

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

BYOD and school devices

The state government today announced sweeping changes to the ICT programs from 2027. We are currently reviewing our options in line with this program and options for the 2026 BYOD program.

We will try to get information out to parents as quickly as we can.

Year 2 Camp

We wish the staff, parents and students all the best as they head off on camp next week. We are confident that you will have a fantastic time and make lifetime memories.

Lost Property

As the days warm up, we tend to end up with lots of discarded jumpers in lost property. You can help us by ensuring that your children's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class.

Curriculum Day & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Make sure you've marked Monday 3rd November in your calendar as a whole school pupil free day. Staff will be undertaking professional development on this day (some wellbeing training and updating our First Aid qualifications). Please note that this is the day before Melbourne Cup Day which is a public holiday in Victoria.

I believe that Camp Australia will offer care on the Monday.

Chewing Gum

Can you please help us by ensuring that your children are not bringing gum to school.

Foundation 2026

Transition is starting up for our 2026 Foundation students with our staff making contact and visits with local kinders. Our transition coordinators met with all of the kinders this week at an expo in Woodend. Our Year 5 buddies in training have all made a visit to Swinburne Avenue kinder to meet with some of the 2026 foundation students.

Yard Supervision

Our yard is supervised from 8.40am in the morning. Students who need to arrive before this time should be booked in to before school care. Our dismissal time is 3.20pm and parents should be onsite as close to this time as possible to collect their children. We supervise until 3.40pm in case of emergencies. If you are unable to collect your child at dismissal they should be booked in to after school care.

Division Cricket

Congratulations to the girls who represented our school at Division Cricket. They remain undefeated and we wish them luck as they start training for the regional competition. Thank you to Mrs Anikeev and the parents who took their children and supported them on the day.

Colour Fun Run

This highly anticipated event will run on Friday the 24th October.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

16th	Yr 5A Swinburne Kinder Visit
17th	PA Meeting 9:00am– Staffroom Kitchen Garden 4A & 4C
21st-22nd	Yr 2 Lady Northcote Camp
24th	PA Colour Fun Run Kitchen Garden 4B & 4A
29th– 30th	Yr 6 Preparation for Puberty Sessions
30th	Yr 5 Science Expo
31st	District Orienteering

NOVEMBER

3rd	Pupil Free– Curriculum Day
4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
7th	Cardboard Cart Regatta
10th	Butterflies In Foundation
12th	'Raising Kids In a Digital World' Parent Information Night 7pm
14th	Kitchen Garden 4C & 4B
18th	2026 Foundation Orientation Session 1 & Uniform Fittings
19th-21st	Energy Breakthrough Events
19th-24th	Book Fair
21st	Kitchen Garden 4A & 4C
25th	2026 Foundation Orientation Session 2 & Uniform Fittings
25th-26th	Guitar Concerts– Multipurpose Room
25th-28th	Keyboard Concerts– Multipurpose Room
28th	Foundation– Yr2 Athletics Day Kitchen Garden Yr 4B & 4A

Wellbeing

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents & Carers

Social media
Online gaming
Strengthening family communication
Impacts of screen time
Cyberbullying
Managing devices at home
Explicit/adult content
Artificial Intelligence

New Gisborne Primary School

Wednesday 12th November | 7.00-8.30pm



Register to attend:

bit.ly/newgisborne25

*This session is strictly for parents and carers only



Presented by
Martin McGauran,
primary teacher and
digital safety educator
and Carley McGauran,
psychologist and mum
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should be essential for all parents!
- Parent

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This session will be in person and held at New Gisborne Primary School on the 12th of November. If you are having trouble registering using the QR code, there are posters with this QR code up on the office doors, on the noticeboards, on school gates, on the gym door and outside of OC.

The benefit of having a face-to-face session includes the opportunity to ask questions and hearing other parent's ideas and concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

regards

Kerry Morris

Learning Specialist and Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

Wellbeing



Creating cooperation and connection

Raising children is hard.

One of the greatest challenges in parenting is getting children to cooperate. How can we do this without using punishments, rewards or coercion?

This talk will explore other ways to help children to cooperate while keeping our connection strong. It explores the benefits of play and connection and gives practical ideas and strategies to use with your child.

- The impact of punishment and rewards
- The power of play for healing and connection
- Take home ideas to use with children
- Ways to stop yelling and start connecting
- Healthy boundaries

Lael Stone is an educator, TEDx speaker, author, mother, and parenting counselor who has been working with families for over 20 years. Her work as a birth educator, post-natal trauma counselor, and parenting educator has seen her work with thousands of families consulting about newborns all the way to the teen years.



WITH
Lael
Stone

The
Details //

Tuesday 28 Oct 2025

7:00 - 8:30pm

The Capital Theatre, Bendigo

Hosted by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

Tickets: \$10 (inc booking fee)

FOR MORE INFO WWW.GOTIX.COM.AU | TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE



Chester Chatter

What a wondrous start to the term it has been! Chester trotted down to Ross Watt Reserve to watch the Foundation students taking part in PMP (Perceptual Motor Program). There were sack races, hurdles, beanbag throws and even yoga! Chester loved seeing the skill and persistence the students used in all the games and tasks.



Chester Chatter

Then it was out for more sunshine, checking out the newly mended spiderweb in our playground, kindly funded by the Parents' Association, before heading into the Performing Arts room for a sneak preview of one of the Year Three classes practising for the concert performance coming up in December.



Sport/PE

Boys Hot Shots Tennis

To start the day off we hopped on the bus full of confidence chatting about our strategies. As we pulled into the parking lot we got our first look at our competition. We started the day off against Holy Cross winning most of our games giving our morale a boost. Unfortunately we lost the next few games, lowering our spirits. In the last few games we won against Mt Macedon twice and beat St Brigid's. Unfortunately we came 7th overall only in front of Mt Macedon. Thank you to Mr Broadbent for coaching us and taking us on the day.

By Sol



Girls Hots Shots Tennis

Last term the girls tennis team represented our school. When we got to Macedon we warmed up by playing relays with each other. Then we played our games. Overall we came 3rd out of the 8 schools. Well done to all of the girls who participated on the day. Thank you to Mr Broadbent for training us and taking us on the day, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Boys Division Volleyball

On Wednesday the 8th of October the boys volleyball team headed to Heathdale College. In our first game we played Heathdale College who were a very strong team. Our second game was against Arnold's Creek. It was a very close game going back and forth the whole time. We unfortunately lost in the third set though. Our third and final match was against Baccus Marsh. It was very close at the start, but in the end we came out on top. Thank you to Mrs Miller for spending the day with us. Thank you to Wade for coaching us, including taking the time to coach us during the school holidays.

By Jimmy and Ben



Sport/PE



Western Region Girls Basketball Tournament



On Friday the 10th of October, our team of seven girls from Year 5 and Year 6 took on the Western Region Division Basketball Tournament and what a day it was! Full of energy, teamwork, and determination, we gave it our all and proved exactly what we're made of.

In Game 1, we went up against a very tall and fast St Anthony's Primary School team. We fought hard, made plenty of shots and kept the game close, but narrowly lost by just four points. Game 2 was a real highlight. Facing Arnolds Creek Primary School, we played brilliantly together and came away with an impressive nine-point win. Game 3 was nail biting. Against a very strong Bacchus Marsh Primary School, it was level at half time. Despite giving it everything, we lost by ten points, but every player showed grit and determination until the final buzzer.

It was such a fantastic day of basketball! We want to give a huge thank you to Ebony King for coaching, Ava Peck and Mrs Hollands for helping out, Mr Burgan for scoring and all the parents for cheering us on. We are so proud of our team's effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

By Milla and Charlotte



Sport/PE

Girls Division T20 Blast Cricket.

On Tuesday this week, our Yr 5/6 girls cricket team played in their Division Cricket finals in Aintree. It was another very successful day for the team, playing against three schools and coming away as convincing winners in all games. 84-67, 94-59 and 111-35 were our final runs scores. All their hard work and additional training clearly paying off.

Well done girls!! So proud of you all.

Thanks so much to Mrs Anikeev for coaching and training the girls along the way. The girls will now progress to the Western Metropolitan Region T20 Blast Cricket finals on Monday 17th November at Keilor Park. We wish them continued success.

Mrs Mason



Performing Arts

Help Wanted

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to help with our end of year production. We still have a few grades without a helper and some grades who share a parent. If we can get a parent for each of the grades, it would reduce the workload.

As the Grades 5 and 6 are old enough to dress themselves, we need parents to help co-ordinate their costumes. The younger grades need helpers to co-ordinate costume and help on the day. Please note that once the students are dressed, helpers will have plenty of time to join the audience to watch the show from the beginning. If you could offer anytime we would be most grateful.

You do not need to know how to sew but if you can please let us know.

If you would like to help please email Mrs Anikeev or Ms Préaudet:

melisa.anikeev@education.vic.gov.au or carol.preaudet@education.vic.gov.

We will be meeting briefly on Friday 24th Oct at 3:20pm in the Performing Arts room.

Choir

Saturday saw our 3-6 Choir performing in the Battle of the Choir at the Sunbury Show. It was a beautiful day for the event. Our students performed beautifully but sadly did not place. A big thank you to all the families who came out to support our students.



Gisborne Community Carols – Join Our School Christmas Choir!

We're excited to share that New Gisborne Primary School will once again be taking part in the Gisborne Community Carols on Sunday, 7th December 2025, at Dixon Field.

All students from Foundation to Grade 6 are warmly invited to join our school choir. Choir practice is held every Wednesday at lunchtime, and it's been wonderful to see so many enthusiastic faces joining in this week!

We can't wait to spread some festive cheer with our community.

Parents' Association



THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

NEW GISBORNE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLOUR FUN RUN

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
2:30PM AFTER LUNCH | \$5 TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QKR!

NGPS colour fun run t-shirts can be worn in place of regular school uniform for the day, otherwise a plain white t-shirt can also be worn.

Children riding the public bus home from school must have a change of clothes or a large bag to sit on and keep their seat clean.

Colour Fun Run is back! Get ready for a fun, colourful run Friday 24 October 2025 around New Gisborne Primary School. Junior school children (Foundation to Year 2) will stick to the oval where there will be 3 colour stations. Senior school children (Year 3 - 6) will complete a larger lap around the school as well as around the oval. Children hesitant to partake can stick to the outer side of the oval and wear green vests (provided on the day) to keep them colour free. They are welcome to return the vest at any time to join in the fun when they are ready. We look forward to seeing everyone in white t-shirts on the day.

Please register your child(ren) on Qkr! to cover the costs of the powder as this is a PA run event that aims to be cost neutral. If your child(ren) ride the public buses home, please ensure they have a change of clothes or a large bin liner to sit on and keep the bus tidy.

Reach out to Alison Simmenauer on 0420 352 926 if you wish to volunteer and help out with the event.

Parents' Association

parents association

Student Art Fair

Each student will bring home a sheet of art paper this week to complete artwork of their choice. Your little artist's artwork can then be transformed into high-quality keepsakes and gifts!

-Turn your child's artwork into these AMAZING products-

Greeting Cards \$15

Diaries, Notebooks & Sketchbooks \$20

Pillowcases \$25

Calendars \$15

Tea Towels \$25

Tote Bags \$25

Great gifts

Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

Please fill in the little box on the bottom of the cardstock with your child's name and age in marker (not pencil) and how many sets or items you would like to order. Please write their class on the back of the artwork.

Orders MUST be submitted for EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD via Qkr! by 27th October.

Please return artwork to your child's class by 27th October

Order under each of your children's names so that they each get their personal design printed. If you pay for three children under one name, you will receive the design of that one child, three times!! So please make sure you order per child, and return artwork to *each* child's class.

Parents' Association



The NGPS Parents' Association are selling trays of 'Kensington Pride' mangoes to raise money for school projects.

Fresh Mangoes direct from the farm to you!

Cost per Tray is: **\$31 (12-23 Mangoes)**

Order by: 25th October for collection early December

Order Direct on **Qkr!** Under Special Events

Each Tray Contains mangoes in various stages of ripeness, and they are a great fruit for freezing to use later. Remember to spread the word to friends and family too.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Monday

COLOURING &
QUIET ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

GARDENING
CRAFT

Chess Club -Mr Dwyer's Class
Room

Wednesday

CHESS

Thursday

CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITIES

Friday

CARD GAMES

Everyone welcome!
Find us in the
Activities Room
(near the Year 3
classrooms)

Canteen

Your child loves seeing YOU in their Canteen... Will you help this term?



Canteen Roster

TERM 4, 6TH OCTOBER - 19TH DECEMBER 2025

To join us, please visit Lana in the Canteen or email Lana.Sanford@education.vic.gov.au

DATES	OUR AWESOME CANTEEN CREW			
FRI 17 OCT	Renee	Jen	Rebekah	Tam
WED 22 OCT	*	*		
FRI 24 OCT	Renee	*	*	*
WED 29 OCT	*	*		
FRI 31 OCT	Renee	Jen	*	*
WED 5 NOV	*	*		
FRI 7 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 12 NOV	*	*		
FRI 14 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 19 NOV	*	*		
FRI 21 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 26 NOV	*	*		
FRI 28 NOV	Renee	*	*	*
WED 3 DEC	*	*		
FRI 5 DEC	Renee	*	*	*
WED 10 DEC	Sarah H	*		
FRI 12 DEC	Renee	*	*	*
WED 16 DEC	Sarah H	*		
FRI 19 DEC	Renee	Sarah H	*	*

Upon arrival, please remember to sign in at the kiosk as visiting Lana, & have your WWCC handy

Even if only for a short half hour shift, please help replace our roster's * with names

With an average of 250 lunch orders every

FRIDAY

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY REQUIRED

What's Involved, What Times, How Many Are Needed?

- 9am-9:30am Receive & Sort Lunch Tubes/Food Prep x2
- 9:30am-10:15am Label & Prep Lunch Bags x2
- 10:15am-11am Prep Drinks Tube x2
- 11am-11:30am Recess Window Sales x2-4
- 11:30am-12:40pm Prepare Lunches (Rolls, Toasties, Nachos, Burgers, Hotdogs, Noodles) x2-4
- 12:40pm-1:15pm Bag & Tub Up Orders x2-4
- 1:15pm-1:30pm Distribute Lunch Tube x2
- 1:30pm-2:15pm Lunch Windows Sales x2

***All volunteers must hold a current WWCC**



Hot Chocolate

To avoid waste
Now **ONLY** Available
via Qkr!

RECESS PRE-ORDERS



MUST be collected from the Canteen at **RECESS**
No need to line up, just head to the Pre-Order Collection Window

RECESS WINDOW SALES

10:50am-11:20am

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

To increase student's play time
by reducing their wait time,
volunteers are needed to help
serve...

*Can you pop in for a single or
regular (weekly/fortnightly/
monthly) 30-minute shift?*

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1876-2025
Saturday 15th November 2025
10am-4pm
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MACEDON RANGES SIGNS

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BOLINDA-MONEGETTA PRESENT

Light up the Night

Saturday 18th October 2025

Bigger. Better. Bolder.
Flames dancing beneath the dark sky,
Food and music as night drifts by,
Friends together, laughter near,
Our biggest bonfire of the year!

It's not just a bonfire; it's a celebration of our community spirit!

- ▶ SES display before the bonfire is lit
 - ▶ Iain Archibald Band
- ▶ Parachute Landing (Beer & Cider)
- ▶ Bolinda Hall Committee bar (Wine + Beer)
- ▶ Food trucks, pastries, coffee, sausage sizzle
 - ▶ Raffle + family fun

♦ \$5 entry | \$20 Family Pass
All funds raised go towards supporting the Bolinda-Monegetta CFA.

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Community



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2025
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New Gisborne

10 WEEK PROGRAM
STARTS TERM 4 2025
MONDAYS 4.15–5.15pm

\$150
(WVA members)
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(Non WVA members)
Includes ball, shirt & keychain

Registration
registration.netballconnect.com/login

OCT 27
NOV 10, 17, 24
DEC 1, 8
FEB (2026) 2, 9, 16, 23

FIRE SEASON IS COMING ARE YOU READY?

Living in the Macedon Ranges means living with fire risk. With large forests, open farmland, and dry conditions, our region is highly vulnerable to fire — especially with the current rainfall deficit.

What you can do today:

- ✓ Slash long grass
- ✓ Rake up leaves, bark, and debris
- ✓ Remove woody weeds like gorse & blackberry
- ✓ Clear gutters, rubbish around homes, sheds and fences
- ✓ Keep your property maintained all summer
- ✓ Create or review your Fire Plan
- ✓ Have a plan for the first 72 hours

Preparation reduces risk — but it doesn't remove it. On hot, windy days, fire can still occur. That's why it's critical to have a Fire Plan and be ready to act early.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY | PROTECT YOUR FAMILY | START PREPARING TODAY

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(Council resources)

 **Macedon Ranges**
Shire Council

 cfa.vic.gov.au
(Fire safety & planning)