that led to them feeling different positive or comfortable and negative or uncomfortable emotions, both at school and at home.
- when reading aloud to your child ask them to guess and name the emotions that character might be experiencing.
- use teachable moments to make regular use of language for emotions and to make transparent the ways people can empathise with others. For example "That big smile tells me that you might be excited about trying this."

Helpful resources for families

Picture story books about emotions you could read at home:



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader



Visual Art

Tonal Prints by Year Three and Four



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PE/Sport

School Sport Victoria (SSV) TEAM VIC TRIALS 2026



Primary School Students (12 years and under)

Registration for the TEAM VIC trials for 2026 are now open! Victorian students have the opportunity to register to try out for state-level representative teams in their chosen sports. It is important to note that these trials are part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' events. Each student will be trialling for a state team, so we must attest to their athleticism, skill level, and school behaviour. The expectation is that students are already playing at a representative level in their sport. Families are asked to carefully consider whether their child is ready for this level of competition, as limited involvement at trials may affect a student's confidence.

Some popular sports have a closing date of Monday, March 2nd, 2026.

School Endorsement & Registration Process

Step 1: Parents must speak with the sports Coordinator before registering online. This allows us to discuss whether the trial is suitable for your child.

For the following sports, each school may endorse a maximum of three (3) students:

- 12 Years & Under Boys Australian Football
- 12 Years & Under Boys Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Girls Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer)
- 12 Years & Under Girls Netball

Step 2: Once approved by the Principal/Sports Coordinator, a parent or guardian may complete the online registration.

Step 3: If more than three students are registered in any of the sports listed above, SSV will contact the school. Official endorsement will be completed via an online form sent after registrations close.

Step 4: After the State Trials, the Principal/Sports Coordinator will be asked to endorse any student selected for a Team Vic team. Teams will not be announced until this endorsement is received. Successful students will then receive further information about their selection.

Further details can be found via the SSV link : <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Mason 😊

Specialist Team

FROM THE SPECIALIST TEAM

Art, Indonesian, Performing Arts and Physical Education

Dear families,

As we begin the new year, the Specialist team would like to remind your child/ren to remember these important items for school. Having the appropriate items with us ensures our learning time is kept to a maximum. Don't forget to bring your HATS and WATER BOTTLES every day and runners especially on your P.E days

SPECIALIST BAGS

In an effort to reduce the amount of lost and damaged belongings, we suggest that students pack a light, named carrier bag (e.g. reusable plastic, calico etc) that they can pack their lunch, drink bottles and other belongings into, on their specialist days.

The amount of lost and damaged items left in Specialist rooms has been an issue in the past and it is often difficult to return items to their owners.

Being able to pack away personal belongings safely will help keep items safe and promote organisation in their daily routines.

Foundation students will be designing specific Specialist bags over the coming weeks. In the meantime, a plastic bag with handles will be sufficient.



A huge thank you to the families who have already sent a bag in with their child/ren.

Kind regards,
The Specialist Team

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP 2026

GRADE 6 GRADUATION JACKETS are expected first term, we have yet to be advised of delivery date.

SHOP OPEN

TUESDAY MORNINGS

8:30am - 11:30am

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday, 10th February 2026.

Shop is closed for 15-20 minutes from 8.25am for STAFF GROUP PHOTOS.

Please ensure you have purchased any new polo tops the prior week.

Trish Johnstone

Uniform Shop Manager

Parents Association- Book Club

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1** Log in, or create a new account
- 2** Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3** Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4** Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5** Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6** Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7** Make a payment via credit card
- 8** Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

5/02/2026

New Gisborne Primary School



Your
OSHC.



A message from your Service Leader

Term 1 - February 2026!

Dear New Gisborne Primary School Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to Term 1 at Camp Australia OSHC and to the start of a brand-new school year! Week 1 has been filled with excitement as children settle into new routines, make new friends, and dive into engaging activities. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity, and confidence shining from the very first week. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Meet the People Who Make Our Service Shine!

To start off the new year, we would like to introduce our educator team! Our friendly and dedicated educators create a safe, supportive, and fun environment where children feel welcome and confident. We're excited for families to get to know the team who make our program such a great place to be and to put names to the faces your children are sure to mention.



Jasmin – Service Leader

Time with us: 2.5 years | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education (completed); currently completing Autism & Neurodivergent Studies

Hobbies: Lego, going to the gym and watching the sunset at the beach

Fun Fact: Jasmin spent 2025 learning how to walk again and now brings that same determination and energy to every game with the kids!



Mai – Educator

Time with us: 2 years | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education (final year)

Hobbies: Going on hikes and journaling

Fun Fact: Mai is one of seven children, so she knows all about teamwork, sharing, and keeping life fun!



Ava – Educator

Time with us: 1 year | **Study:** Occupational Therapy (second year)

Hobbies: Camping, shopping and going to the gym

Fun Fact: Ava has travelled to over 10 countries with her favourite place being Austria, she loves sharing stories from her adventures with the kids!

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Hope – Educator

Time with us: 1 year | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education – second year

Hobbies: Reading, Pilates, and going to the beach

Fun Fact: Hope can speak Indonesian, allowing her to practice with the kids who speak it too!



Amelia – Educator

Time with us: 1 year | **Study:** Bachelor of Primary Education – second year

Hobbies: Walking, reading and spending time with family and friends

Fun Fact: Amelia once competed in taekwondo and represented Australia, she often encourages the children to be brave, active, and confident!

Reminders:

As we begin a new year, we kindly remind all parents to review and confirm your children's enrolments to secure their place in our program. This will ensure they can participate in the exciting activities and adventures we have planned!

Please also take a moment to update all medical information to help us maintain the highest safety standards for your child. Your prompt attention will help us ensure a smooth transition and allow your children to dive straight into the fun and learning opportunities ahead.

We warmly welcome parents and caregivers to visit our service. Please feel free to drop by the service located in the school Gym. Our Educators are on site Monday to Friday, from 6:30am to 9:00am and again from 3:00pm to 6:30pm, we'd love to see you, alternatively feel free to give us a call on 0405 449 832.

Warm regards,

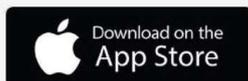
Jasmin - Service Leader

If you would like to make any changes to your child's aftercare bookings, they can be made through the Parent Portal on our website or app, or via the Customer Care Team on 1300105 343. Our Customer Care Team is available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

We would appreciate it if you could keep us informed of any changes in your child's aftercare arrangements so that we may update our records accordingly.

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.com.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



DON'T FORGET!

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!



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

APPLEWOOD EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING HORSE CLUB AFTER SCHOOL

Term 1 - Group Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm
Individual Sessions available other times by appointment
TYLDEN, 10 mins from Woodend, Kyneton & Trentham
30 mins from Daylesford, Gisborne & Romsey

FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES WITH HORSES
applewoodequine.com.au
ApplewoodEquine

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

These activities teach kind horsepersonship and help with life skills such as calm/regulation, anxiety, movement/mobility, social interaction, team building, leadership & confidence.

Most activities are on the ground. A mounted experience may be part of the learning program - this is not compulsory. No previous experience needed. Individual and shared sessions also available by appointment

Contact Mel: 0402 842 233
mel@applewoodequine.com.au
Certified EAL Practitioner
applewoodequine.com.au

APPLEWOOD EQUINE
Personal development and healing with horses
Equine Assisted Learning

Guitar Lessons

Weekly ½ hour group lessons (3-5 students)

- \$210 per term
- During school hours
- For students in Grade 2-6

Scan here to complete enrollment online.



Questions/Queries Contact:
Aaron Moar
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We recommend that beginners use a ¾ size nylon string guitar for home practice.



INFINITE SOUND
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TERM ONE 2026 AUSSIE HOOPS

BEGINNERS 5 - 11 YEARS OLD

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

8 WEEKS - 45 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL

SESSIONS

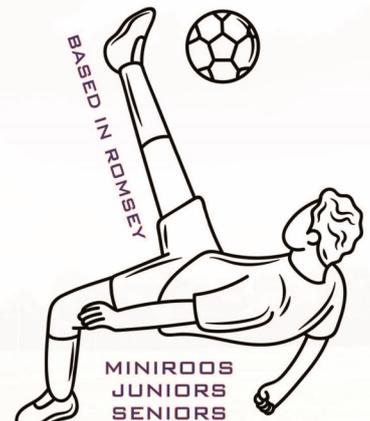
GISBORNE - MRSP
WEDNESDAY - 4:30PM - 5:15PM
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- ALL GIRLS SESSION -
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM

WOODEND - BUFFALO
FRIDAY - 4:45PM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM
SATURDAY - 9:15AM - 10:00AM
- ALL GIRLS SESSION -

FOR MORE INFORMATION - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU

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