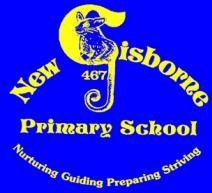


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome Back

It was wonderful to see our new Foundation students begin their school journey today. There were smiles all round as students quickly settled into their classrooms. It was also lovely to see so many parents and grandparents joining us in the morning to share this special milestone. All students have settled in extremely well.

Across the rest of the school, students have quickly returned to familiar routines and structures. Our Positive Start Program commenced, with classes unpacking our school values of **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner**. Students came through the gates eager to reconnect with friends and were promptly engaged in learning. A sincere thank you to all staff for the tremendous effort they put into making the first week such a positive experience for our students.

School Drop Off

Students should arrive at school from **8:40am onwards**, when yard supervision begins. Classroom doors open at **8:45am**, and students should head straight to their classrooms to prepare for the day. Running late can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety for students, and many important instructions are given at the start of the day.

If your child arrives late or needs to be collected early, they must be signed in or out at the office. Families requiring care before 8.40am are encouraged to book their child into **Before School Care**.

Home-School Communication

Compass is our primary form of communication, and all school messages will be sent via this platform. If you need to get an urgent message to your child, please contact the office directly.

Seesaw will be used to showcase student learning and serve as their learning portfolio. While Seesaw includes a messaging function, it is not a reliable way to communicate urgent or important information to teachers.

Please note that Facebook is not checked regularly. If in doubt, always contact the office.

Canteen – Sushi Tuesday / Subway Thursday

Our canteen is currently closed following the resignation of our canteen manager last week. We are actively working to source a replacement, either through another manager or an external provider, and will keep families informed. In the meantime, **Sushi Tuesdays** and **Subway Thursdays** will continue. Orders can be placed via the **Qkr! app**, up to two weeks in advance. If your child is unwell, orders can be cancelled up until the cut-off time on the day.

SunSmart

New Gisborne Primary School is a **SunSmart School**. Students are required to wear a **broad-brimmed hat (not a baseball cap)** between September and the end of April. Hats can be purchased via Qkr! through the Uniform Shop if needed.

Assembly

This week we will hold a **student-only assembly**. Regular assemblies will take place on **Friday afternoons at 2:55pm**, with the first parent assembly scheduled for **Friday 6 February**. In the event of extreme weather, assemblies will be cancelled and families notified via Compass.

Open Classroom – Years 1 to 6

Families are invited to an **Open Classroom afternoon on Friday 6 February from 2:30pm** for students in Years 1–6. This will be followed by our first **2026, Years 1-6 school parent assembly at 2:55pm**.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

30th Assembly (Students only)

FEBRUARY

6th Open Afternoon For Parents 2:25pm
First Parent Assembly 2:55pm

10th Whole School Photo Day
Foundation Parents Information Session 4:30pm
New Families BBQ 5pm

11th Yr 3-6 House Swimming Carnival (Sunbury Aquatic Centre)

17th & 18th Meet & Greet Parent Sessions

23rd-6th Mar Yr 1-2 Swimming Program (Gisborne Aquatic Centre)

24th District Swimming Carnival-Select Students

27th Foundation Grandparents Afternoon 2:30pm

MARCH

2nd Foundation Students Commence Fulltime

4th Yr 3 CERES Excursion

9th **Labour Day Public Holiday-Student Free**

11th-13th Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp

12th-13th Yr 4 Camp Wilkin

17th Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic
School Council Meeting 7pm

19th Yr 3-6 Cross Country-Dixon Field

2026 Curriculum Days (Student Free)

Monday 25th May-Professional Practice Day
Monday 2nd November-Curriculum Day
Thursday 17th December-Curriculum Day
Friday 18th December-Curriculum Day

Whole School Photo Day

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **10/02/2026**



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School Photos



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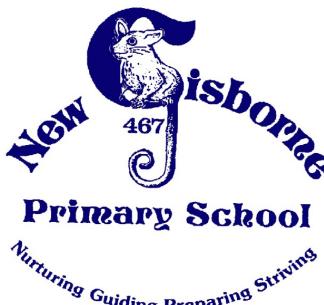
New Gisborne Primary School
DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **EN5E63GV**



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Wellbeing



Wellbeing at NGPS

Term 1 week 1

Welcome back to school! We are so pleased to welcome all our children and families back to school. We know that returning to school can bring lots of different feelings — excitement, nervousness, and everything in between — and that's all completely normal. This term, our focus will be on helping every child feel safe, happy, and ready to learn. We will be spending time building positive relationships, talking about our feelings, and reminding children that it's always okay to ask for help. Together, we will make sure school is a calm, caring place where everyone belongs.

Wellbeing at school

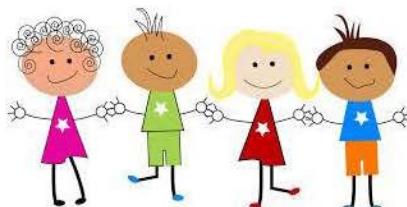
The Respectful Relationships Program

Everyone in our community deserves to be respected, valued and treated equally. We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and equality are embedded in our school.

This year, NGPS will implement the Respectful Relationships Program to teach social/emotional learning. The Respectful Relationships program supports schools to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. Respectful Relationships is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships between teachers and students.



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and Wellbeing
Leader



Wellbeing at home

The start of a new school year is a great time to build healthy routines at home that support children's wellbeing. Simple things like regular bedtimes, shared meals, time to talk about feelings, and opportunities to play and relax help children feel safe and confident. By encouraging balance between learning, rest, and fun, families can create a positive foundation that helps children settle happily into the school year and feel ready to learn.

Try this at home

Daily Feelings Check-In:

- One good thing
- One tricky moment
- One thing you are looking forward to

Specialist Team

FROM THE SPECIALIST TEAM

Art, Indonesian, Performing Arts and Physical Education

Dear families,

As we begin the new year, the Specialist team would like to remind your child/ren to remember these important items for school. 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

SPECIALIST BAGS

In an effort to reduce the amount of lost and damaged belongings, we suggest that students pack a light, named carrier bag (e.g. reusable plastic, calico etc) that they can pack their lunch, drink bottles and other belongings into, on their specialist days.

The amount of lost and damaged items left in Specialist rooms has been an issue in the past and it is often difficult to return items to their owners.

Being able to pack away personal belongings safely will help keep items safe and promote organisation in their daily routines.

Foundation students will be designing specific Specialist bags over the coming weeks. In the meantime, a plastic bag with handles will be sufficient.



A huge thank you to the families who have already sent a bag in with their child/ren.

Kind regards,
The Specialist Team

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP 2026

GRADE 6 GRADUATION JACKETS are expected first term, we have yet to be advised of delivery date.

SHOP OPEN

TUESDAY MORNINGS
8:30am - 11:30am

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday, 10th February 2026.

Shop is closed for 15-20 minutes from 8.25am for STAFF GROUP PHOTOS.

Please ensure you have purchased any new polo tops the prior week.

If ordering via QKR app, please order BEFORE 10.30am on Tuesday, 3rd Feb 26 for same day delivery.

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop Manager

Parents Association- Book Club



Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1** Log in, or create a new account
- 2** Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3** Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4** Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5** Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6** Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7** Make a payment via credit card
- 8** Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **BookClub**

Community

**APPLEWOOD EQUINE
ASSISTED LEARNING
HORSE CLUB
AFTER SCHOOL**

Term 1 - Group Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm
Individual Sessions available other times by appointment
TYLDEN, 10 mins from Woodend, Kyneton & Trentham
30 mins from Daylesford, Gisborne & Romsey

FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES WITH HORSES
INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT → applewoodequine.com.au  **ApplewoodEquine**

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

These activities teach kind horsemanship and help with life skills such as calm/regulation, anxiety, movement/mobility, social interaction, team building, leadership & confidence.

Most activities are on the ground. A mounted experience may be part of the learning program - this is not compulsory. No previous experience needed. Individual and shared sessions also available by appointment

Contact Mel: 0402 842 233
mel@applewoodequine.com.au

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Personal development and healing with horses
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Guitar Lessons

Weekly 1/2 hour group lessons (3-5 students)

- \$210 per term
- During school hours
- For students in Grade 2 – 6

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Questions/Queries Contact:

Aaron Moar
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 **TERM ONE 2026**

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BEGINNERS 5 - 11 YEARS OLD

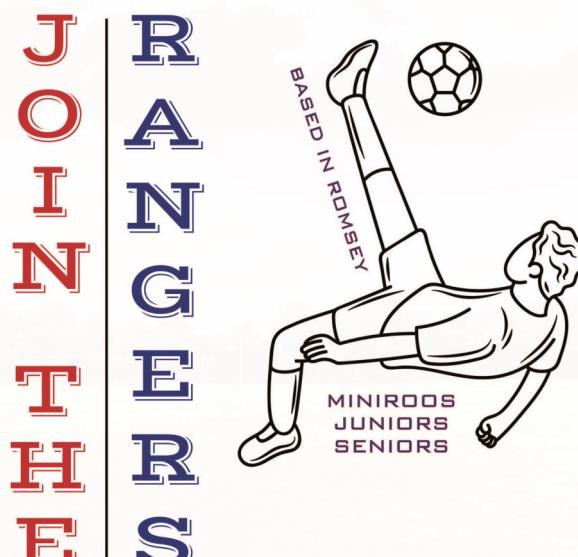
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8 WEEKS - 45 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL

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
SATURDAY - 9:15AM - 10:00AM
- ALL GIRLS SESSION -

FOR MORE INFORMATION - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU



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