

# Newsletter

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## 2020 DIARY DATES

### 12, 19 & 26th February

Only selected Foundation students at school for Assessments

### 7th February

Positive Start Celebration  
Open Classroom

### 10th February

Year 3-6 Swimming Trials

### 11th February

School Photos

### 12th February

Foundation and  
New Families BBQ

### 13th February

Brain Storm Productions  
Whole school incursion

### 17th & 18th February

Year 1-6 Meet and Greet

### 18th February

Foundation Information Night

### 20th February

Year 3-6 Swimming  
Team Practice

### 26th February

Year 3 Royal Botanic  
Gardens Excursion

### 27th February

District Swimming

### 6th March

Year 3-6 House  
Cross Country

### 10th March

Division Swimming  
School Council Meeting

### 10-11th March

Year 4 Camp

### 13th March

Ride2School Day

## Dear Parents,

### Assembly Tomorrow – 9.05am

Assemblies during Term 1 will take place at 9.05am each Friday.

### Foundation & New Families BBQ – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

A notice for this is going out today on Compass. Please let the school know how many are coming and whether or not we need to cater for any vegetarians or people with gluten issues. The BBQ will take place from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and will be in the courtyard near the canteen. Remember, it's open to ALL 2020 Foundation families and new families that started with us from July of last year and there is NO COST.

### Meet and Greet

The 2020 Meet & Greet for parents of students in Years 1 to 6 will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Bookings will be done via Compass and we'll notify you when this goes live. As mentioned last week, the meetings are fairly brief (10 minutes) and basically give parents the opportunity to meet the teacher and pass on any relevant information about their child/ren.

### School Council Elections

Each year half the members of the School Council finish their two year tenure and their positions are up for election. A detailed information sheet and call for nominations for the 2020 vacancies **will be sent home next week**. Please take the time to read the information sheet carefully and consider nominating for School Council. It is a self-nominating process so you don't have to go out and lobby for people to nominate you. Nomination forms will be available from the office from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. You will have until 4.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to get your nomination in to me. School Council meets about 8 times per year at 7.00pm on a Tuesday night. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

### School Photo Day

School Photo Day is next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Details have already been sent out via Compass.

### Compass Notifications

As always at the start of a new school year, you'll be inundated with more than the usual number of Compass Notifications. We apologise in advance but I'm sure you all understand that we're trying to get on top of everything early.

### Landscaping Designs

One of the things the school hopes to improve, as part of the Capital Works/ Grounds Development Project this year, is a total revamp of the school frontage. This is from the Foundation play area, around the Ferrier Road/ Station Road corner, and up to the House of Rock. We are very close to finalising the drawings and are awaiting cost estimates. If anyone is interested in having a look at the proposed works, I have put the drawings up on the noticeboard near the staffroom/admin area. I'm also more than happy to receive feedback too!

Andy Kozak  
Principal

# INDOLINGO

Selamat Datang,

Welcome back to the 2020 school year for our returning students and a warm welcome to all our new families joining NGPS.

This year Foundation to Year 5 students are studying the Indonesian language and culture and for the first time, Year 6 will also be introduced to Indonesian studies. All students will participate in 1 hr of Indonesian classes each week.

I would like to welcome Ibu Hager to our Indonesian program. She will be teaching Indonesian on Wednesday and Thursday of each week and has an excellent knowledge of the language with many years experience from her previous school.

The Foundation students have enjoyed taking a tour of the Indonesian classroom and learning where Indonesia is in relation to Australia. This term they are learning greetings, how to introduce themselves and the colours through a range of craft activities. Hopefully they are coming home sprouting "Nama saya...." (My name is...).

The Year 1 students are learning about families, family life in Indonesia and the associated vocabulary with their own family. They will be making a class book, which they will be bringing home and sharing with their family.

This term the Year 2 students will be studying a variety of fruits, including Indonesian fruits. During the term they will have the opportunity to taste these fruits and should be able to explain which fruits they "suka" (like) and "tidak suka" (don't like). They also have an exciting year ahead as the students in each class take home an orangutan for a week of adventures with their family. They are able to write about their week in a shared class book and we look forward to hearing what the orangutans get up to with each student.

In Year 3 this term we are looking at various types of transport including traditional Indonesian vehicles. We will also look at what mode of transport we use to get to school.

The Year 4 students are currently looking more closely at the various islands that make up Indonesia. This includes location, size, climate, sites, geography, costumes and traditions.

Year 5 students are revising and expanding their knowledge of body parts. Apart from new vocabulary, this will include new grammar, listening, translation, speaking and creating.

The Year 6 students will be introduced to the country of Indonesia and the similarities and differences to Australia. Their language focus will be greetings, introductions, colours and numbers.

Sampai jumpa,  
Ibu Dawson



## HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

Wednesday	Friday
12 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> February
Yvonne McKerley & Angela Clemson	Katherine Borg, Lisa Russell, Heidi <u>Theuerle</u> & Erin Grogan
19 <sup>th</sup> February	21 <sup>st</sup> February
Amber Lupson & Nikita Tasi	Narelle Betty, Kara Pyke & 2 volunteers needed
26 <sup>th</sup> February	28 <sup>th</sup> February
Yvonne McKerley & 1 volunteer needed	Reannon Upshall, Eve Strano, Katherine Borg & 1 volunteer needed

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
21st February 2020

## Uniform Shop

Anyone interested in pre-ordering a coloured house sports polo shirt for the Year 3-6 House Cross Country on the 6th March and/or PacDay on the 25th March, please do so via Qkr!

**Orders need to be in by Friday 14th Feb.**

Otherwise I cannot guarantee we will have your size in stock.

Many thanks

Trish Johnstone  
Uniform Shop Manager



# Tesselaar Fundraising with Bulbs

Tesselaar Fundraising



A Tesselaar Fundraising with Bulbs catalogue has been sent home this week with the eldest child in your family. Ordering bulbs is now even easier, orders are placed online and delivered directly to your door!

We are conducting this fundraiser in support of State Schools' Relief.

State Schools' Relief is a not for profit organisation that supports the needs of underprivileged Victorian government school students by providing new school uniforms, shoes and educational resources. They work side by side with all Victorian Primary, Secondary, Special Developmental and Language schools to ensure that any students facing hardship have the necessary clothing and appropriate footwear for school.

They offer a simple solution. Their practical service ensures that every student, regardless of their background, can fully participate in education. Having a uniform and looking like everyone else ensures that all students feel included and valued. It provides everyone, regardless of background, with the opportunity to participate fully in schooling. Their service promotes each child's dignity because the service is run anonymously through the schools. It would be almost impossible to find a State School, no matter how prosperous, which has not had at least one student who has received assistance from SSR since their inception in 1930. They have supported hundreds of thousands of young Victorian students and their families.

Please support this worthy initiative.



## Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the DET Privacy Policy, found on our website.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website and also included here.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

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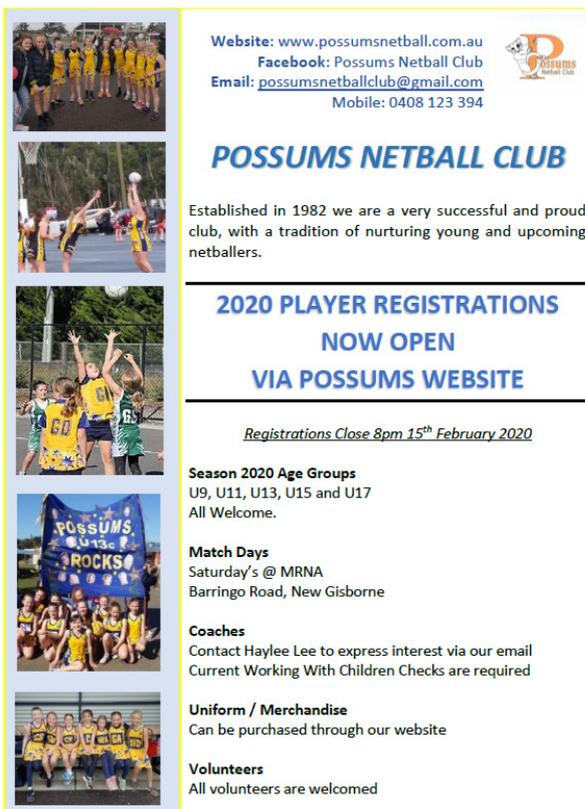


**GISBORNE GIANTS**

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Football and Netball registrations for the 2020 season are now open via our webpage. We encourage all past and new members to register as soon as possible.

[www.gisbornegiantsfnc.club](http://www.gisbornegiantsfnc.club)



**Website:** [www.possumsnetball.com.au](http://www.possumsnetball.com.au)  
**Facebook:** Possums Netball Club  
**Email:** [possumsnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:possumsnetballclub@gmail.com)  
**Mobile:** 0408 123 394

**POSSUMS NETBALL CLUB**

Established in 1982 we are a very successful and proud club, with a tradition of nurturing young and upcoming netballers.

**2020 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN VIA POSSUMS WEBSITE**

*Registrations Close 8pm 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

**Season 2020 Age Groups**  
U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17  
All Welcome.

**Match Days**  
Saturday's @ MRNA  
Barringo Road, New Gisborne

**Coaches**  
Contact Haylee Lee to express interest via our email  
Current Working With Children Checks are required

**Uniform / Merchandise**  
Can be purchased through our website

**Volunteers**  
All volunteers are welcomed



## Building Resilience in Kids

Parent workshop

Gisborne



Resilience is the ability to cope with ups and downs, bounce back and even grow in the face of challenges.

Resilience is not just about managing current stressors, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health.

Learn how you can help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience:

- Building good relationships
- Independence
- Confidence to face challenges
- Managing emotions

### Term 1, 2020

**When:** Monday, 16th March 2020  
**Time:** Arrival and registration 11.45am  
 Session 12.00pm - 2.30pm  
**Where:** Macedon Ranges Further Education  
 12 Hamilton Street, Gisborne  
**Cost:** Free  
**Facilitators:** CCS Family and Relationship Services  
**Child Care:** Sorry, no childcare provided

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



For bookings and enquiries contact Reception on Ph: 5428 3799

## YOUNG VOICES OF MACEDON

A COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR CHILDREN, 6 - 15

2020 learn great songs about the sea, including the jazz cantata *Captain Noah and his floating zoo*



Make new friends

Learn voice production, musicianship and part singing

Perform at concerts, choral festivals and community events

Thursdays, 4.15 - 5.45 pm

Norma Richardson Hall  
 Buckland Street, Woodend

[yvmacedon.org.au](http://yvmacedon.org.au)



HAPPY HEALTHY MINDS MEDITATION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
 Romsey Neighbourhood House  
 96-100 Main St Romsey

Thursdays from 4.15pm to 5.00pm  
 Starting again in 2020  
 27th February to 18th March 2020  
 (\$10 per class or \$35 for the 4 weeks paid in advance)

These sessions are aimed at Children between the ages of 5 to 11 years in mind.

Parents and younger siblings are encouraged and most welcome to attend along with their child/children.

The sessions are filled with fun ways of using meditation techniques that develop attention while encouraging;

Kindness, compassion, and self-knowledge.

Mindful awareness promotes physical and mental well being as well as character and ethical development.

Many people, including children find that it just makes them happier.

For further information or to book a place please call  
 Facilitator: Donna McMahon  
 Phone: 0412 595 997  
 Or Romsey Neighbourhood House on 54296724

## MACEDON RANGES SUMMER ORIENTEERING SERIES

### WHEN & WHERE

**FEB 5th**– Sunbury Fields,  
 Pipit Way, North End-Elizabeth Drive **SUNBURY**

**FEB 12th**-Woodend Information Centre, High Street, **WOODEND**

**FEB 19th**– Willowbank Estate Reserve, Parkview Street, **GISBORNE**

[www.vicorienteering.asn.au/](http://www.vicorienteering.asn.au/)

[www.centralhighlands.weebly.com/](http://www.centralhighlands.weebly.com/)

**ALL AGES EVENT**

**BEGINNERS WELCOMES**

**STARTS AT 7PM**

**COACHING AVAILABLE**

**COST**  
**\$5 ADULT**  
**\$2 CHILD**

**LENGTH**  
**3KM-8KM**

