

# Newsletter

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School Council President: Laura Shea



## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

- 5th** 2024 Foundation Transition Session  
**6th** Yr6 Funfields Excursion  
Parent Helpers Morning Tea  
**7th** EOY Concert  
**8th** F - Yr2 Athletics  
Assembly - 2024 Yr6 Leader Announcements  
**12th** State Wide Yr6 -Yr7 Transition  
2024 Foundation Parents - Orientation Session  
2024 Foundation Transition Sessions  
**14th** Yr6 Graduation  
**15th** Final Assembly 2.20pm  
**18th** Last School Day for Students  
3.20pm Dismissal  
**19th-20th**  
Pupil Free - Curriculum Days

### JANUARY

- 29th** Pupil Free - Curriculum Day  
**30th** First School Day for Yr1-Yr6

### FEBRUARY

- 1st** Foundation students start  
8.55am-1pm

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### Parent requests

Thank you to all those parents who submitted requests to me for next year. The time for these requests has now passed and the teachers have now begun the difficult task of assembling classes. We will try to accommodate as many of these as we can. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to accommodate all of these, as we sometimes get conflicting requests and no, little Johnny's mum isn't going to hurt your feelings and tell you that she wants your children separated! In the smaller cohorts, it is even harder to separate your child from multiple children, but we do our best.

### Riding bikes to school

Could we please remind our students who ride to school, to be very careful of other people. We have had a couple of near misses recently involving students riding around corners and ending up face to face with frightened elderly pedestrians.

### Gisborne Gazette Student Awards

Congratulations to Juniper and Darcy who were the very deserving recipients of the Gisborne Gazette student award. They both received certificates and a \$50 award. You can see their picture and a snapshot of the information in the December issues of the Gisborne Gazette.

Also, in this issue is a snapshot of the Year 2 students at camp.

### F-2 Athletics

Due to the poor weather at the moment, the F-2 athletics day scheduled for today has been postponed for 1 week. Hopefully the weather on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December will be better.

### Performing Arts Concert

Reminders about the Performing Arts Concert on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December will undoubtedly be sent home over the next week. There has been lots of costume fittings and rehearsals happening across the school. Don't forget to plan ahead and bring your own seats or rug.

### Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 students will have their graduation on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Our venue this year is the Gisborne Golf Club. The students will have their final assembly at school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.20pm.

Shane West  
Principal

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# Chester Chatter

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!***

Chester turns one this week! He's looking forward to seeing everyone at Assembly today and, hopefully, he'll be able to sit still long enough for us to sing him happy birthday! Recently, three special students have been working hard to become "Chester Champions". Ava, Jessie and Nathaniel have learnt to manage Chester on the lead and can give him basic commands. He's a very lucky dog to have so many people that care for him!



# FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable items for the Gisborne Foodbank in the lead up to Christmas.



## DROP-OFF :

Mrs Ahtuam's classroom (1D)  
before December 6th.



# POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

### Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

#### INFORMATION NOTICE



The Years F-2 Modified House Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December on our NGPS OVAL. The day will begin at 9am with a short briefing, the first event commencing at **approximately 9.10am, finishing at around 1.30pm.**

Athletics is part of our school's Physical Education curriculum. The day provides students with an opportunity to showcase some of the skills they have learned during the athletics program this term and most importantly have a lot of fun.

The students will compete in 10 events within their grades, which will be completed in 20 minute rotations. We will be assisted by some Year 6 students who will help to run the events on the day. Parents are welcome to attend. **Only participants and volunteers are permitted ON THE OVAL.** All the events will be on or around the oval.

This is a House sports event and we therefore encourage students to dress up in their House colours to get into the spirit of the day. Please ask your child's teacher if you're unsure of the House or colour that your child should be wearing.

**RED - LEE LIONS**  **YELLOW - GALLOWAY GRIZZLIES**  **GREEN - HURST HAWKS**  **BLUE -DEVLIN DINGOS** 

The students will have breaks at normal time and will be encouraged to bring water bottles and a healthy snack. We encourage all parents to prepare a healthy lunch and snack for students to promote the day as a complete 'Health Day'. This includes starting the day with a healthy breakfast. Students will be asked to bring along fruit/veg, healthy snacks and water.

The focus of the day is very much about participation and fun, and every child will receive at least one House point for participating in each individual event. Bonus points will be awarded for reaching certain standards, good sportsmanship and terrific behaviour. The House with the most points will be the F-2 Athletics Champion for 2023.

**We are seeking some parent volunteers to assist on the day. Ideally, we would like 2 parent helpers per class. Jobs will include assisting with scoring and class supervision with your child's teacher. Please note ALL volunteers need a CURRENT WWCC and to have nominated NGPS as a volunteer organisation. Please inform your child's teacher if you're available to assist on the day.** Written permission will need to be obtained from every parent for other children to be photographed.

If the House Athletics Day is called off due to poor weather, we will do our best to find an alternative day to run the carnival at school. We will attempt to give as much notice as possible if the day is going to be cancelled due to poor weather, however please understand that due to the importance and logistical nature of the day, this will sometimes mean the morning of the Carnival. Notification will be sent via Compass.

Kind regards  
Joanna Mason  
PE & Sport Coordinator 😊

## Sport/PE

### WATER BOTTLES, HATS AND RUNNERS

Please help your child/children remember these important items for school. As the weather is warming up, we are outside during PE lessons. 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.

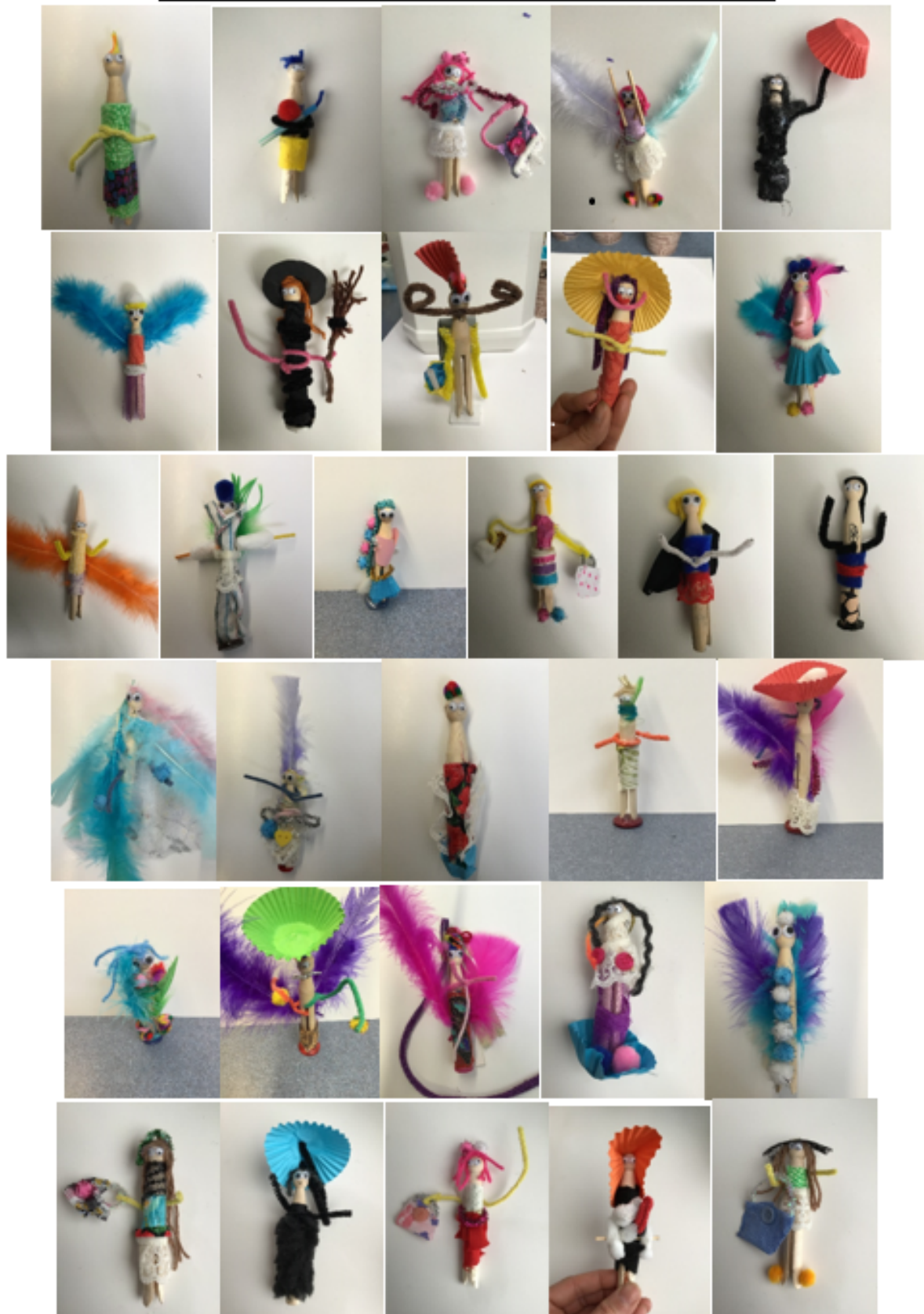


## ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

The Blue Ribbon Energy Breakthrough team would like to thank NGPS and the Victorian Police for their support throughout the year. The Blue Ribbon team had an amazing time last week at the annual Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough. On Wednesday, the team passed their design and construction scrutineering successfully to begin the event followed by presenting their display to Assistant Commissioner Weir and Neil from the Blue Ribbon Foundation who travelled from Melbourne for the event. On Thursday, it was time for racing; during the endurance event the students peddled 280km in sweltering heat, staying hydrated with Zooper Doopers. Friday the weather took a turn and the students completed their last two races (obstacle and time trials) in the wet. The team were amazing throughout the event placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall.



Year One Peg People Characters



## HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

**We are always looking for canteen volunteers!  
If you are able to help, it would be very much  
appreciated.**

**Contact Brenda at**

**[Brenda.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Brenda.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au)**

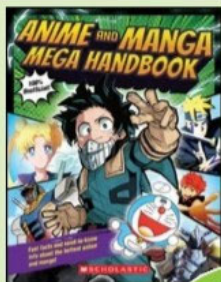
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	Annika Karlsson
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>
Nicola Ciesielski & Angela Clemson	Fiona Feake
<b>Friday 15th December</b>	
Nicola Ciesielski & Heidi Theuerle	



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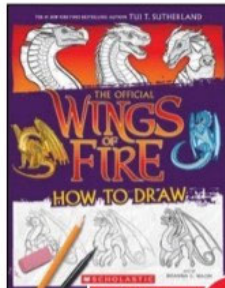
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DUE BACK BY:

# Book Club



**001**  
**NEW!** Anime and Manga Mega Handbook  
Become an anime and manga expert!  
208 pp. AGES 8+  
\$19.99 **\$15.00**

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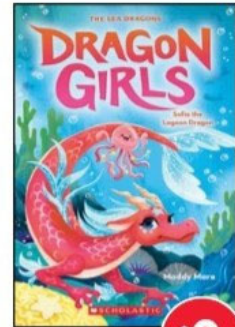
**002**  
**NEW!** The Official Wings of Fire: How to Draw  
Step-by-step instructions on how to sketch and colour over 40 dragons. 96 pp. AGES 10+ \$19.99

**HALF PRICE!** \$10



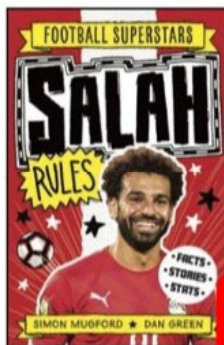
**003**  
**NEW!** The Battle for Imperia  
Team Dragon must return the last dragon egg to fulfill the prophecy.  
144 pp. AGES 7+ \$14.99

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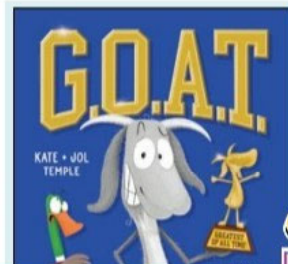
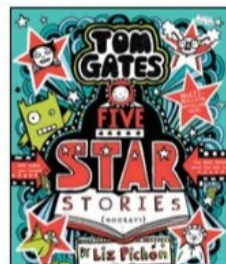
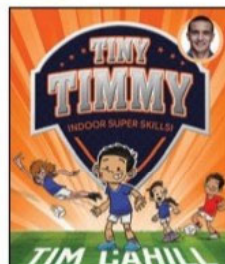


**004**  
**NEW!** Sofia the Lagoon Dragon  
The Dragon Girls must find the magical narwhal.  
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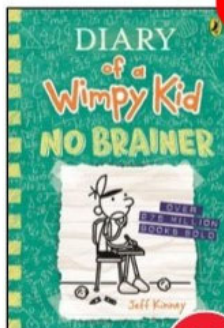


**005**  
**NEW!** Salah Rules  
Learn all about football legend Salah.  
128 pp. AGES 7+  
\$12.99 **\$12.00**



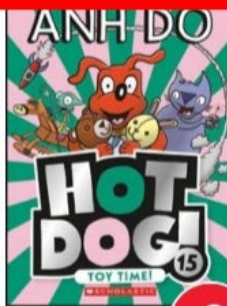
**Orders due back by 1st December**

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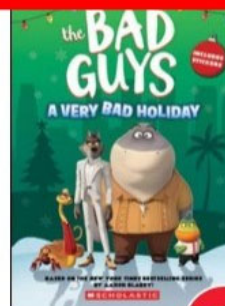
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It's up to Greg to save his crumbling school before it's shuttered for good. 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$14.99

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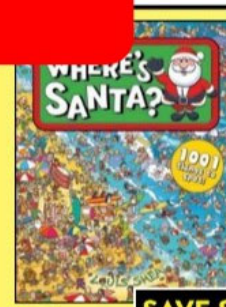
**010**  
**NEW!** Toy Time!  
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## School Choir \ Community

The Foundation to Year 6 New Gisborne Primary School Choir will be performing at the Gisborne Carols by Candlelight this year . It is a local event where a number of local schools and performers will participate. The event will be held at Dixon Field on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. Our choir will perform 2 songs. Notes will be sent out on Compass for any students who are participating in the event. We would like to extend an invitation to all our families to bring a picnic and join in the festivities. See you there!

Carol Préaudet

**GISBORNE COMMUNITY**

**CAROLS BY  
CANDLELIGHT**

**Sunday 10th Dec  
6:00pm**

**Dixon Field,  
Robertson St Gisborne**

Carols sung by local Primary Schools & Choir  
Pre-entertainment by Burnt Honey & TAKT

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TWO SESSIONS!**

**BULLENGAROOK REC RESERVE**

**U15S - TUES 21ST NOV TO 12TH DEC 5PM-6PM**

**U17S - TUES 21ST NOV TO 12TH DEC 6PM-7:30PM**

**U11S & U13S - THURS 23RD NOV TO 14TH DEC 5PM-6PM**

**FEMALE FOOTY (ALL AGES)**

**COME & TRY - SANKEY RESERVE**

**WED 22ND NOV TO 13TH DEC 5PM-6PM**

U9s sessions will commence in 2024  
Queries: [secretary@gisbornegiantsinc.club](mailto:secretary@gisbornegiantsinc.club)

## JUNIOR NETBALL OPTIONAL PRE SEASON SESSIONS!



NEW & RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME!  
BRING A FRIEND FOR SOME FUN  
ONSITE CONTACT FOR QUERIES/INFO

**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
29TH NOVEMBER - 13TH DECEMBER**  
*ATTEND WHATEVER SESSIONS YOU CAN MAKE!*

**U11S - COURT 1 - 4:15-5:15PM**

**U13S - COURT 2 - 4:15-5:15PM**

**U15S - COURT 1 - 5:30PM-6:30PM**

**U17S - COURT 2 - 5:30PM - 6:30PM**

NO RSVP REQUIRED - JUST TURN UP!

QUERIES: [NETBALLCOORDINATOR@GISBORNEGIANTSFNCLUB](mailto:NETBALLCOORDINATOR@GISBORNEGIANTSFNCLUB)



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# Community



the 2022 model installed

The Gisborne Men's Shed has built another Cubby House, including furniture, to be raffled with all proceeds benefiting the Gisborne Foodbank. The Cubby House (or garden shed or man cave or ..... ) will be delivered and assembled on an easily accessible and flat site within a 30 km radius of Gisborne prior to Christmas or at a mutually convenient later date.

The raffle will be drawn at 11:00am on Monday 18th December at The Shed

**\$5/ticket on-line sales only**

Check out the Gisborne Foodbank or Men's Shed Facebook page to find out where the Cubby will be on display

<https://a-cubby-house-for-christmas-2023.raisely.com>



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December 1 - January 31

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## BIG SUMMER READ

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