

# Newsletter

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## DIARY DATES

### NOVEMBER

- 14th & 16th** Yr5 Kinder Visits  
**14th -20th** Book Fair  
**21st** 2024 Foundation Transition  
 Session & Uniform Shop Fittings  
**23rd** Foundation Zoo Excursion  
**23rd -26th** Energy Breakthrough  
**28th** 2024 Foundation Transition  
 Session & Uniform Shop Fittings

### DECEMBER

- 1st** F - Yr2 Athletics  
**5th** 2024 Foundation Transition  
 Session  
**6th** Yr6 Funfields Excursion  
 Parent Helpers Morning Tea  
**7th** EOY Concert  
**8th** 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  
**18th** Last School Day for students  
 3.20pm Dismissal  
**19th-20th**  
 Pupil Free - Curriculum Days

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### Lost Property

There is a mountain of lost property in the office at the moment. The uniform shop staff have been going through it each week and returning anything that is clearly labelled. Come in and have a look if you are missing something. Please also ensure that all your child's items are clearly labelled.

### Sunscreen

With our inconsistent weather can you please ensure that your child has sunscreen in their bag for use on those high UV days. Please ensure it is of the 'roll on' variety, with the container clearly labelled with their name. Your child will also need to be able to apply it themselves.

### Pupil Free Days

We have two remaining pupil free days for 2023 and these will happen at the end of the year on the 19th and 20th December. Staff will use these days to organise classrooms and programs for the start of 2024. Students will be dismissed for the year on Monday 18th December at 3.20pm.

### Energy Breakthrough

Preparations are well on the way for next week's Energy Breakthrough. Congratulations to Mr Bell and his team, we wish you all the best and hope you have a fantastic time.

### Student class placements for 2024

Parents with specific reasons relating to their child's academic and/or wellbeing circumstances may make a request for consideration of class placement for their child in 2024. This request needs to be clearly expressed in writing and forwarded to me. Please do not assume that the teacher or I already have this information. If you consider that this is important, write it down and send it in. This must be done by Friday 24th November.

Requests will be considered on merit and are not guaranteed. If classmates selected on a friendship basis depart the school after classes have been made, alteration to classes will be unlikely. Requests based only on a desire for a specific teacher will not be considered. Once finalised by the school, classes are very unlikely to be changed, as this impacts the entire class making process.

On Thursday 14th December, there will be a 'Step Up' morning, in which students will meet their 2024 teacher, classmates and classroom.

### Foundation Transition 2023

Next Tuesday is the first transition visit for our 2024 Foundation students. Our current Foundation students will be relocated for the morning to the Year 2 rooms on Station Rd. We will have a practice with them on Monday and there will be lots of adults about on Tuesday to assist new and existing students.

Shane West  
Principal

# Remembrance Day - Saturday 11th November



Last Saturday the 11th November was Remembrance Day. This day marks the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. This was a conflict that claimed the lives of 60,000 Australians. We observe this day in memory of those men and women who died or suffered in all areas of armed conflict. Mrs Smith and our school leaders attended the service in Gisborne on Saturday. We thank them all for representing our school with great respect at this ceremony.



# Cardboard Cart Regatta

Last Friday, NGPS celebrated the annual cardboard cart regatta. In teams of four, students designed and constructed a cardboard car. It was fantastic to see so many amazing vehicles.

Next week, NGPS will compete in the Energy Breakthrough challenge over four days. We wish them all the best.

Mr Bell



## Victoria Primary School Open Chess Final

Top schools from all over Victoria came together last Thursday, 9th November at Mordialloc College. The 28 qualifying schools competed to have a chance to represent Victoria in the 2023 National Chess Tournament to be hosted in Adelaide in December. New Gisborne Primary school had four students make the long trip down the highway and put together their best efforts. Mr Dwyer is incredibly proud of the students who attended. Thank you to the parents that travelled with their children and supported them on their experience.

Reflections from each of the NGPS chess stars are below:

### **Charles, Year Four**

I played 7 exciting matches against the best people in Victoria. I ended up winning 4 games out of my 7 matches. The competition was tough, but I enjoyed the pressure. My best win was in the 6<sup>th</sup> round. I traded my knight to deliver checkmate on the next move in the late opening.

### **Eloise, Year Four**

I had so much fun at the Victorian Chess Championship! I was able to play in seven games and ended up with 2.5 points. The competition itself was challenging, but my finest round has to be round six. Round six was so intense, because I really thought that I was going to lose because I only had my king, but instead I got a stalemate.

### **Sunnie, Year Six**

I had quite a lot of fun at the championship. My favourite game must have been my first one. I arrived late at the tournament and that meant I didn't get as much time as normal. I still won by the one rook checkmate. The tournament was definitely a memorable experience. I ended up with 3.5/7 points which meant I won half of my games. I want to give a thank you to Mr Dwyer and Charlie's mum for all the help. I also want to thank all of the staff at the tournament.

### **Benjamin, Year Six**

I had lots of fun at the state chess tournament. The competition was challenging, I got 2 of 7 points. I got 2 draws and 1 win. Thank you to Mr Dwyer for teaching us and the parent helpers for taking us there.



# Chester Chatter

## Chester Chatter

Chester was delighted to be back amongst his friends this week. He raced off to see what was happening with the Year One's science projects and discovered that grass grows while you're not looking! Chester thought the grassy heads were looking very impressive and he could see what the Year Ones were so excited about. Then he was off to visit his friends in Year Three where he found out they are well on their way to becoming fantastic fairy tale writers.



# 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.



Year Five and Six Exploring Cubism



### WESTERN RANGES DIVISION GOLF

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Harry L and Zac C from Year 5, represented NGPS in a 9 hole short course event organised by Golf Australia in partnership with School Sports Victoria (SSV). Both boys teed off on the front 9 at Gisborne Golf Club to mark the start of the 2023 Primary Golf Division Championships. Harry and Zac are regularly practising and refining their golf skills, which I'm sure gave them some added confidence going into the event. As expected, the kangaroos were inquisitive spectators and reminded competitors how lucky we are to play in the beautiful Macedon Ranges! The weather was fantastic, and the boys played exceptionally well.

Both Harry and Zac secured a place in the next round and will go on to play Regionals at Medway Golf course on 1<sup>st</sup> December. What a fantastic effort for both the boys.

Thanks so much to our parents who attended to support and caddied for the students on the day.

Mrs Mason





# PE/Sport

## NGPS TAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO REGIONALS!!!

What a big couple of weeks we have seen in sport. Congratulations to the Boys Hots Shots Tennis and the Girls T20 Blast Cricket teams on their amazing results at their recent Regional Finals. Both teams played some fantastic games in the lead up to their events and should be very proud of their overall achievements. We are so proud of them. Here's a recap of their Regional competition days.

### BOYS HOT SHOTS TENNIS

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November our boys team travelled to the Bayside College in Williamstown to play in the WM Regional Finals. Undefeated for most of their games leading into the event, they arrived very positive and confident they would do us proud. They didn't disappoint. Due to the number of teams competing, the Northern and Southern division teams were split into two pools, with our boys in pool B. From all reports they were very close games.

NGPS won against St Theresa's (Albion); Lost vs Yarraville West PS; and had a draw vs Christ the Priest PS (Caroline Springs). These amazing results led them all the way to the Semi Finals vs Geelong College. Unfortunately, they missed out on the win, but secured their spot as **THIRD PLACE** overall. Congratulations and a **BIG Thank You** to Fiona Freake again for assisting with the court supervision and set up for the team.



**Picture:** From left Lucas, Sam, Ben, Liam, Blair, Rory, Riley and Karl.

### GIRLS T20 BLAST CRICKET

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, our Year 6 girls team headed off to Keilor Park Cricket Ground to give it their best in the WM Regional Finals. Both Northern and Southern Region division teams were represented at the finals and were split into two pools. We played against teams from the northern region. The teams on the most points in each pool would then go on to play in a Grand Final. Overall Results:

Round 1. NGPS Vs St George Preca PS (Caroline Springs) - NGPS won by 30 runs

Round 2. NGPS Vs Kingsville PS (Yarraville) - NGPS lost by 26 runs

Round 3. NGPS Vs. Arnolds Creek (Melton) - NGPS won due to forfeit.



Our Girls finished second in their pool narrowly missed out on making the final. We are so proud of them!! Thankyou again to James Sullivan for coaching and travelling with the team for all their matches.

**Picture:** From top left: Kaylei, Giselle, Ava, Holly (Captain), James (Coach), Indy, Anna, Sienna. Bottom left: Shuyu, Emily and Violet.

## ATTENTION FREE TO GIRLS AT NGPS NEW DATES COMMENCING 24th OCT

**CALLING ALL GIRLS.** Don't forget to take up the opportunity to participate in a FREE All Girls Cricket Blasters Program coming to **New Gisborne Primary School**. This not only allows girls the opportunity to try/play our great game but a chance for the local cricket clubs such as **Gisborne Cricket Club** to connect with new aspiring female cricketers! The registration link for the free program is now officially live and ready for parents or guardians to begin signing up their children. This is open to all grades for any girls from Prep-6 to join! See the flyer attached for full details.



**FUN  
IS IN FULL  
SWING!**

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast  
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

**CRICKET VICTORIA ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST**  
**NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**24, 31 OCT, 14 & 21 NOV FROM 3:35PM - 4:35PM**  
**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

🔍 Play Cricket

PROUDLY  
PRESENTED BY



## 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)**

<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>Wednesday 22nd November</b>
Lisa Paul & Nicola Ciesielski	Yvonne McKerley
<b>Friday 24th November</b>	<b>Wednesday 29th November</b>
Heidi Theuerle & Nicola Ciesielski	



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# BOOK FAIR



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This sheep is a karate master! Or is he?

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**\$10**

**DOG MAN**  
Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea

100123795 | GRAPHIC NOVELS | AGES 7+



**\$10**

**LET'S PARTY**  
Liz is afraid her team members will think she stole her friend's missing bracelet.

100128169 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+



**\$10**

**CAT on the RUN**  
Cat of Death! The world's biggest Cat Video Star is accused of a crime she didn't commit!

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**\$12**

**I KNOW YOU'RE LYING**  
Sasha wants revenge, but first she needs to find the truth.

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Keep your secrets safe in this lockable notebook.

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SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

**Hats Off to Reading!**

AUSTRALIAN MADE:  AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR

 AUSTRALIAN PRINTED & PAPER

 AUSTRALIAN PRINTED

SCHOLASTIC

## ROMSEY PS CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



Wednesday 29th NOVEMBER @ 7pm sharp 90 minute session  
Multi Purpose Building (tea/coffee and light supper provided)  
Romsey Primary School Station Street  
OPEN TO ALL PARENTS IN THE MACEDON RANGES  
NO ENTRY FEE



### SUSAN MCLEAN

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought-after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GPs, and both State and Federal Governments.

An educational & entertaining session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of.

**Cyberspace 101.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if - rather than when.

**What are kids doing online.** Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, House Party & more.



**Online Grooming.** What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.

**Cyberbullying.** What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.

**Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography & sites that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.

**Top Tips-** how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.



Email the school at [Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or call on 5429 5099 to secure your spot.

THE SESSION WILL CONCLUDE WITH TIME FOR QUESTIONS

# Community

## The Long Walk x Koorie Academy DEADLY Basketball Clinic

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children  
Northwestern Suburbs  
Ages 5-17 years old

NEC HANGAR - 32 Watson Dr, Melb Airport VIC 3045  
Sunday 19th November 2023  
1pm-3:30pm

Culturally safe space to learn new skills & drills  
Cultural Workshop  
Registration pack  
Healthy Lunch provided  
Lots of giveaways & prizes

Limited spots available  
**REGISTER via QR Code**



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Children between  
5yr- 7yrs

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Location: Church of Christ, Saunders  
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Time: 6.30pm -7.30pm  
Wednesday Nights for  
Oct and Nov 2023  
RSVP: [heather@thecomputercompany.com.au](mailto:heather@thecomputercompany.com.au)

You have been invited to spend a night of fun with  
the Joey scouts at 1st New Gisborne Scouts. It's a  
place to learn, grow and develop new friendships  
We are looking forward to meeting you!