

# Newsletter

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## 2020 DIARY DATES

### 18th September

Last day Term 3

### 5th October

Term 4 on-site learning returns 8:55am start

### 19th October

Book Week Dress Up Day

### 23rd October

Public Holiday  
 Day before AFL Grand Final

### 2nd November

Pupil Free Day  
 Staff Professional Development

Dear Parents,

I'm hoping that the news I posted yesterday on Facebook and Compass has gotten out to everyone and you are all by now aware that on-site learning is starting from the very first day of Term 4 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. All students from Foundation through to Year 6 return to classroom learning from that date and NOT the second week in.

Remote learning has proven to be both rewarding and challenging. It has worked quite well for some students, others have persevered and made decent improvement and others found the going tough and struggled to maintain their learning at the levels expected. A definite positive is that both student and staff digital technology skills have improved significantly!

Remote learning was something that was undesired but perhaps opportune in some ways. In the week or so prior to schools reverting back to remote learning several weeks ago, local schools were being shut down with frightening regularity due to positive COVID testing. Riddells Creek PS, Gisborne PS and Gisborne Secondary College were all affected. Being the largest primary school in the Macedon Ranges, I was basically waiting for our own closure because of a positive test in one of our students or staff. Thankfully, as far as I'm aware, this hasn't eventuated even during lockdown.

Now that students are due back at school, the teachers have been asked to focus their teaching on Reading, Writing and Number. We're prioritising the core curriculum areas that we believe are absolutely necessary at this time. Additionally, we will be monitoring the students and making sure that they are transitioning back to school, and the rigours of the classroom, with sound mind and body. We'll still have a structured morning drop off and start, and a staggered dismissal, but we're also going to work hard to make the students feel welcome, comfortable and safe.

Teachers will still be wearing masks when not actually teaching, we'll maintain social distancing expectations, reintroduce extra hygiene practices and continue with our extended cleaning regime. Things won't yet be 2019 normal, but we'll do our best to keep the students safe and happy!

Finally, please remember to NOT congregate around the gates in the morning or afternoon and that non-essential adults are still barred from entering the school grounds – go to the main entry gate on Station Road and ring the school on 5428 2232 and someone will come out to you.

### SunSmart – Hats from Start of Term 4

Parents are reminded that all students need to have a proper 'SunSmart' hat to wear outside from the start of Term 4. A SunSmart hat is basically a hat that has a wide brim that protects the face, ears and neck. A baseball cap is NOT a SunSmart hat. We'll be doing lots of reminders during the first week back but anyone without a proper hat won't be allowed to play out in the open during recess or lunch from the second week until they get a hat.

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SUN PROTECTION and the UV INDEX										
Low		Moderate			High	Very High		Extreme		
UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	UV Index	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
SUN PROTECTION NOT REQUIRED		SUN PROTECTION REQUIRED								
Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces (such as snow or water).		Wear sun-protective clothing, a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply SPF30+ sunscreen to any unprotected skin. Seek shade.								

## Principal's report continued...

### Oval Works

This is progressing well. The rain over last weekend didn't cause any problems and everything had dried out pretty well by Monday. 90% of the topsoil has been removed with some pockets of 'buckshot' soil needing deeper removal. Pretty soon the trucks will be coming back in loaded with crushed rock, ready to put down the compacted foundation needed for the turf on top.



### Foundation Enrolments for 2021

Enrolments continue to slowly come in. There are still a number of families currently with older siblings at our school that haven't enrolled their younger child yet. Please do this ASAP so that we have some firm numbers to work with if and when we are able to hold some sort of transition.

### Are You Moving Out of the Area?

Please let us know ASAP if you are planning on changing schools or moving out of the area prior to the start of the 2021 school year. Within the first 4-6 weeks of next term we start looking at numbers and classes for 2021 and need to know who will be here and who won't. Please just call the office on 5428 2232 and let the ladies know.

Andy Kozak  
Principal

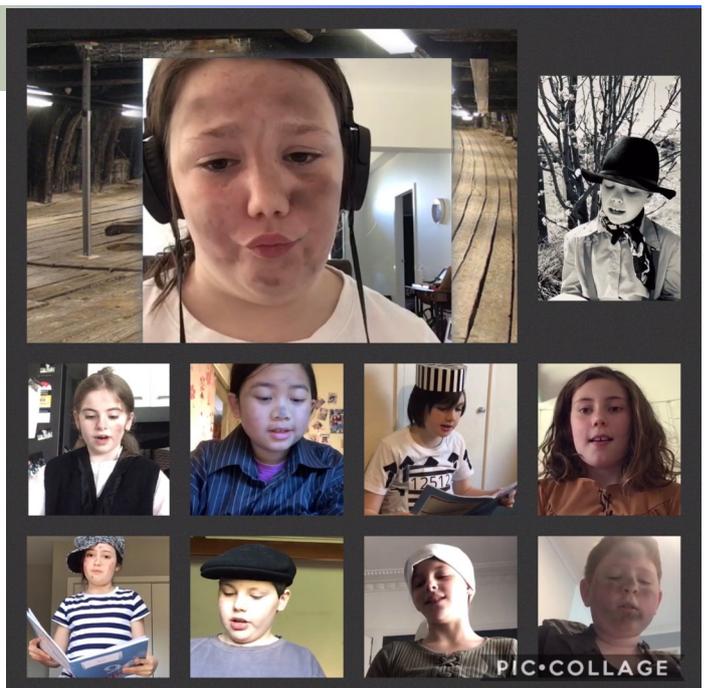
## Year 4

### Beggars, Pickpockets and Thieves!

As part of the Inquiry investigation this term the Year 4 students have been studying the history around the First Fleet.

They combined their factual knowledge and some realistic events to create a diary written from a convict child's perspective.

Last Tuesday they dressed up as scoundrels and rascals from this time period to tell their stories.



## Diamante and Quatrain Poems by 2D

This term we have been learning to write Diamante and Quatrain poems.

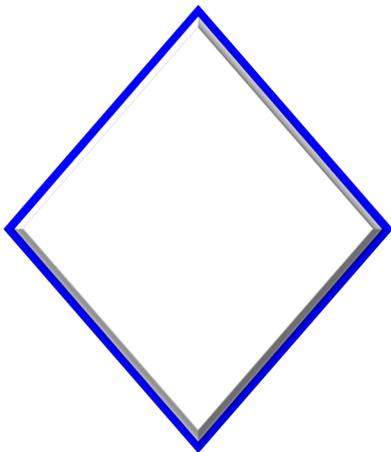
Many students chose to write a poem this week that reflected their thoughts about Home Learning.

### Diamante Poems

Remote Learning  
Fun, exciting  
Reading, writing, concentrating  
Enjoyable, cozy  
Home school  
-Harper-

Home  
Noisy, distracted  
Playing, frustrating, annoying  
Friendly, educational  
School  
-Lawrence-

Remote learning  
Different, challenging  
Spelling, learning, writing  
Isolated, completion  
Home schooling  
-John-



### Quatrain Poems

Remote learning is fun  
I get to stay at home  
But I make sure I go for a run  
But my Mum doesn't let me on her phone.  
By Riley

I like home school  
And it is cool  
But every time  
I work on my iPad which is mine.  
By Zac

Home school  
I'm sad  
I'm happy to see my friends  
And I feel glad  
By Aleeya

Home school  
Home school is bad  
I'm very sad  
It's cool  
Being out of school.  
By Toby

In Home learning  
There are things that are bad and things that are good  
I'd walk my dog every day if I could  
When I finish my work I go for a break  
I could even bake a cake.  
By Felix

# INDO LINGO

Selamat Datang,

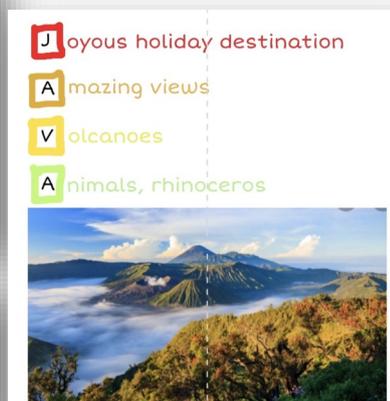
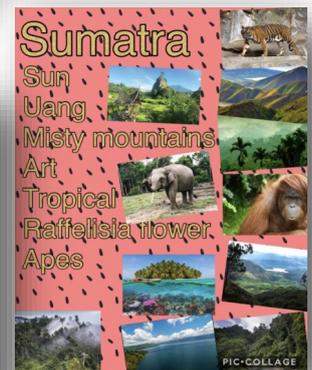
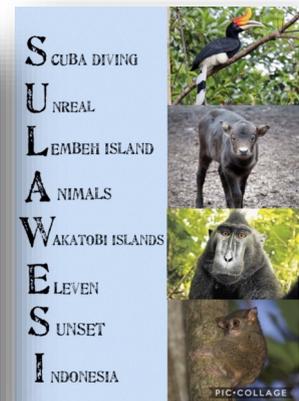
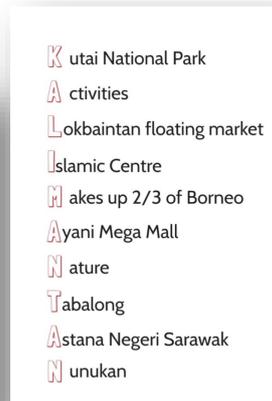
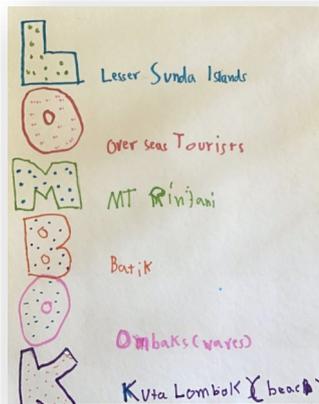
I am so proud of all the Indonesian students who have worked so hard this term. Working remotely whilst trying to learn a language can be difficult but they have all been such troopers! Congratulations to the students for giving their best efforts.

This week the Year 3-6 students have selected an Indonesian island and written an acrostic poem. They have been extremely creative, and many have learnt much about the Indonesian culture through their research.

Enjoy this snapshot of Indonesia.

Sampai jumpa,

Ibu Dawson & Ibu Coulsell



# Art

Congratulations to the master artists who have already submitted their art pieces for the card design activity. Here's a little taste of the amazing artworks completed so far:



Little Artists

NGPS

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

Merry christmas

Best Wishes

Merry Christmas

Christmas 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2020

# ONE DAY TO GO



The PRC closes at midnight tomorrow, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. There are many students across the school who only have a couple of books to read until they complete the Challenge so I hope they can reach their goal of reading 30 books (F - 2) or 15 books (3 - 6). I would recommend entering your books online well before the cut off time as the system becomes very slow to navigate and I therefore cannot guarantee verifying books before the site shuts down.

Congratulations to the 135 students who have completed the Challenge. Thank you to their teachers and parents for their support of this worthwhile initiative.

Certificates will be distributed in November when received from the Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews.

Prue Dawson  
VPRC Co-ordinator

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

18th September

ISSUE 5  
2020

ORDERS  
DUE BACK BY:

69  
titles  
@ \$5 or  
UNDER

Book Club

ISSUE 6  
2020

ORDERS  
DUE BACK BY:

66  
titles  
@ \$6 or  
UNDER

Book Club

See the Compass newsfeed  
"Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 & 6"  
for a copy of the catalogues.  
-Online orders only-

Book Club LOOP

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>



## Your Little Artist's Cards

During Visual Art classes over the final two weeks of term 3, NGPS students will be making showcase works of art that will be reproduced onto high-quality card with your child's name on the back and blank inside for your personal message.

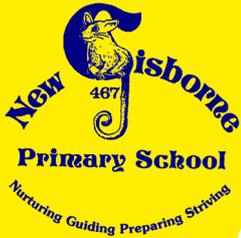
Please fill in the little box on the bottom right of the cardstock with how many sets you would like to order (this helps the printer's)



Your child's cards are perfect to send to family and friends to bring joy  
at the special price of \$14 for a pack of 8 cards

**Orders MUST be submitted for EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD  
via Qkr! by 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment forms can be found on our website  
<https://www.newgisps.vic.edu.au/enrolment>

and submitted via email

[new.gisborne.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:new.gisborne.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

or dropped directly into our post box

239 Station Road, New Gisborne.

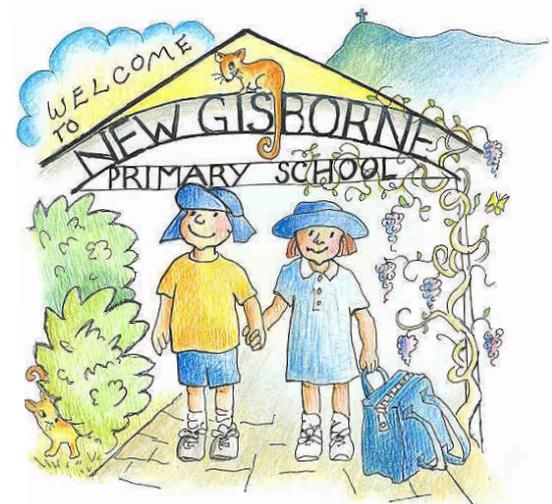
Under the current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to host Information Sessions or conduct School Tours on site.

Information Sessions via video conferencing are available on request and a virtual [School Tour](#) is available on our website.

Phone the school office on

**5428 2232**

for any enquiries or to book an information session.



Some of the Year 6 students are taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020! We're on a mission to shave the world from blood cancer. Please sponsor us to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life. Every day another 41 Australians are diagnosed with a blood cancer. That's one Aussie every 36 minutes. Although research is improving survival, sadly an Australian loses their life to blood cancer every two hours. Will you help by sponsoring us?  
 Go to <https://worldsgreatestshave.com/>  
**Click:** Donate  
**Click:** Sponsor a whole team  
**Type:** The 6ers (Captain: Wil Holloway)  
**Click:** Sponsor our Team

### Gisborne library is back for Reserving and Collecting

Library patrons can go online and reserve items or call us to organise a bundle of books. When the items are here at Gisborne Library they can be collected Monday / Thursday 10 am - 1 pm or Tuesday / Friday 1 pm - 5 pm. Wednesdays we are closed.

Our School holiday program is available for bookings. Check out all our events on the website [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) There are Colourful fun activities and workshops these holiday for all ages. Juggling, weaving, a bit of science, music, LEGO challenges and Treasure Hunts and Tim Credible: The Incredible Science and Magic Show. Jump online and book EARLY.

Thank you and Take Care.

**Georgina Smith**  
 Library Services Officer  
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 e: [georginas@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:georginas@ncgrl.vic.gov.au)  
[www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) | 8 Hamilton Street, Gisborne





**CALLING ALL KIDS IN THE MACEDON RANGES!**



# FRUIT AND VEG ANIMAL PHOTO COMP



For National Nutrition Week 12-19 October  
Cobaw Community Health invites kids in the Macedon Ranges to create your very own animal made from healthy fruit and vegetables. Send us a photo of your creation along with your name and age and the top photos will be shared on our social media pages. A fruit and veg box from the Macedon Ranges Farmers Market Online will be awarded to the animal photo judged the most creative.

Submit your entry to [jenny.cowan@cobaw.org.au](mailto:jenny.cowan@cobaw.org.au)  
by Thursday 8 October 5.00pm





WEEK ONE	11AM SESSIONS
Monday 21st September	States of Matter (Grades 3 - 4)
Tuesday 22nd September	Bend Stretch and Twist (Prep - Grade 2)
Wednesday 23rd September	Plastic Fantastic (Grades 5 - 6)
Thursday 24th September	Mix and Unmix (Prep - Grade 2) <b>NEW!!</b>
Friday 25th September	The Unseen World (Grades 3 - 6)
WEEK TWO	11AM SESSIONS
Monday 28th September	Sound and Light (Prep - Grade 2) <b>NEW!!</b>
Tuesday 29th September	Our Blue Marble (Prep - Grade 3)
Wednesday 30th September	Wonderful Waterways (Prep - Grade 6)
Thursday 1st October	Hot! Hot! (Grades 3 - 6) <b>NEW!!</b>
Friday 2nd October	Forces in Motion (Grades 3 - 6)

# PRIME Sci!

## SPRING 2020 ONLINE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

PrimeSci! is now providing live-streamed hands-on science workshops for primary school-aged children.

**Bend Stretch and Twist (Prep - Grade 2)**

Become a Material Scientist to learn about the different properties of ordinary and amazing materials.

**Mix and Unmix (Prep - Grade 2) NEW!!**

This delightful hands-on session will draw children into the world of chemistry and engineering as they explore the phenomena of dissolving, crystallisation, and make colourful discoveries with materials sourced from around the house.

**Sound and Light (Prep - Grade 2) NEW!!**

This activity-filled and noisy session is designed to help children discover for themselves the fundamentals of sound and light as they manipulate these two energies.

**Our Blue Marble (Prep - Grade 3)**

Explore how planet Earth's temperature, atmosphere and water cycle make it ideal for supporting life.

**States of Matter (Grades 3 - 4)**

Solids, liquids and gases, and we introduce two other states of matter! Enter the world of atoms and molecules and find out more about the world we live in.

**Hot! Hot! (Grades 3 - 6) NEW!!**

Big ideas like conduction, convection and radiation are learnt through play as children uncover the heat in everyday things like keeping doors closed, wearing jumpers, and hot air balloons.

**The Unseen World (Grades 3 - 6)**

Explore the incredible world of microbes (and viruses), the impact they have on our everyday life.

**Forces in Motion (Grades 3 - 6)**

This fast-paced session will frame student understanding of forces and how they interact. Learn the role of gravity, friction and magnetism in making objects move.

**Plastic Fantastic (Grades 5 - 6)**

Explore the world of plastics! Make your own slime, test the properties of certain plastics and discover more about these useful materials.

**Wonderful Waterways (Prep - Grade 6)**

Discover the hidden life in our creeks and rivers. Learn about the simple things we can all do to keep our freshwater habitats healthy.

**BOOK YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE WORKSHOP NOW!**

**Monday Sept. 21 - Friday Oct. 3**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLFWH>

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 (03) 9210 1969  
[facebook.com/primesci](https://facebook.com/primesci)

**WORKSHOP COSTS & DETAILS**

Our new online and interactive PrimeSci! Science Workshops will be delivered live via **Zoom**. The workshops are full of hands-on activities and are scheduled to run for a minimum of 40 minutes, followed by an opportunity for a Q&A session between PrimeSci! presenters and participating children.

**Enrolment Fee per Family: \$10.00 (plus \$0.50 Trybooking Fee)**

Registered families will receive an information pack within 24 hours with lesson details, Zoom instructions, and pre- and post-session activities.

**PLEASE NOTE: Your child's privacy and internet safety is important to us. Children will only be able to view our presenters, with all other participant video and audio muted.**

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PRIMESCI!** [SWINBURNE.EDU.AU/PRIMESCI](https://swinburne.edu.au/primesci)