

Newsletter

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School Council President: Darren Barr



2020 DIARY DATES

19 & 26th February

Only selected Foundation students at school for Assessments

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

10-11th March

Year 4 Camp

13th March

Ride2School Day

16-27th March

Selected Year 4-6 students swimming program

17th March

Selected students Student Leadership Conference

19th March

Foundation Reading Parent Helper Session

24th March

Regions Swimming

25th March

PAC Day

Dear Parents,

Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy

The Department of Education has enacted a mandatory policy for mobile devices for all schools. The policy allows schools to make the final determination in regards to what mobile/cellular devices are included. Our School Council met last night and discussed, at length, what to include in our policy and at the end of the night it was decided that we include mobile phones and smart watches, as these have similar capabilities.

The NGPS Mobile Devices Policy is available for everyone to read on the school website and conforms to DET guidelines. Basically, if your child brings a mobile device to school (other than a BYOD iPad) it must be put away and not accessed during school hours. The device may be kept securely in a school bag, or handed into the classroom teacher who will secure it away, until home time. There are possible exemptions available, mainly for medical/health reasons, and anyone wanting an exemption needs to contact me directly.

The Mobile Devices Policy also needs to be considered together with the Personal Goods Policy – also a mandated policy from DET. Schools are required to let parents know at the start of each year that anything of value that children bring to school is done at their own risk. So, if you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school and keep it in their bag but the bag, then falls to the ground, gets stepped on, and the phone is broken, there is no school insurance policy and the liability is all yours. I have also put this policy up on the school website.

Finally, if parents need to contact their children please do so through the school office. Don't send notifications via their BYOD. Students are not supposed to have any notification software operating at school on any devices. If the message is important then we probably need to know it also in case plans go awry and Plan B needs to be implemented. Technology is a wonderful thing but it can be a pain in the proverbial if it starts constantly encroaching on everyday life.

School Council Elections

There are five parent vacancies for this year's School Council. Details on the election timeline and self-nomination process are attached to this newsletter and will also be sent out again via Compass on Friday. In essence, if you would like to be a part of the NGPS School Council you need to pick up a self-nomination form from the front office from Monday 17th February (next Monday) and return it to the office by 4.00pm Monday 24th February. School Council meets another 8 times this year – at 7.00pm on a Tuesday evening. Meetings finish by around 8.30pm. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Start of the School Day

The music for the children to start heading into class goes at 8.52am. The bell itself goes at 8.55am. Teachers generally try to open their doors around 8.45am. However, I do run staff briefing meetings on a Wednesday morning from 8.30am and other committees also meet on various mornings – Wellbeing Committee (8.15am), School Improvement Team (8.00am), etc. Two teachers are also on yard duty from 8.40am till the bell goes. Students shouldn't be at school prior to 8.40am as the yard is not supervised! Therefore, please don't expect your child's teacher to open their doors before 8.45am. They might open a bit earlier during winter on cold, wet mornings. If you need to drop your child off at school early because you need to get to work on time, please use the Out of School Hours Care facility.

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Principal's report continued

Stranger Danger

Whilst I'm not officially aware of anything untoward taking place in or around New Gisborne, it is always wise for parents to speak with their children about not talking to, or approaching, strangers. Parents parking in and around the school are also asked to be vigilant for any suspicious cars or people lurking about. If you have any concerns please notify the school immediately or, if you deem necessary, the police. Be alert but not alarmed!

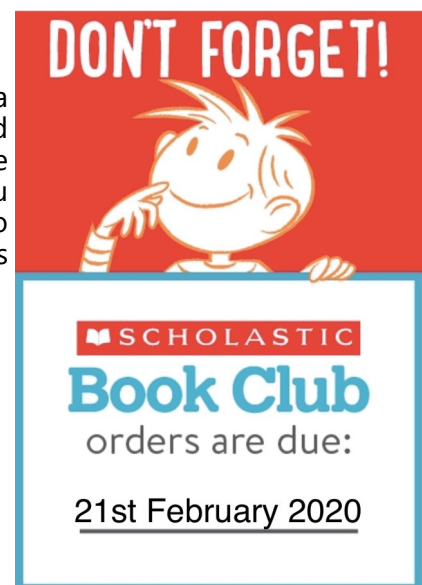
Picking Up Your Children

It has been noticed that some students are being picked up out on Ferrier Road standing on the side of the road. Yes, the car park can be busy and congested for about 15-20 minutes but 90% of cars are gone by 3.30pm. However, it is incredibly dangerous to have a child walk out of the school grounds by themselves, navigate their way between cars parked on the side of Ferrier Road and stand and wait to be picked up. Teachers on yard duty after school collect any remaining children in the grounds about 3.45 to 3.50pm and we take them inside until they are picked up. We don't know, or see, kids that are 50m up Ferrier Road!

Working with Children Checks

It is policy that everyone volunteering at New Gisborne PS have a current Working with Children Check. These are free and can be sourced online. Please remember that you need to nominate New Gisborne Primary School as the organisation you will be supporting. When you nominate our school **we** receive a certificate saying you are allowed to volunteer at the school. My staff are expected to check the WWC status of all their volunteers on the master list we keep in the office.

Andy Kozak
Principal



Chess Club

Chess club has once again started up in 2020. All students are invited to participate in the club on Friday lunchtimes in the library.

No experience is necessary. We have very passionate students who are willing to help beginners and have a lot of fun forming rivalries and learning together.

During terms two and three, we will begin thinking about forming teams from the inter school competitions and chess club attendees usually feature heavily at these events.

Good luck to everyone who is working on improving their chess skills this year.

Jayden Andrea
Chess Club Coordinator



INDO LINGO

Selamat Datang,

During the summer holidays Brooke (2E) and Ted (1D) travelled to Bali with their family. Having read about the Balinese YKPA Orphanage in our Indo Lingo newsletter articles, the family were very keen to visit the orphanage. They generously carried 60kgs of donations, which they delivered to the orphanage. This is the largest quantity of donations they have ever received and they were again extremely grateful to the NGPS community for our continued support. The children in the orphanage received clothes, shoes/sandals, picture storybooks, exercise books, colouring books, pencils and textas, soft toys and dolls. Brooke and Ted spent time with the children, showing them the gifts they were delivering and playing with the children. Both Brooke and Ted gained a lot from this wonderful experience, and have spoken positively to their classes about the children and the orphanage. Terima kasih to Brooke and Ted and their parents for taking the time to visit the orphanage and also taking such a huge amount of donations.

If you have anything at home that you no longer use and think would be suitable for the children in Bali, please drop them into the Indonesian room and we will try and get them to the orphanage via school families holidaying in Bali.

Sampai jumpa,
Ibu Dawson and Ibu Hager



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.

We are open every Tuesday 8:30-11:30pm for personal shopping, cash and EFTPOS available.

Online ordering can be placed via Qkr! app.

Orders placed via the Qkr! app closes at 10:30 am every Tuesday and are packed and delivered (stock permitting) same day.

All orders received after 10:30am will be distributed on the following Tuesday.

Many thanks

Trish Johnstone
Uniform Shop Manager



Canteen

HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

Wednesday	Friday
	14th February
	Lisa Russell, Heidi <u>Theuerle</u> Erin Grogan & Melissa Kroker
19th February	21st February
Amber Lupson & Nikita Tasi	Narelle Betty, Kara Pyke, Alison Simmenauer & Angeline <u>O'Day</u>
26th February	28th February
Yvonne McKerley & Leanne Wall	Reannon Upshall, Eve Strano, Katherine Borg, Ebony King & Melissa Kroker



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.





Macedon Cats Junior Netball Club Registration & Uniform Day

The Macedon Cats would like to warmly welcome all current & new netball players to register for the 2020 season commencing in Term 2 at New Gisborne. Please note, both boys and girls can play. An EFTPOS facility will be available on the day for uniforms if needed.

When: Tuesday 18th February 4 - 6 pm

Where: Tony Clarke Stadium, Waterfalls Road, Macedon

Age groups	Training times
U9 born 2011, 2012	Tuesday 4-5 u11
U11 born 2009, 2010	Tuesday 5-6 u15A & u17
U13 born 2007, 2008	
U15 born 2005, 2006	Wednesday 4-5 u9
U17 born 2003, 2004	Wednesday 5-6 u13
	Wednesday 6-7 u15 B & C

For further information please contact:
Narelle Roberts narelleroberts@outlook.com 0409146965



Website: www.possumsnetball.com.au
Facebook: Possums Netball Club
Email: 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 15th 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



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





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



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.vicorienteeing.asn.au/

www.centralhighlands.vic.gov.au/

**ALL AGES
 EVENT**

**BEGINNERS
 WELCOMES**

**STARTS AT
 7PM**

**COACHING
 AVAILABLE**

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

**LENGTH
 3KM-8KM**



**ORIENTEERING
 VICTORIA**

The Mount Players presents

SWITZERLAND
by Joanna Murray-Smith
Directed by Lee Cook




**28 Feb
- 15th March**

**Mountview Theatre
56 Smith St Macedon**

Bookings @ themountplayers.com
or 5426 1892

This production has been licensed through the
Australian Script Centre.



from "a"
to
extraordinary


AN INFORMATION EVENING WITH FAYE BERRYMAN ABOUT
THE FITZROY READERS, AND THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE
OF TEACHING LITERACY WITH PHONICS.

6.30pm, march 12th
\$10/person

wine + nibbles included

perfect for teachers, parents and other grownups with
developing readers in their lives

register online at www.squishyminnie.com.au/events



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Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience for the whole family

Welcome a new family member into your home

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED 2020

- ✓ Experience a foreign culture firsthand
- ✓ Be exposed to a new language at home
- ✓ Rediscover and share the beauty of Australia
- ✓ Develop friendships that last a lifetime

We have a wonderful group of students arriving in May, July and August 2020 for 3, 5 or 10 months and are excitedly waiting to hear news of their host family in Australia.

All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today
1300 135 331 or info@studentexchange.org.au

www.studentexchange.org.au/hosting
experienceiseverything

