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## Newsletter

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#### **2020 DIARY DATES**

#### 19th October

**Book Week Dress Up Day** 

#### 23rd October

Public Holiday
Thank You Day

#### **30th October**

Pirate Day Junior School Council Fundraiser

#### **2nd November**

Pupil Free Day
Staff Professional Development

#### **3rd November**

Public Holiday

Melbourne Cup

#### **5th November**

Year 6 Oaks Day

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Dear Parents,

Well, we're back! We have had a fairly smooth start to on-site learning, and it's been really pleasing to see that the vast majority of students are excited to be back in class and being able to play with their friends again. Teachers report that everyone settled down quite quickly right from Day 1 and we're almost back into a solid learning routine.

Morning drop offs have resulted in some minor traffic delays getting out of Ferrier Road and back onto Station Road (Ferrier Road still being closed west of the school doesn't help), but things seem to clear fairly well by 8.55am. The poor recent weather hasn't helped with more parents driving their children in and adding to the congestion. Hopefully as we move further into Spring the weather fines up and more families walk or ride in.

Even though things are looking much rosier regarding COVID, we still need to be vigilant and maintain sound practices in regard to social distancing, the wearing of masks and hand sanitising – basically maintaining good personal hygiene habits. Non-essential people are still not allowed on-site, and parents are asked to continue to phone the office rather than coming up to the door unannounced. We will come out to you.

If we all keep doing the right thing then hopefully, we will have a normal Christmas .

#### **Public Holidays & Pupil Free Day in Term 4**

There are two Public Holidays this term:

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Thank You Day
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Melbourne Cup Day

There is also a Pupil Free Day:

 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Whole Staff Workplace First Aid including CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma Courses.

#### **Book Fair 2020**

Yes, we are having a Book Fair this year. It will be different to previous fairs as it will be partly done online. We will have books sent out to the school as in the past, and set up in the Library, but parents will not be able to come in and buy directly. Classes will be able to go to the Library and look at all the books and we will work out a way for them to identify their 'wish list' books to pass on to mum and dad. Orders can then be placed directly online with Scholastic. The books will be distributed from school – great Christmas presents! More details to come.

#### **SunSmart – Hats Required**

Parents are reminded that all students need to have a proper 'SunSmart' hat to wear outside. 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 do have hats available for purchase through the Uniform Shop if you need one. Order via Qkr!

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### **Principal's report continued...**

#### **Oval Works**

This WAS progressing well. We currently have our own pool out back! The recent rains have put a temporary stop to the work, but we should be up and running again shortly. A lot more soil was excavated in the northwest corner due to it being of very poor quality and we have to bring in a few thousand cubic metres of clean fill. This has eaten into our contingency money for the project but was sort of expected. Easy Turf says that they will still make their December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The landscaping work for the Ferrier and Station Road frontages should be out to tender in a week or two and companies have 4 weeks to get their quotes in. We still think actual work should start by the end of the year, certainly by January.

#### **Foundation Enrolments for 2021**

Enrolments are still being taken and they are coming in slowly. We can't run tours of the school but have a virtual tour available on the school website. Please tell anyone you know that still hasn't enrolled their child for next year to do so ASAP as we'll be starting planning for 2021 soon.

#### **Tennis Balls**

Thank you to Robyn from New Gisborne Tennis Club who recently donated a whole heap of tennis balls to the school – greatly appreciated!

#### **Two Dress Up Days Coming Up**

#### Favourite Book Character Day – Monday 19th October

Come dressed up as your favourite character from a book. No cost. Just a fun day to start up Book Week.

#### Pirate Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

This was a great success last year and Junior School Council is doing a fundraiser for the Kids Cancer Project this year. Bring a gold coin donation and join in the fun.

Stay Safe Andy Kozak Principal

Congratulations to the 139 students who completed the 2020 Premiers' Reading Challenge. This was a great effort considering the abnormal school year we have encountered. All students who completed the Challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews, in November.

The total number of books read by the students of NGPS for the 2020 VPRC was 4682. An amazing effort by our wonderful students

A special congratulations to the following students who read more than the required number of books for the Challenge.

Katelyn 4A - 107 books

Liam 4D - 69 books

Casey 4C - 54 books

Alex 4D - 54 books

Ollie 2B - 51 books

Ashton 4C - 47 books

Charles 1C - 46 books

premiers' Everybay Everybay

These students will each receive a special badge at assembly this week.

## INDO LINGO

Selamat Datang,

Welcome to Term 4 - the busy term!!

This term the Foundation students are revising their understanding of greetings, introducing themselves, counting to 10, colours, body parts and animals. They will also be looking at Indonesian kites and studying the names of shapes.

Year 1 and 2 students are revising questions and answers about themselves and in the process will be writing a small book about themselves, which they will be able to read to others.

This term the Year 3 students are exploring the similarities and differences between Western and traditional Indonesian clothing. A focus will be on describing cultural dress and using Indonesian language to engage in simple roleplays and dialogues.

Year 4 students are learning about time. They are looking forward to being able to tell the time in Indonesian, as well as describing what happens at various times during the day.

In Year 5 the students will continue to revise their conversation skills, as well as their study of ordering food and drinks in a restaurant.

This term the Year 6 students are studying Saya (me), warna (colours) and binatang (animals). They will also continue to revise their conversation skills using Book Creator.

Sampai jumpa,

Ibu Dawson & Ibu Coulsell



#### ART — LITTLE ARTIST'S CARDS

A reminder to families and students that the final day to order your card packs is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Place your orders on Qkr!

The activity is now closed on Seesaw, however work can still be handed in to Mrs Cairney until this date. Please ensure you have recorded your child's details in full.

Spare publishing sheets can be collected from the Art room if required, however there are limited numbers left, so it will be first in, first served!

Here are some more examples of the incredible artworks coming in!



Sharon Cairney Visual Arts Co-ordinator

#### Gisborne Gazette Article



#### New Gisborne Primary School Building Young Storytellers and Editors

Over the past couple of months fifteen Year Five and Six students have come together from all across Australia to put together a special book. These students have been working with the facilitators from the 100 Story Building, a writing organisation in Melbourne.

The 100 Story Building is all about letting children get a chance to create a book on a set topic, edit it, revise it and then, after many processes that the 100 Story Building goes through, the book will eventually get released to the public for everyone to read.

One of the tasks the Year Five and Six editors do is read through all the fantastic stories that have been sent in by schools across Australia. (Schools sign up and then ask their students to take part.) We read each story and use five things to make a shortlist: plot, language, originality, adventure and excitement. We gave feedback to the authors, such as one thing that we liked and the things we thought they could work on to make the story even better.

We thought about the language used, the writer's imagination (like was it unexpected, new or different), was it adventurous, did it fit the theme (the theme was 'Adventure' - Unboring Exploring) and does it make you want to keep reading. At the end of this process, the shortlisted stories will be published in a collection of short stories.

Due to COVID-19 the editors have had to work on Zoom, making it harder to get the book done, but it is all on track. Taking part in this program has been a great reading, writing and editing challenge and I would seriously recommend it to anyone who enjoys those things. The book is meant for all ages and will be released to the public in the near future, so try and get your hands on it and see what these young authors have done.

By Lachlan, Year 6 Reporter

#### **World's Greatest Shave 2020**

On the day of the World's Greatest Shave we gathered nervously in front of the hairdresser waiting for our haircuts. We were all feeling a little bit worried but we knew it would be worth it. We had decided to add a bonus part to the shave, we had to pick a picture out of a hat which showed a horrible haircut and we had to get that horrible haircut before shaving it all off. We pulled our names out of a hat and Wil was lucky first. He had everything shaved off apart from a silly fringe. We all had a good laugh at the silly haircuts before the final shave down to a number 1 blade.

We were all so proud of ourselves after growing our hair for a few months and we managed to raise just over \$1500. We were grateful for the hairdresser volunteering her time and to our families and the teachers at school who supported us by donating money to this great cause. Some of us think we might even do it again another year.

Wil, Jed, Angus, William and Jarvis Year 6A





# - Dress Up Day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Dress As Your Favourite Book Character

(NO GOLD COIN DONATION)

# Library Book Returns

Please return all library books borrowed during remote learning





And just like we're back at school with only this term to go! Here's an update from your PA with an overview of what we have planned this term.

#### **Showcase Cards:**

During Visual Art classes towards the end of Term 3 students had the opportunity to make their own works of art that will be reproduced on high-quality card for you to order and send to family and friends. Don't forget to return your art work during Visual Art class and make your order via Qkr! by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Fundraising Raffle:**

Brace yourselves! We're running a limited ticket online raffle with the prize a Thermomix pack valued at over \$2,500! Check out the flyer further on in the newsletter for further details.

#### **Teacher's Appreciation Day:**

World teacher's day will be celebrated on Friday 30 October. The PA is arranging some little goodies to be delivered for all our teachers and support staff - not only to mark the day but to also say thank you for their super hero efforts during remote learning again in Term 3.

#### **Book Fair:**

Our wonderful school staff will run the Book Fair for us this year (as they're obviously permitted on-site and we're not). The PA would normally staff the stall over a few days for students to make purchases but instead we're looking at having the display set up in the Library and teachers taking their classes through where students can fill out a wish list to be taken home for online orders to be made. More details to come as we work through the logistics of this.

#### **Christmas/Summer Market:**

Seeing as pretty much everything else has had to move online this year and as we were so keen earlier in the year to hold a Christmas Market, we thought why not do that online too (not going to let COVID-19 be the Christmas Grinch). Similar to how we ran the Fathers' Day Stall we are planning on holding a Christmas/Summer themed market with orders made via Qkr! and gifts delivered to the classroom. We thought this might make your festive season shopping easier whilst also giving the kids something to get excited about near the end of the year. More details to come soon.

#### **Contacting the PA:**

As always, if you have any feedback on PA activities, ideas for future events or would like to know more about volunteering you can contact us at: <a href="mailto:ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com">ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com</a>

Cheers, Susanne



# THERMOMIX RAFFLE

## LIMITED TICKET OFFER OF 500 TICKETS AT \$10 EACH

- •Tickets available for purchase on Qkr! from Friday 9th October 2020.
  - \* No limit to how many each family can buy (except 500!).
    - \* Draw closes midnight Thursday 29th October 2020.
  - \* Raffle will be drawn by Andy Kozak & Shane West live via facebook on Friday 30th October 2020.

## PRIZE INCLUDES:

- \* THERMOMIX TM6
- \* BBQ COOKBOOK
- \* MEATER & SLIDING BBQ SKEWERS
- \* 2.5 LTR THERMO SERVER









### **AHOY ME HEARTIES!**

Join the JSC in raising funds to support childhood cancer research.

Dress in your **SWASHBUCKLING** best and don't forget your **PIRATE TREASURE** (a gold coin donation)

A word of warning, all cutlasses and muskets need to stay on ye ship!! (that means at home)

Friday October 30





#### Dear Parents and Children

I am sure you are all very excited to be back at school and able to see your teachers and friends. I am certain a wonderful term lies ahead of you all.

Sadly however, I am unable to resume keyboard lessons onsite due to Department of Health regulations

I have not been given an end date for these restrictions either which means for the foreseeable future I am only able to offer remote/Zoom lessons.

I will be able to offer these remote lessons after school hours.

If your child would like to continue their keyboard lessons please contact me as soon as possible to secure a time. Places will be limited of course due to relatively small amount of after school hours.

I really wish it was different but this is the best I can do for now.

Please either email music.foundations@outlook.com or call Dianne on 0404 469 220

Thank you

Dianne Trickey Music Foundations



## 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 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.





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 by Thursday 8 October 5.00pm





# Give life. Give blood in Sunbury.

**Hume Global Learning Centre Library** 19 to 23 October



Monday 19 October Tuesday 20 October Wednesday 21 October Thursday 22 October Friday 23 October

12.30pm - 7.00pm 12.00pm – 7.00pm 12.00pm – 7.00pm 12.00pm – 7.00pm 8.00am - 3.00pm

give blood



Supporting local families at Christmas

## Register for 2020's **Christmas Gift Shop**

This year we are working with local businesses to provide families with gift cards to shop locally

We require all families seeking support to register by emailing christmas@cobaw.org.au by 11 November 5pm Gift Shop Cards issued 25 November

email: christmas@cobaw.org.au to register or call 5421 1666 for more information







