

# Newsletter

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**School Council President: Darren Barr**



Dear Parents,

## 2020 DIARY DATES

**21st August &  
4th September 12-5pm**

Work pack collection  
from the gym

**4th September 12-5pm**

Fathers' Day Gift  
collection from the gym

There have been some interesting observations over the last week or so in regard to remote learning. We know that remote learning is not as effective as having normal, physical classrooms and maintaining student motivation and concentration can be quite difficult over the medium to long term. However, remote learning is currently the 'new norm' and we need to make the best of the current circumstances.

After Remote Learning 1.0 in Term 2, we conducted a DET Remote Learning Survey of all parents and received 165 responses. Whilst 90% of respondents were overall satisfied with the working from home arrangements provided by the school, some of the other results generated plenty of discussion prior to the current Term 3 arrangements being implemented.

During Term 2, 73% of respondents thought teachers provided just the right amount of work during remote learning. 16% thought we gave too much work and only 8% thought we were a bit light. 64% thought their children showed the same or higher level of interest and engagement in their work as when in the classroom, whilst 36% thought their children showed less engagement and interest.

Some of the changes made for this period of remote learning, therefore, revolve around trying to maintain student interest and motivation and provide work that is both challenging and achievable within the time frame provided. As I mentioned above, remote learning cannot replace classroom teaching, but we all need to remain focused and work steadily towards life after COVID - which might not resemble what we were used to in the past!

I do ask parents to keep one thing in mind at all times. Classroom teachers are online from 9.00am to 12.30/1.00pm to teach and also to support individual students and small groups. If your child is unsure of what to do, or how to do it, they just need to log back on to Webex and ask the teacher. That is what they are there for. Every classroom has students with a range of abilities, and some will need more help than others. Our teachers, and support staff, are available to help students whenever needed - just log back on to Webex.

### Attendance During Remote Learning

Schools are required to maintain attendance registers during remote learning. If your child is unwell or there are other pressing family issues, please add an attendance note on Compass to let your child's classroom teacher know that they won't be engaging online that morning or day. Schools are also required to follow up absences and Narelle is the person given the task of chasing up unexplained non-attendance details each day. If you don't let us know why your child isn't taking part that day, Narelle has been told to ring and get a reason.

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### Daily Routine

A number of well-known psychologists have recently written about the need to maintain as normal a routine as possible during lockdown - for adults as well as children. It is recommended that you get up at the normal time, shower, and dress as per usual and, if working from home, start at the normal time. This also certainly applies for students who need to follow their usual school-day routine - including wearing their school uniform (their school tops at a minimum when interacting online). We won't get much motivation or interest if students sit around in their PJ's all day!

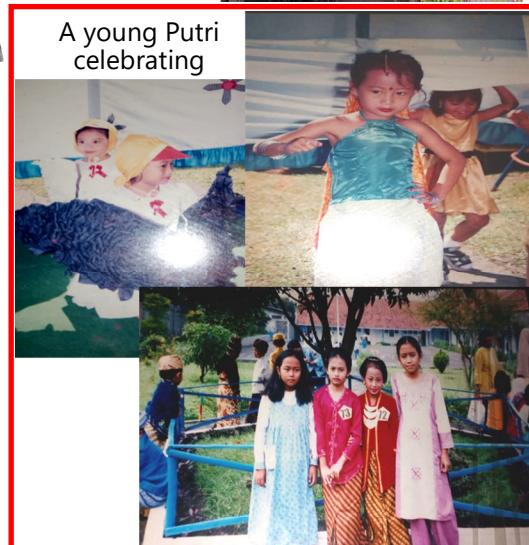
Andy Kozak  
Principal

# INDO LINGO

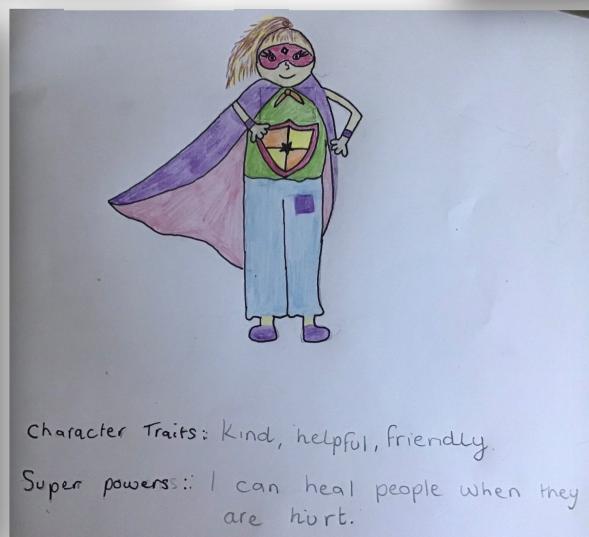
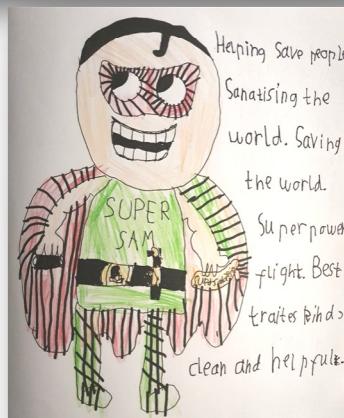
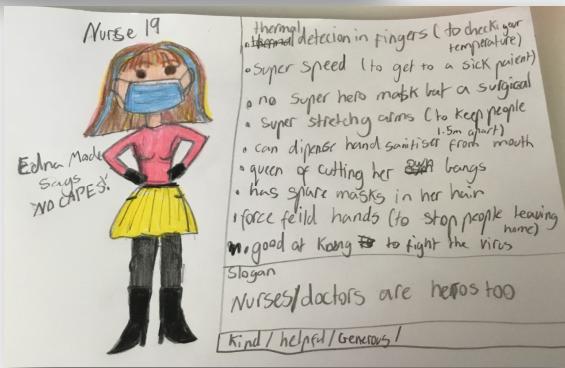
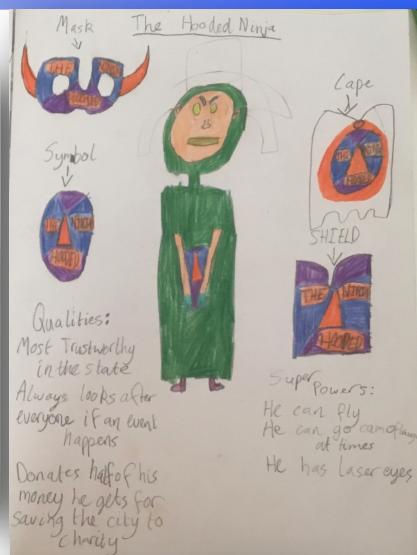
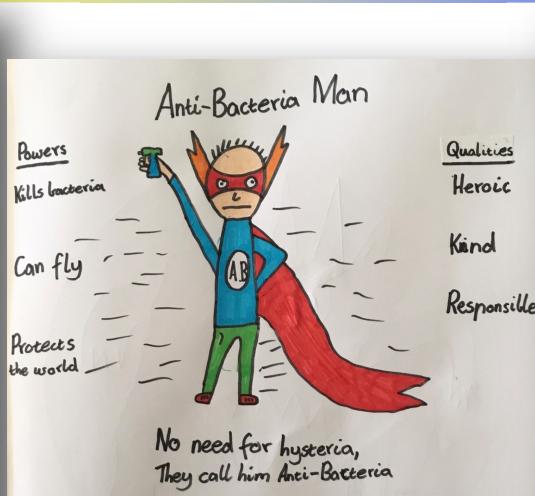
Hello everyone. My name is Putri, I come from Indonesia. I will tell you about Indonesia's independence day. Indonesia's independence day is commemorated every 17 August. All Indonesian people will definitely celebrate this Indonesian birthday. Lots of activities carried out by the Indonesian people to celebrate independence day. Schools and offices will hold a flag ceremony in the morning. The most festive ceremony is a ceremony held in the president's office. We can watch the ceremony on TV or can come directly to the *Istana negara* (where the president works). Apart from the ceremony, a special activity to celebrate independence day is that everyone will decorate their house with red and white ornaments and also put up a red and white flag. In addition, many unique competitions will be held to celebrate independence day. We can only find this race every August. The types of competitions are tug of war, sack race, cracker eating competition, bicycle decoration competition, pencil in bottle competition, eel catching competition, etc. Each region has various and unique competitions. All of these activities are carried out in schools, offices, even with neighbours at home.

The competition activity is usually carried out one day. Competitions that are held at home together with neighbours are held on weekends. The competitions carried out are also more diverse and unique. Everyone from children to adults can participate in this competition. Everyone will gather in the field and participate in celebrating Independence Day. There are those who participate in competitions or just watch on the edge of the field. Many people are gathered in one place, there are also many street vendors to selling food. Some sell meatballs, satay, boiled peanuts, drinks, etc. In the evening, there is an art performance as the highlight of the Indonesian Independence event. Usually, each village will prepare a stage that will be used by people to show the skills they have mastered. Many people dance, sing, play theatre, and much more. The announcement of winners in the race will also be announced on this stage. Many gifts that will be obtained such as books, toys, bicycles, refrigerators, tv, etc.

Independence day is a very special day for the Indonesian people. August is the most eagerly awaited month. Everyone will be happy. Because by celebrating this independence day, the Indonesian people will come together and increase a sense of unity and nationalism.



## Art - Design your own Germ-Busting Superhero





**parents association**  
NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope everyone is looking after themselves and managing the juggle of remote learning again. Here's an update from your PA.

**Fathers' Day virtual stall:**

I want to thank all parents for their support of the virtual stall this year. We knew it was never going to replace the experience of children rolling up to the physical stall and making a purchase but we hoped it would be well received. Going by the orders made, that certainly seems to be the case! We were particularly pleased that the local business gift options had a strong take up rate and the ability for packs to be made up with whatever combination you chose also a hit.

Packs are in the process of being made up as supplies are delivered and will be available for collection from the gym with school work packs on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (keep an eye out for details from the school about collection times).

On behalf of the PA I also want to thank the school staff for their support and cooperation in making this event happen. Without their support to distribute the flyer to the school community, manage QKR set up and order details, arrange purchase orders for suppliers and support logistics for collection of gift packs by parents this event would not be possible. An awesome team effort!

**Bad Dad Joke Competition:**

Jokes are coming in and we're getting a good giggle going through them all – quite a few to rival those found in a Christmas cracker. You have until 28<sup>th</sup> August to submit jokes for consideration for the prizes (awarded per year level). Please send your jokes through to the PA email account together with your child's name and class to be in contention.

**Other events:**

We're in the early stages of planning a limited ticket raffle – keep an eye out for details in early October as the prizes are not to be missed!

**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: [ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com)

Cheers, Susanne



**Please remember to enter your books online before September 18<sup>th</sup>.**



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# NGPS BEST "BAD DAD JOKE" COMPETITION 2020

## ENTRY TO INCLUDE:

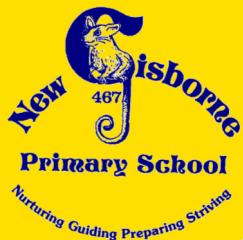
1. Bad Joke
2. Student Name
3. Student Class

## RULES & INFO:

- Prizes will be awarded per year level.
- One entry per student.
- Best jokes will be published in newsletter.
- Jokes found unsuitable will not be considered.
- Entries close, **Friday 28th August 2020**

## ALL ENTRIES TO:

**[ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ngps.parentassociation@gmail.com)**



# 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.

During Term 3 we will be hosting virtual Information Sessions via video conferencing and virtual School Tours will be available on our website.

Keep an eye on our website for dates and further information or phone the school office on **5428 2232** for further enquiries.



## SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED

In the past 12 months the Gisborne & District Lions Club has provided \$11,000 to those in need in our local community, including \$1,000 provided to the New Gisborne Primary School for the benefit of students from families in need.

In these trying times the Lions Club aims to continue to:

- ❖ assist families, individuals & students in need
- ❖ support individuals with a disability
- ❖ provide disaster relief
- ❖ organise the Lions Gisborne Festival (if we ever get over the current health crisis)

If you would like to make a donation to the Gisborne and District Lions Club to help it continue to assist those in need, contributions can be directed to:

(1) **Account: Lions Activity A/C BSB: 633000 Account No: 152262994**

Description: *Insert Name of Donor.*

(2) **Cheque in the name of "Gisborne and District Lions Club"**

Directed to Secretary, Gisborne and District Lions Club, PO Box 807, Gisborne, 3437.

The Gisborne and District Lions Club has remained connected with its members during these trying times via its monthly meetings held via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Please contact the Lions Club President Russell Walker OAM, on ph 0419318615 if a member of the community would like to attend one of these meetings, learn more about Lions and/or become a member of the Lions Club.



# YOUNG VOICES OF MACEDON

A COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR CHILDREN, 6 - 15

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



Learn voice production,  
musicianship and part singing

Make new friends

Perform at concerts, choral festivals and community events

Thursdays, 4.15 - 5.45 pm

Norma Richardson Hall  
Buckland Street, Woodend

yvmacedon.org.au



## Office supplies offer



With the COVID lockdown now in place, a lot of you might be looking for home office supplies. Winc Australia is offering the same competitive prices to you that they offer to NGPS. All orders need to be paid for at checkout, with a \$5.95 delivery fee applying.

<https://netxpress.biz/?user=028-staff&pass=staffpurchase2020%20>

NGPS are not recommending this company over any other, we are just alerting you to another purchasing option, it doesn't benefit the school if you purchase from Winc.

# OSHc AT HOME

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## WEEKLY PLANNER

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|--|----------------|--|-------------------|
|  | Activity Sheet |  | STEM              |
|  | Video Activity |  | Art & Craft       |
|  | Reading Corner |  | Mindfulness       |
|  | Challenge      |  | Physical Activity |
|  | Live Stream    |  | Hands On          |
|  |                |  | Cooking           |
|  |                |  | Hands Off         |
|  |                |  | All Ages          |
|  |                |  | Ages 5-7          |
|  |                |  | Ages 8-12         |

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Outside School Hours Care

### MONDAY

#### ZOOS VICTORIA ANIMAL KEEPER

Meet the Zoo keepers from Zoos Victoria and learn more about your favourite animals in these great Keeper Talks. There are a bunch to choose from like giant tortoises, gorillas, elephants and more.



#### GLITTER TORNADOES IN A JAR

How does a tornado move? Join Educator Dave and make your own glitter tornado in a jar. All you'll need is a jar, water, oil, glitter and your favourite food colouring.



#### BALLOON CARS SUPREME INCURSIONS

Create a balloon car and watch the car move forward as you release the air from the balloon. Try experimenting with different amounts of air in the balloon, what happens?



#### MAKE YOUR OWN CLOUD DOUGH

Dip your hands into some guaranteed sensory fun with this fantastic silky touch cloud dough recipe. All you'll need is cheap hair conditioner, cornflour and food colouring.



### FRIDAY

#### GET GROOVY AFRICAN DANCING

Join Educators Fil and Ty as we Safari through Africa and learn some energetic new dance moves. Find some space and clear yourself a dance floor for this fun routine.



#### NATURE PLAY SERIES NATURE MASKS

Welcome to the Nature Play series with Educator Tiarnah. In this activity we'll be making our own nature masks inspired by our favourite animals, habitats or natural resources.



#### 7 MIN HIIT WORKOUT

Set yourself a timer and let's get moving with an animal inspired workout. Complete all 7 animal movements in 7 minutes. Hop like a frog and run like a cheetah - how many rounds can you do?



#### HOW TO DRAW PIXEL ART

Ever wanted to learn how to draw your favourite pixel art characters? Well in this video we're going to show you exactly what to do. Grab a ruler, some paper, pencils and let's get started.



#### KIDS KITCHEN: BANANA MUFFINS

Calling all young bakers! Time to get baking. Let's make some delicious banana muffins to warm up our bellies in this cooler weather. You will need help from a grown up for this activity.



#### 10:10 DRAWING CHALLENGE

This one is for the aspiring artists out there. Educator Rhys has an exciting challenge for you: the 10:10 drawing challenge. All you'll need is a timer, some paper and your favourite pencil.



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