

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians

NAPLAN

From Wednesday 11th March till Friday 20th March, NAPLAN assessment activities will be taking place for the children in Years 3 and 5. All children across the state will be completing tasks online, except for the Year 3 writing task which is still completed using pencil and paper.

Please note that the activities are spread across several days during these two weeks. Whilst the data is valuable for cohorts and schools, please remember that this is just a snapshot of your child on one day. If you have any concerns or questions, please discuss these with your child's teacher this week. Students will require headphones for some of the tests and, although we do have some available, if your child has their own wired headphones, they may feel more comfortable bringing and using them.

School Council Elections

School Council elections have closed, and we have some members who have renominated and some new members filling all positions. Our first meeting of our new school council will be Tuesday 17th March at 7pm.

Year 1-2 Swimming Program

What an amazing program. Thank you to our staff and all the parent helpers who all made this such a successful program. It has been fantastic to hear of the wonderful progress students have made.

Performing Arts Concert (PAC)

Your child may have come home talking about the whole school performing arts concert or PAC practice. This is a whole school concert in House teams that is run just for students. There is no parent audience for this concert. Year 6 students have designed performances with some teacher assistance and these songs and dances are then taught to the rest of their House team. Our Performing Arts Competition is on Thursday 2nd April.

Futsal Results

Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Futsal teams on their fantastic results & sportsmanship. What an amazing effort all round, with the girls team making the semi finals and the boys team coming home with the trophy.

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 students head off to Camp Wilkin on Thursday. This overnight camp is jam packed with activities that students have been learning about in class. The students participate in several marine activities and also visit the Split Point Lighthouse.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 teachers and students head off to Sovereign Hill to become a part of the living museum. Our students will spend two days attending classes and costume school. This camp has been a part of the Year 6 program for many years at New Gisborne. This camp runs from Wednesday 11th March until Friday 13th March.

Friday Nights Storm

Unfortunately, we were unable to keep the water on the outside of some of our buildings on Friday night. Makesafe were onsite Friday night and quickly got to work on the clean up activities. We did have to relocate two classes on Monday and we are unsure how quickly we will be able to move them back. We did have plumbers onsite on Tuesday evening and again on Saturday along with council on Thursday night to try and rectify problems to prevent this from happening again.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

6th	Parents Association Annual General Meeting 9am (Staffroom) Kitchen Garden 4B & 4A
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 & (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)

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

Wellbeing



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Wellbeing at NQPS Term 1 week 5

At school

For the rest of the term, in our Respectful Relationships Program we will be focusing on the topic **Personal and Cultural Strengths**. This helps students to learn how to recognise and understand their own and others' strengths and positive qualities, and how to identify how the values and strengths they learn from their family and culture help them to treat others with respect.

At home

Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. This topic provides learning activities to build this vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social and ethical challenges.

At Home Activity

Encourage your child to talk to family members about their strengths and times when these strengths helped them in doing, achieving and/or saying something.

Helpful resources for families

Resilience

- Resilience is the ability to bounce back after challenges and tough times.
- Resilience develops when children experience challenges and learn to deal with them positively.
- Strong relationships are the foundation of children's resilience.
- Skills and helpful attitudes are important for resilience in children.

Three ways to develop resilience

Understanding and managing emotions – for example, your child might be worried about a family member who's sick. You could say, 'I can see you're really worried about Grandpa. It's OK to be worried. But remember we're doing everything we can to help him get better'.

Being persistent – for example, encourage your child to have another go when things don't work out the first time they try something. Praise your child for trying, no matter the result. You could say, 'I'm proud of you for finishing the race' or 'Well done for giving it another go'.

Solving problems – for example, if a child at school says or does something unkind to your child, brainstorm how your child might respond next time. Helping your child to develop problem-solving skills is better than trying to solve every minor problem for them



Kerry Morris

Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

**For further reading: Raising Children Network article:
Building Resilience in Children 3-8**

Chester Chatter

Chester has loved hanging out with his new Foundation friends this week, going to the library to share stories and dropping in during the Grandparents' afternoon, where he saw the students draw and talk about the special times they've had with their extended families. Then he was on hand to congratulate the Boys Futsal Team when they returned to school holding a trophy!



PE/Sport

Year 6 Girls Futsal

On Tuesday the Girls Futsal Team competed in the Macedon Ranges District Futsal Tournament. We walked into the sports hub and competed against other local schools. Thank you to Mrs Mason, Mrs Miller and the parents who came and supported us.

Our first game was against Gisborne. Frankly, we were amazing! However, we were robbed of victory. We had a rusty start but it inspired us to do better.

Our second game was against Willowbank. Zarli's two goals delivered the awesome win. We won 2-1 and couldn't wait for the next game.

Our game against Mount Macedon saw us win again with another amazing goal by Zarli. Our defense was strong and we worked really hard as a team.

We made it to the quarter finals and played against Braemar. We were nervous but we won with a goal from Ruby! And then we were in the semi-finals against Macedon. We lost 1-0 in a very tight game. A special mention goes to Mia for her beautiful header.

Written by the Year 6 Girls Futsal Team



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 😊

Parents' Association

Our 'Parents' Association' needs you! And we'd love to have you involved!

The Parents' Association is a group of committed volunteers supporting various activities, events and fundraising for the school community throughout the year.



Hi everyone, I am Rachel, I'm the current President of the Parents' Association. As a new parent at the school three years ago I knew very little about the school community or ways to get involved. I wanted to support my little preppy to have the best start and so threw myself into supporting the school through the PA and canteen. Since that time, I've had the privilege of being involved in bringing together some awesome fun events, fundraising and having a great laugh with my family and many new friends.

The PA have some fabulous flagship events and in recent years have really struggled to get volunteers to assist. If you can spare some time, we'd love to have your help!

Here's some of what you can look forward to over the coming year:

Book Fair— a great opportunity to introduce, encourage and support students of all ages to the world of reading by volunteering at the book fair. By selling of books, assisting students with book selection and helping the students out with their maths skills by finding the right coins to pay.

School Disco – One of the much-loved events for our students. As a parent volunteer as you get to supervise the students as they boogie the night away and eat all the sweets in sight! There's a variety of fun roles on the night from crowd control, face painters, or selling candy, this is a fun event for all involved.

We can't continue to provide these events without welcoming some new people into our fabulous association. Whether you have 1 hour to spare, or multiple hours, we welcome all skills to help support our school community!

The next meeting will be held on March 6th in the staff room at 9am. This meeting will also include AGM and we'd love to see some new faces. You can also connect online with the committee through our facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ngpspamembersonly> or by emailing: ngps.parentsassociation@gmail.com to find out more.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, the teachers and school community for the ongoing commitment and support.



Parents' Association



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FRIDAYS 4:30 - 5:30PM

Starts 1st May 2026



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Starts 1st May 2026



Community



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
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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
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- Romsey Kindergarten
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Questions/Queries Contact:
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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: →



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