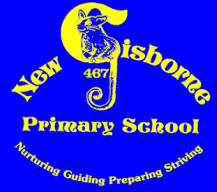


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students, parents and staff! Term 2 is always incredibly busy and I'm sure this year won't be an exception. There are lots of exciting things happening across the term with a number of district sports events, House athletics and a whole school harmonica incursion, just to name a few. Luckily, we have a couple of breaks during the term with the King's Birthday (Monday 8/6) and a **Pupil Free Day on Monday 25th May**.

Stop Work 6th May

The next AEU stop work day is planned as a half day for Wednesday the 6th May. I anticipate that all year levels and most classes will be affected on this day. We will provide more information as soon as this becomes available.

Canteen

Our canteen has reopened on Wednesdays and Fridays. There are details on our Facebook page 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 are now available to download from the Department of Education website, our school website or collect at the office.

2027 Foundation 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)

District Cross Country

Wishing all our competitors the best of luck for today. Congratulations on reaching the next stage of this competition. We hope you had a great day!

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

April

27th	27th Rescheduled District Softball (Select Students)
29th	Whole School Harmonica Incursion
30th	2027 Foundation Information Session 12pm-1pm

May

1st	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom) Kitchen Garden 4B & 4C
4th-19th	Foundation School Nurse Visits (AM)
5th	District AFL 9's (Select Students)
7th	PA Mothers Day Stall
8th	Mother's Day Breakfast Yr 3-6 House Athletics
11th-22nd	Yr 2 Henny Penny Hatching Incursion
12th	2027 Foundation Information Session 6pm-7pm School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
13th	Foundation Wacky Wednesday
14th	Yr 1-Toys Over Time Incursion
15th	District Soccer Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
19th	Yr4 Western Water Incursion
20th-22th	PA Book Fair
22nd	Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A
25th	Curriculum Day– Pupil Free

ANZAC HONOR BOARD

NGPS Honor Board



Staff, students, and families walk past our honor board on a regular basis; however, have you ever stopped to consider who these people are. Those listed on the honor board are all ex-students of NGPS who fought during WW1 1914-1918.

They include soldiers, musicians, transport drivers, mechanics, and nurses. This weekend, on ANZAC Day, as we pay respect to those who have served, and are currently serving, in our extended armed forces, NGPS would like you to take a moment to stop as you pass by our honor board and pay your respects to some of these former students.



Lt Albert Bertram was an auctioneer when he enlisted in July 1915, aged 31, with his brothers Robert and Ernest. Albert supported the efforts on the Western Front and was injured during battle before returning to Australia at the end of the war settling in Tasmania.

James Scriven a public servant enlisted in 1917 with his brother Henry, as part of the 39th Australian Infantry, fighting alongside the Allies on the Western Front. After returning to Australia, James raised his family in New Gisborne where his children also attended NGPS.

ANZAC HONOR BOARD



After returning to Australia after the war James Scriven (front row, left kneeling) worked at Cherry's joinery. Famous for the Cherry Butter Churn used throughout Victoria for over eighty years.

Roy Glenister enlisted as a driver in 1914, transporting important supplies along the Western Front. As an accomplished musician, Roy joined the army band and, during periods of rest, entertained the troops to help keep up their morale.

ANZAC HONOR BOARD



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Group portrait of entertainers from the 1st Divisional Concert Party onstage at Bailleul, France. Identified from left to right, back row: Lieutenant (Lt) Wesley Mervyn Blake MC from Roseville, NSW; 16701 Corporal (Cpl) Hopetoun Horace Stevens from Hawthorn, Victoria; 5021 Driver (Dvr) Roy Morris Harding Smedley from Paddington, NSW; Sapper (Spr) A. F. Lossen; and 6487 Sergeant (Sgt) William Josiah Baldock Goodall from Balmain, NSW. Middle row: 5052 Private (Pte) Daniel Cerise from Sydney, NSW; Lt Douglas John Walsh MC from Adelaide, South Australia; 1619 Pte Victor Kemble from Sydney; 338 Dvr Roy Catterson Glenister from Footscray, Victoria; and 109 Pte Henry Charles Marter from Paddington, NSW. Front row: 6237 Pte Henry Matthew Crowe from Wyee, NSW; 16561 Spr Walter Reynolds from Parramatta, NSW; and 5028 Pte Alfred Arthur Anderson from Paddington, NSW.

Lt Sydney Birrell enlisted in 1916, seeing action on the Western Front. Whilst in command of the brigades' signal station it experienced heavy enemy shell fire. Sydney showed extreme bravery continuing to send and receive important battle information whereby received the Military Cross for his courage.

ANZAC HONOR BOARD



Outdoors group portrait of instructors of the 4th Division Signallers' Orderly Room Staff at the 12th Training Battalion in front of the Quartermaster's Office and Clothes Store. Back row, left to right: unidentified; Private (Pte) N. Collins, 51st Battalion (Bn); unidentified; Pte W. E. Boxwood, 51st Bn; two unidentified; Sergeant (Sgt) A. Wise, 48th Bn; Corporal John Rankin Keith MM, 51st Bn; Pte E. Turner, 49th Bn. Front row: 3113 Company Sergeant Major William (Bill) Hamburger, 48th Bn; Lieutenant (Lt) Sydney Henry Birrell MC, 37th Bn (39th Bn); Lt S. H. Smith, 13th Bn; Lt Robert Clive Keilar MC, 51st Bn; Sergeant W. Ball, 49th Bn. A trophy sits in a cabinet above a sign reading Signallers Orderly Room



Sapper George Alcorn, a local farmer, enlisted in 1916 aged 25 and served with the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Company. Sadly, Sapper George Alcorn was killed in action 26th of March 1917 whilst defending the battlefields of Belgium.

If you would like to learn more about the men and women listed on our school honor board, please contact ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



Performing Arts

Incursion

Next Wednesday, Chris from 'Harp' s A Breeze', will visits us for his harmonica workshop. The students are starting to get excited. All students will leave the workshop with a harmonica and a melody booklet. We will hold on to the harmonica until the end of term and continue learning with them. If you have not yet given permission and paid for your child to attend this incursion workshop, please do so on Compass. This is a brilliant musical experience for our students that continues to build on our program.

Reminders:

A reminder that this year's 'Soiree' will be held on **Thursday 11th June 2026** at **Gisborne Secondary College's Barcham Theatre**. Students will be invited to audition and rehearse over the next couple of weeks.



Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

Wellbeing at NQPS Term 2 week 1

At school

Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break, filled with moments to recharge and connect as a family. It has been lovely to see the students return with smiling faces, ready to learn and engage with their classmates again. We're looking forward to another great term of growth, learning and connection.

This term in **Respectful Relationships**, students will learn about **Positive Coping**. They'll explore how to cope with challenges, reflect on their own strategies and build a toolkit of ways to manage tricky situations. This helps develop resilience, emotional awareness and confidence in handling everyday ups and downs.

Cybersafety and Digital Wellbeing

Our Term 2 incursions, beginning Monday 4 May, will focus on **healthy digital habits**. We're exploring how screen time can make us feel, the importance of sleep, and why we need to balance screen time with green time.

At home

'Around the table - Family Conversation'

One evening this week, try talking as a family about how each person copes when they're feeling stressed, upset or overwhelmed.

Ask questions like: "What helps you feel better when you've had a tough day?" or "What's something you do that doesn't really help?"

This can be a lovely way to share ideas, learn from one another and talk about which coping strategies are helpful and which ones might not work so well. It's all about opening up the conversation and supporting each other to build healthy habits when life gets tricky.

Helpful resources for families

Coping with emotions

Sometimes emotions can feel great, but sometimes they're uncomfortable or even painful. Whether you're feeling angry, sad, frustrated, lonely, or anxious, it's important to have some healthy ways to cope with feelings that aren't so fun. Here is a link to a website with some ideas:

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/coping-emotions>



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Chester Chatter

The canteen has reopened! Chester was delighted to discover the brightly painted canteen windows with balloons and bunting to match. Though he knows the canteen is strictly for humans, Chester was keen to say hi to Patty and her team of helpers and to celebrate the reopening with a few of his friends.



PA-Mother's Day Breakfast

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



FRIDAY 8TH MAY

NGPS Courtyard 8:15-9:00am

CROISSANT & JUICE \$6

To celebrate our NGPS mums, breakfast will be available to order for Friday 8th May for all NGPS mums and kids.

Order on Qkr!...don't forget the kids!



Pre orders on Qkr! only. No sales on the day.
Orders close Weds 6th May at 4 pm.

Raising funds to support the ongoing
revitalisation of our school playgrounds and gardens



PA-Mother's Day Breakfast

NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

MOTHER'S DAY Stall Fundraiser

NGPS Parent Association is pleased to announce that **Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) Donation Certificates** will be available for purchase as one of our gift options at the **Mother's Day Stall** this year.

Certificates can be purchased for **\$8**, with **\$7** going directly to the **BCNA**, to support their work in providing vital information and assistance to Australians diagnosed with breast cancer. The remaining **\$1** will go directly to NGPS Parent Association to support the ongoing revitalisation of our school playgrounds and gardens.

Voucher printing has been generously donated by XpressImages Sunbury (a parent-owned local business) ensuring that every dollar from the sale of these vouchers can be directed to charity and school fundraising!



ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE NGPS MOTHER'S DAY STALL!

NGPS CANTEEN MENU

RECESS SALES

- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
 - BBQ & CHEESE
 - SALT & VINEGAR
 - HONEY SOY
- CALIPPO MINI RASPBERRY & PINEAPPLE - 1.50
- CALIPPO LEMON - \$2.50
- CYCLONE PEACH, PINEAPPLE & BLUEBERRY - \$2.50
- ICY TWIST - \$1.50
- CHOCOLATE PADDLE POP - \$2.00
- RAINBOW PADDLE POP - \$2.00
- TWISTER SOUR MONSTAH - \$3.00
- TWISTED FROZEN YOGHURT - \$2.00
 - MANGO & WATERMELON
 - CHOCOLATE & VANILLA
 - CHOCOLATE & BANANA
 - STRAWBERRY & VANILLA
 - CARAMEL & VANILLA
- FROZEN PINEAPPLE RING - \$0.50
- QUELCH ICY TUBES - \$0.50

LUNCH ORDER ITEMS - ORDER THROUGH QKR

HOT FOOD

- MEAT PIE - \$4.50
- POTATO TOP PIE - \$4.70
- PARTY PIE (2) - \$2.50
- SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.20
- VEGGIE PASTIE - \$4.40
- HOT DOG - \$3.00
- STEAMED DIM SIM - \$1.00
- CHICKEN CRACKLES (5) - \$4.00
- CHICKEN NOODLES - \$3.00
- BEEF NOODLES - \$3.00
- MARGHERITA PIZZA - \$4.00
- HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA - \$4.50
- MAC & CHEESE - \$4.50
- LASAGNA - \$4.50
- TWISTA PASTA - \$4.50
- GF VEGETARIAN FRIED RICE - \$4.50
- GF MAC & CHEESE - \$5.00
- GF BEEF PIE - \$5.00 **NEW**
- GF SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.70 **NEW**
- GF BUTTER CHICKEN - \$5.50 **NEW**

DRINKS & SNACKS

- JUICE - \$2.00
 - APPLE
 - APPLE & BLACKCURRANT
 - ORANGE
- FLAVOURED MILK - \$2.30
 - STRAWBERRY
 - CHOCOLATE
- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
 - BBQ & CHEESE
 - SALT & VINEGAR
 - HONEY SOY

**NEW GLUTEN FREE ITEMS
WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!
KEEP AN EYE ON QKR FOR
AVAILABILITY!!**

**PLEASE NOTE, SOME STOCK
LEVELS MAY FLUCTUATE EACH
WEEK**

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.

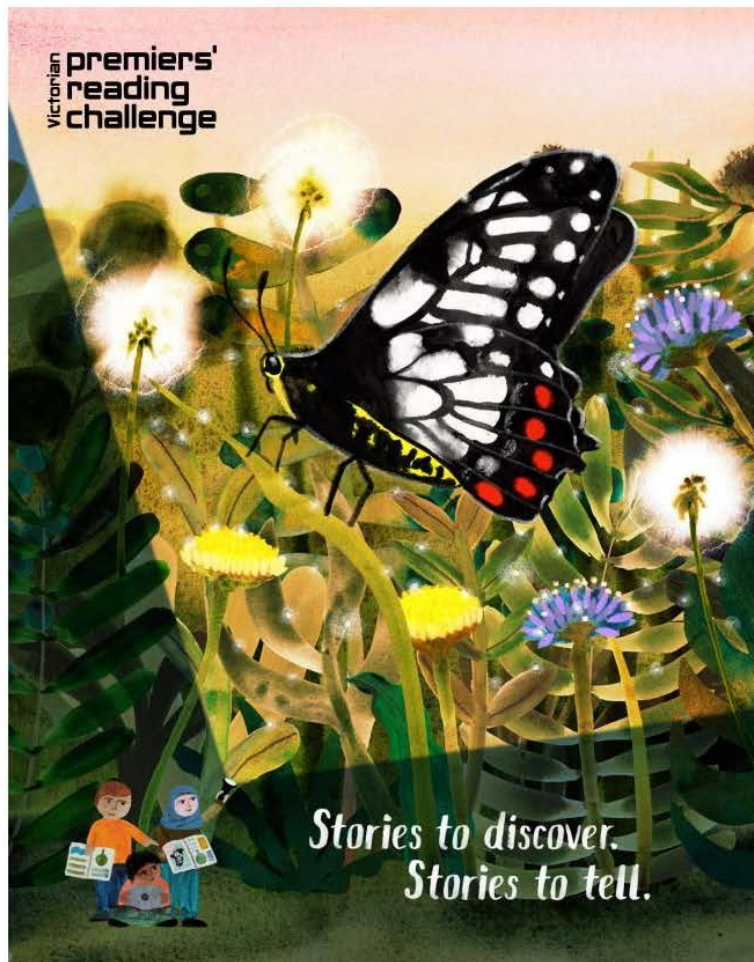
An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 28th April from 6.00pm in the staffroom.

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



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.



The
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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**



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



Department of Transport and Planning

Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet

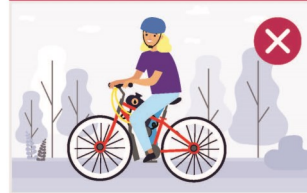


VICTORIA POLICE

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.



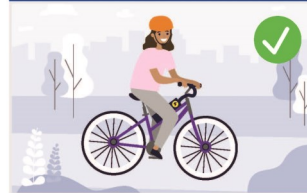
MOTORBIKES

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



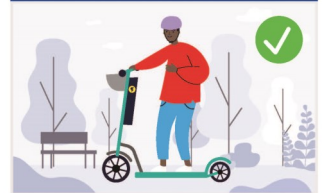
E-BIKES

- 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

Prospective Parent Evening

This event is aimed at families of current Grade 5 & 6 students



Thursday 30th April 2026



6.30pm start



The Barcham Theatre,
Gisborne Secondary College



Scan the QR code to register your attendance



Community

MACEDON RANGES
AUTUMN FESTIVAL
April 1-30
EAT • DRINK • EXPLORE
 • A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION ACROSS NINE VILLAGES •

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Term 2 2026
AUSSIE HOOPS
 Beginners 5-8 years old
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
7 WEEKS - 45 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL

SESSIONS
GISBORNE - MRSP
 WEDNESDAY - 4:30PM - 5:15PM
 WEDNESDAY - 5:15PM - 6:00PM
 - ALL GIRLS SESSION -
 SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM
WOODEND - BUFFALO
 FRIDAY - 4:45PM - 5:30PM
 SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU

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
 ✓ SATURDAY SKILLS SESSIONS
 ✓ VJBL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS
 ✓ SENIOR COMPETITIONS

★ COME AND START YOUR BASKETBALL JOURNEY WITH US!

Register at
www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/9adae9
 email: domestic@mrba.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
 FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

ART CLUB FOR KIDS
 Wednesdays
 3.45pm - 5pm

ART CLUB

CREATIVE YOGA
 Wednesdays
 4pm - 5pm

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

47 Forest Street, Woodend woodendnh.org.au reception@woodendnh.org.au 5427 1845

Community

GISBORNE FNC & GISBORNE ROOKIES JFNC

GISBORNE FEMALE FOOTBALL FOOTY FOR ALL AGES AND LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE



**ONE PATHWAY. ONE COMMUNITY.
ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES**

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS AGED 8 AND UP
SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE NUMBERS BELOW FOR MORE INFO



AMANDA CROOKS
0422 324 379



DARREN MITCHELL
0412 335 554



GISBORNE ROOKIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



**GISBORNE ROOKIES
ALL INCLUSIVE AUSKICK CENTRE
STARTS @ SANKEY SATURDAY MAY 2ND
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

Jay 0417 180 918
auskick@gisbornerookies.com.au



WWW.GISBORNEROOKIES.COM.AU



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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