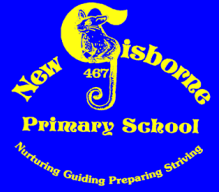


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

Stop Work

Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting Tuesday's 'stop work' action. Our kids, staff and parents deserve the best education system with the best conditions. Thank you for standing alongside us for better funding, better resources and better support.

GRIP

GRIP Leadership Excursion- Thursday, March 26.

Our staff, student leaders, house captains and Year 6 Junior School Councillors headed off bright and early from Gisborne station to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for the GRIP conference. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, and People, and it is a program designed to inspire leaders to reach their fullest potential.

Pyjama Day

To help support the Royal Children's Hospital, the JSC will be having a Pyjama Day on Wednesday 1st April. Wear your favourite pyjamas to school! It might be a onesie, a dressing gown or your comfy tracksuit. Whatever you want as long as it's 'SunSmart' (so no bare shoulders!) and you must still wear normal school shoes (so no slippers etc).

Canteen

We look forward to the return of our canteen in Term 2. There is already information on our Facebook page and newsletter on how you can support Patti by volunteering your time to help in the canteen. The success of the canteen is reliant on getting a steady stream of helpers to support us.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolment forms will be available to download from the Department of Education website, our school website or collect at the office from the 20th April, 2026.

2027 Parent Information Sessions will be run at New Gisborne Primary School. A daytime session will take place on **Thursday 30th April from 12pm-1pm** and an evening session on **Tuesday 12th May from 6pm-7pm**. These sessions will also include a brief school tour.

2027 Foundation School Tours will run on Monday mornings at 10am, by appointment only, commencing Monday 27th April, they are led by our student leaders. Foundation School Tour bookings and Parent Information Session bookings can be made via TryBooking. Information and booking details have been posted on the our website: [newgisps](https://www.newgisps.co.nz)

Last day of Term

Thursday 2nd of April will be the last day of Term 1 and we will have a 2:30pm dismissal on this day. School resumes on Monday 20th April.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

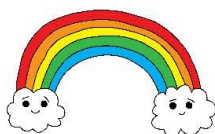
April

1st	JSC Fundraiser-PJ Day (Gold Coin Donation) 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)
27th	Rescheduled District Softball (Select Students)
30th	2027 Foundation Information Session 12pm-1pm

May

1st	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)
6th	Foundation Wacky Wednesday
5th	District AFL 9's (Select Students)
7th	PA Mothers Day Stall
8th	Yr 3-6 House Athletics
12th	2027 Foundation Information Session 6pm-7pm School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
14th	Yr1- Toys Over Time -Incursion
15th	District Soccer
20th-22th	PA Book Fair
25th	Curriculum Day– Pupil Free

Wellbeing



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Wellbeing at NQPS Term 1 week 9

At school

As we head into the final two weeks of Term 1, many of our students are starting to feel the effects of a long and busy term. You may notice your child is more tired than usual, finding it harder to concentrate, or a little more emotional at the end of the day, this is completely normal.

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships.

This term we have covered the topics:

Emotional Literacy and Personal Strengths, as well as starting our Digital Wellbeing and Cybersafety Program-Inform and Empower.

In Term 2 we will be covering the topics:

Positive Coping and Problem Solving and continuing with Digital Wellbeing and Cybersafety Incursions early in the term.

At home

During this time, simple supports can make a big difference: keeping routines consistent (especially bedtime), helping your child break tasks into smaller, manageable steps, and checking in regularly about how they're feeling. Encouraging effort over results builds confidence, while making space for rest, play, and family time helps them re-charge.

Setting small goals and celebrating progress can also help maintain motivation as the holidays approach. Most importantly, this is a great opportunity to reflect with your child on how far they've come this term and to help them finish feeling proud, supported, and ready for a well-earned break.

Helpful resources for families

Does your child love cooking? Macedon Ranges Health is running a free holiday event. See the flyer in the 'Community' section of the newsletter for more details!

Cooking Competition *Mystery Box Challenge! Ages 9 - 13*

When: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Macedon
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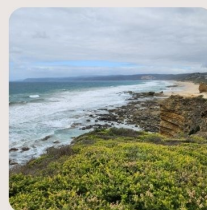


Kerry Morris

Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Year 4 Camp

YEAR 4 HAD A FANTASTIC TIME EXPLORING THE SPLIT POINT LIGHTHOUSE AT AIREYS INLET. WE LOVED VISITING THE ESTUARY AND SPENDING TIME AT THE BEACH. CAMP WILKIN WAS ALSO A HIGHLIGHT, WITH STUDENTS ENJOYING THE FLYING FOX, LOW ROPES, CLIMBING WALL AND TEAM CHALLENGES.



YEAR 4
CAMP
WILKIN

PE/Sport

P.E. & SPORT – NGPS House Cross Country 2026

House spirit, fun, resilience, determination, peer support, cheering, and sportsmanship were just some of the many qualities on display at this year's House Cross Country.



Cooler weather provided perfect running conditions for our annual event. How great to see Dixon Field come alive with colour, as students grinned in anticipation and proudly wore their brightest house colours of reds, blues, greens, and yellows! As always, students embraced the house spirit, donning unique items such as shiny hats, feather boas, tulle skirts, and of course, plenty of face zinc. They looked fabulous, and the atmosphere was full of FUN.

The day was a huge success! Congratulations to all our Year 3–6 students for their enthusiasm and determination to do their best while having fun. This year, we witnessed some extraordinary displays of resilience and teamwork. Whether students ran, jogged, walked, or used a combination of all three, we are immensely proud of the team spirit they displayed. Well done!



A special mention goes to Naithen (Year 3), who was awarded our **'Yes We Can'** Sports Award. We also acknowledge the incredible support shown across all houses and age groups, with students cheering not only for Naithen but for every runner throughout the day, an outstanding effort.

Thank you to our teachers and support staff for their encouragement and assistance in making the day such a positive event. A huge thank you also to our volunteers who took up marshal positions all around the course, helping to keep our students safe and providing plenty of encouragement along the way. We sincerely thank Nial Muecke, Jenny McKay, Ebony King, Annika Karlsson, Justine Abbott, and Louise Robertson for their support.



The 11, 12, and 13-year-old boys and girls completed a 3km course starting at Dixon Field, winding 1.5km along the Gisborne Walking Track behind the Aquatics Centre, before looping back to finish at Dixon Field. The 8, 9, and 10-year-old boys and girls completed a 2km course, following the same path but turning earlier at the 1km marker before returning to the finish.



Congratulations again to all our runners for completing their courses with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, contributing valuable points to their houses. You were all **AMAZING!**

PE/Sport



Lee Lions took out the win for Best House Chant, earning 20 points toward their tally. Perhaps an early omen for the day! **Our overall winners were also Lee Lions**, followed by Galloway, Hurst, and Devlin Houses.



District Team Selection

The first 10 runners in each age group (9 years and older) will go on to compete at the MRPSSA District Cross Country event, to be held on Thursday 23rd April.



Our top five runners in each age group were:

9/10 Girls: Macy, Olivia A, Skylah, Lyla S, Alice (8YO), McKenna

9/10 Boys: Francesco, Ned, Ashley, Caleb, Toby

11 Girls: Charlotte S, Aria, Charlotte V, Layla, Eliza

11 Boys: Jax, Cooper G, Tom M, Baxter, Arthur

12/13 Girls: Zarli, Paisley, Evy, Emmy, Eloise

12/13 Boys: Henry A, William A, Marley, Xander, Jaxon

Congratulations to all 60 of our district qualifiers (above). We saw some very close races on the day and were extremely proud of the efforts of both first-time participants and students who secured their place on the team for consecutive years.

Keep up the training over the Easter break in preparation for the District Carnival.

Go team—and good luck to all those attending! Mrs Mason 😊

JSC- Good Friday Appeal Fundraiser

Our NGPS Junior School Council is excited to be fundraising for the Good Friday Appeal! Each recess and lunch, JSC representatives from every year level will visit classes with their "Guess the Amount of..." jar.

For \$1 per guess, students can estimate how many chocolate eggs, lolly snakes or other treats are in the jar. The closest guess wins the entire jar! Winners will be announced on Thursday the 2nd of April.

We'll also be keeping track of totals, with bragging rights going to the year level that raises the most.

Don't forget to wear your PJs on Wednesday 1st of April and bring along a donation for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful cause!



JSC- Good Friday Appeal Fundraiser

Guess the amount of.....

Foundation - Red
Tulip eggs



Year 1 - Mixed
eggs and snakes



Year 2 - Cadbury
plain chocolate



Year 3 - Cadbury
mixed types



Year 4 - Lolly
snakes



Year 5 - Mixed
eggs and snakes



Year 6 - Smarties



Energy Breakthrough



NGPS will once again be participating in this year's Energy Breakthrough competition held in Maryborough from Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd of November 2026.

Briefly

The Energy Breakthrough Challenge is a three-day event held in Maryborough in November each year. Each team comprises of up to 10 members of equal gender.

New Gisborne will participate in the Tryathon event in 2026. Students will maintain and race a recumbent tricycle throughout an obstacle course, sprint race and 8-hour endurance event. Students are also required to present their learning to a panel of judges in a 30-minute presentation.

Teams will meet during school lunches to train and rehearse their play. Interested parents and students are invited to visit <https://www.eb.org.au/> website.

An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 28th April from 6.00pm in the staffroom.

If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact the event coordinator Mr Ray Bell – ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



GUESS WHAT...

Canteen is back!

TERM 2
WEEK 1

PLACE YOUR ORDER
THROUGH QKR

"PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE RUNNING
A LIMIT MENU WHILE WE GET
UP AND RUNNING"

VOLUNTEERS!
CLICK [HERE](#) OR REGISTER
YOUR INTEREST BELOW

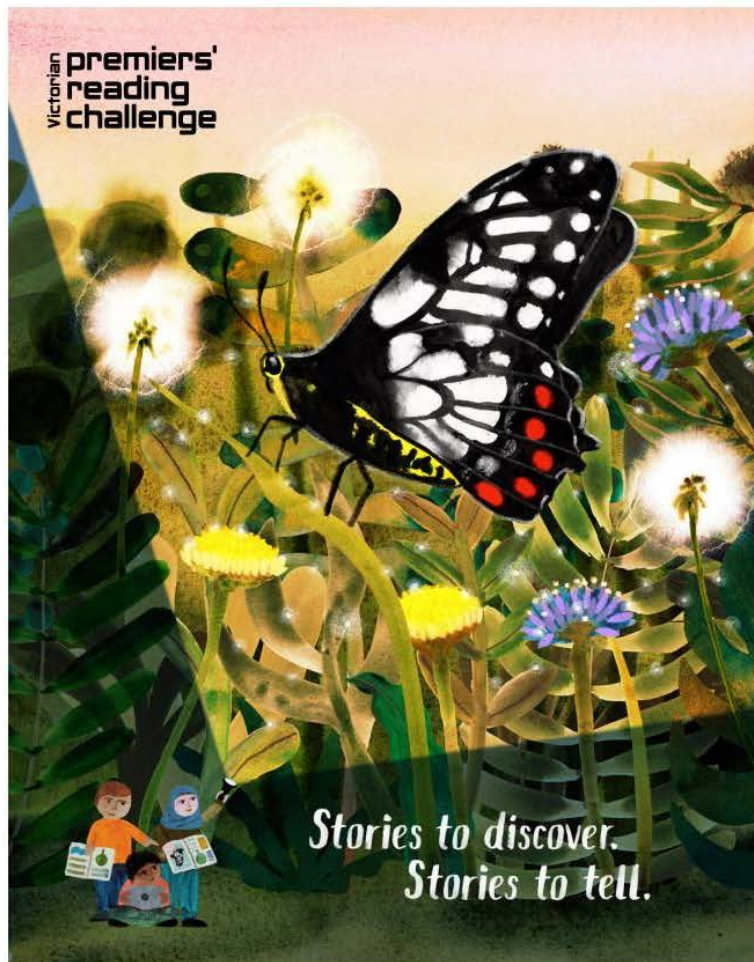
Chester Chatter

Keen to catch up with the other recently returned campers, Chester went to visit the Year Sixes and found some of them designing and creating Batik in their Indonesian lessons, and others working on their skateboard decks in visual art. He was then happy to return to his office for a rest, where he enjoyed listening to a wonderful bedtime story, written and illustrated by Skylah, one of the Chester Champions.



Premiers' Reading Challenge

2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge



To register, visit
vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the
Premier with the support of former premiers.



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of Education

Dear Families,

Please keep a look out for your child's username and password for the 2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge. It would be a great idea to take a photo of these details just in case they get lost!

As in the past, students in Years F-2 will need to read 30 books and students in Years 3-6, 15 books, to complete the challenge.

Further information can be found at: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Challenge ends **4th September**





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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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ORDERS CLOSE 10TH APRIL, 2026

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

*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.*

SCAN TO GET EXPRESS ENTRY



ENTRIES: At trybooking.com/DJIOG , 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!

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ROCKETEERS



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out if you're eligible, log into MyGov.

www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers

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FUN AWAITS! YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

New Gisborne Primary School

Address: 239 Station Rd NEW GISBORNE VIC 3438

Phone: 0405449832 **Program Times:** 06:30 am - 06:30 pm



**Tue
07 Apr**

Project: Into the Wild

Step into the wild to create your very own magical world! Become an honorary forest sprite and create your own beautiful dome terrarium filled with wonder. And best of all, your magical world will come home with you!

Full Fee \$107.27 | After Max. CCS* \$10.73



Project

**Wed
08 Apr**

Big Art Day: Jungle Jamboree

Welcome to Rocketeers Zool! What will we discover in the wild today? You can create your own animal habitat or go on a wild scavenger hunt. So join our journey into the wild!

Full Fee \$89.11 | After Max. CCS* \$8.91



Base Camp Day

**Thu
09 Apr**

Adventure: Climb & Bounce at AFL Max

Climb, bounce, dodge and race through rock walls, trampolines, cargo nets, dodgeball, sprint screens and skill zones in one huge action-packed day!

Full Fee \$137.01 | After Max. CCS* \$13.70



Excursion

**Fri
10 Apr**

Project: Pranksters Paradise

It's time to get your funny on! Get ready for a prank showdown that will leave you in stitches - all with the help of your very own prankster kit.

Full Fee \$107.26 | After Max. CCS* \$10.73



Project

**Mon
13 Apr**

Operation: Starship Explorers

It's time for Takeoff! Join us for an intergalactic adventure and discover everything that floats in space. From planets to asteroids, your life as an astronaut begins today!

Full Fee \$76.11 | After Max. CCS* \$7.61



Base Camp Day

**Tue
14 Apr**

Big Art Day: Deck Designer

Today is gonna be GNARLY!! It's time to turn your skateboard deck into a masterpiece. Forget the wheels! Let's switch things up and design, draw, and paint your own deck that will show off your personal style.

Full Fee \$113.19 | After Max. CCS* \$11.32



Project

**Wed
15 Apr**

Operation: Global Groove

It's time to party and the whole world is invited! Let's turn up the music from around the world and dance to the rhythm of a different drum. Who knows? You might even find your new favourite song!

Full Fee \$76.11 | After Max. CCS* \$7.61



Base Camp Day

**Thu
16 Apr**

Project: Plus Plus Creations

Build, stack, and create with Plus Plus! Use blocks and booklets for inspiration, then take home your own 100-piece Plus Plus tube to keep the fun going!

Full Fee \$113.13 | After Max. CCS* \$11.31



Project

**Fri
17 Apr**

Operation: Enchanted Explorers

Calling all magical fairies! We are in need of your skills as the Rocketeers magical forest is filled with magical secrets waiting to be discovered. Adventure awaits!

Full Fee \$76.11 | After Max. CCS* \$7.61



Base Camp Day

Visit campaustalia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission

by **Camp Australia**

Cooking Competition

Mystery Box Challenge! Ages 9 - 13

When: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Macedon
Ranges
Health**
supported by **benetas**

Where: Macedon Ranges Health, 5 Neal St, Gisborne

Bookings essential



kristen.holding@benetas.com.au



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Get ready to think like a chef!

In this fun, hands-on cooking challenge, kids will open a surprise mystery box filled with fresh, healthy ingredients and create their very own masterpiece.

Participants will work in small teams to design a tasty, colourful snack - just like on MasterChef! There's no right or wrong answer, just plenty of creativity, teamwork and fun.

Our friendly judges will be looking for:

- ✨ Creative ideas
- 🍷 Colourful, nutritious choices
- 🍴 Eye-catching presentation
- 👏 Great teamwork

From rainbow veggie pinwheels to fruit parfaits and crunchy veggie cups, this session is all about building confidence in the kitchen while learning that healthy food can be fun and delicious.
Fast-paced and full of surprises!



HOW TO ENTER: Submit your completed hardcopy entry to Community Bank Lancefield, Community Bank Romsey, or the Woodend Visitor Information Centre by 4pm, 30 April 2026. Entries will be placed on public display. Each entry should have written on the back, child's first name, child's age, town/suburb, plus parent/guardian's first name and contact number. See 'Competitions' at visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival for Ts & Cs.

Community

E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations) visit transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules



Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet

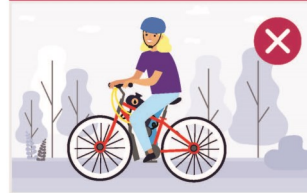


VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



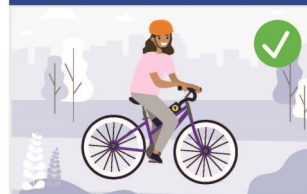
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



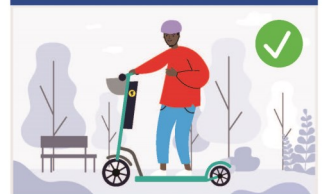
E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety



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.

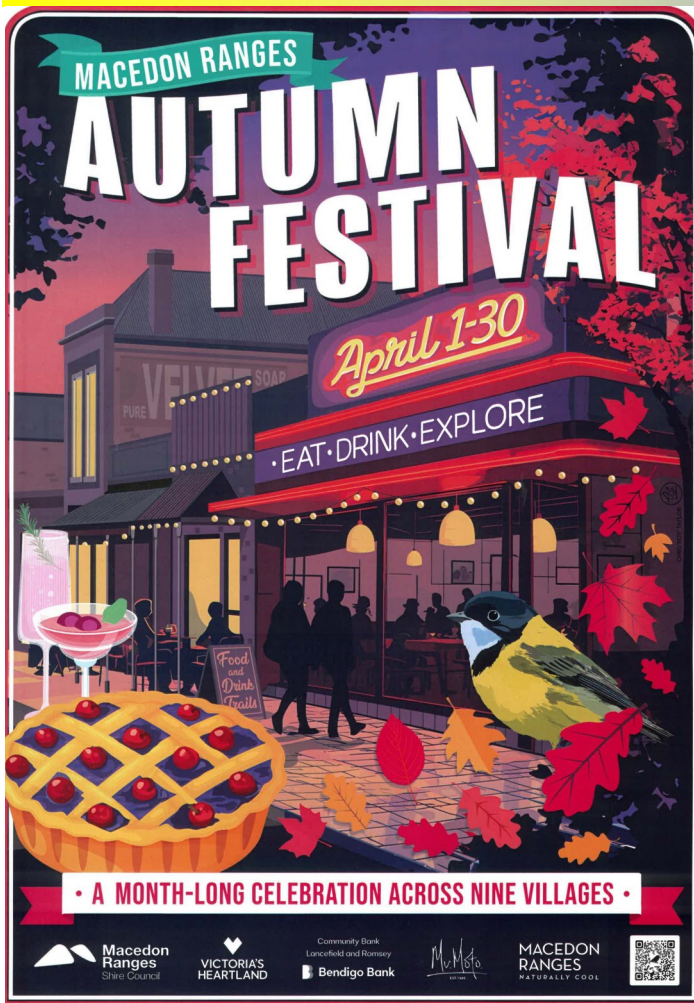
Contact Gisborne Police Station via email
Gisborne.Uni@police.vic.gov.au

Your footage could help us solve a crime.



VICTORIA POLICE

Community





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
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✓ SENIOR COMPETITIONS

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email: domestic@mrba.org.au



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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

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

ENQUIRIES FOR 2026

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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



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