

Newsletter

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2020 DIARY DATES

20th March

Parents Association AGM

27th March

Last day Term 1
early finish 2:30pm

14th April

1st day Term 2

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Dear Parents,

Latest on Covid-19

Victorian schools remain open, in line with the latest advice from Australia's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Medical Officer. Their decision for schools to remain open is based on the best medical and health advice and they will be providing schools with information on how to continue to be safe and healthy environments, including what social distancing strategies look like in schools.

Principals and teachers have been lobbying the powers that be for increased support regarding cleaning and access to hygiene supplies. To this end, the Department of Education has ordered extended and additional cleaning to commence at all schools through to the end of the term. This cleaning will focus on 'high touch areas' and cleaning will happen progressively throughout the day to ensure that the risks of transmission are reduced.

This will involve increased disinfectant and detailed cleaning of the common touch points, including washbasins, all entry and exit points and shared surfaces including desks and chairs. A combination of additional hours and/or additional cleaning staff will be brought on to do this across Victoria. As of this afternoon I have no further details on this.

Finally, and quite importantly, the Department of Education is now telling teachers and schools to exclude any students who come to school unwell. If your child comes to school with a cough, runny nose, fever, rash, general malaise, etc. expect a call to come and pick them up (and don't shoot me – I'm just the messenger on this). Children who are unwell are advised to be at home, plain and simple according to DET.

Parent's Association Annual General Meeting

Please don't forget the PA AGM **tomorrow (Friday 20th) morning at 9.15am** in the staffroom. All mums and dads are welcome. We already have some volunteers offering to run a range of events throughout the year and just need some helpers. No obligation to commit now, just come along.

Ride2School Day

What a great turnout last Friday! There were lots of bikes, scooters and skateboards. There was even someone who rode their horse in to school. The bike shelter was absolutely overflowing and amazingly not one bike or scooter was forgotten! Mr Bell has written a bit about this elsewhere in the newsletter with some photos. Please flip through to page 3 have a look.

Keeping your kids at home? Here are some websites you can use...

Reading

<https://www.storylineonline.net/> - Storyline Online streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

General

<https://www.khanacademy.org/> - Organisation produces short lessons in the form of videos. Its website also includes supplementary practice exercises and materials.

<https://www.studyladder.com.au/> - A comprehensive program of online educational activities for students aged 4 to 12, mapped to the curriculum.

I'll put out a list of other sites next week.

Andy Kozak
Principal

INDO LINGO

Selamat Datang,

This term the Year 5 students have been revising their understanding of "badan" (body). They can sing "Kepala, pundak, lutut, kaki" (Head, shoulders, knees and toes) fluently in Indonesian and are very proud of themselves as they become faster.

Over the last few weeks they have created a raksasa (monster) and written a story describing their raksasa. They are able to read and translate their story to their classmates. Some of the students' work is on display in the main building outside the Foundation classrooms so please come and have a look.

Besides revising the vocabulary of body parts, colours and numbers, they have also used some of the following words: tanduk (horns), ekor (tail), sayap (wings), paruh (beak), tentakel (tentacles), cakar (claws) dan antena (antenna).

Sampai jumpa,
Ibu Dawson & Ibu Hager



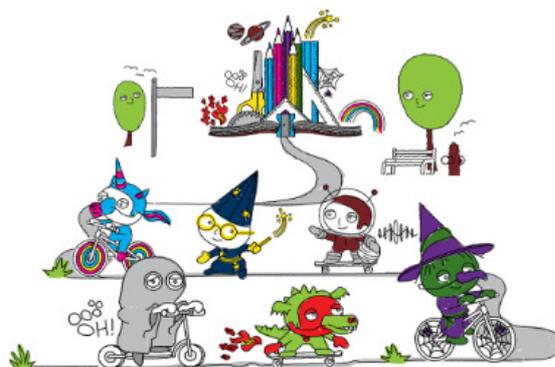
HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

Wednesday	Friday
	20 th March
	Lisa Russell, Melissa Kroker, Angeline O'Day & Naomi Calleja
25 th March	27 th March
Leanne Wall & Melissa Kroker	Katherine Borg, Naomi Calleja, Shannon Gardner & Narelle Payne
15 th April	17 th April
2 volunteers needed	Heidi Theuerle, Erin Grogan, Melissa Kroker & 1 volunteer needed

Ride2School Day

Last Friday the 13th of March students and families took advantage of the weather and joined the 350,000 students around Australia who rode, scooted and roller bladed to school to celebrate national Ride2School day. Our bike shed was filled beyond capacity. Students across the school enjoyed obstacles and challenges throughout recess and lunch with staff around the oval. Unlike schools in the city, we even had a student who rode their horse to school. Many students are looking forward to our next Ride2School day in term two.

Freaky
Friday 13 March 2020
**NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL
DAY**



Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

Year 4 Camp

Over 90 Year 4 students went to the Surf Coast for our 2 day camp. On the first day we went to Aireys Inlet where we climbed the Split Point Lighthouse, fished in the estuary and found out about the beach and ocean. We stayed overnight at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea where we challenged ourselves at archery, the climbing wall, the flying fox and the low ropes course. The following day we travelled to Queenscliff and learnt lots at the Marine Discovery Centre and beachcombing on a bay beach.



We learnt some fascinating things such as: Cuttles change their colour, abalones have a tongue, the Hooded Glovers are nearly extinct, tides come in 6 hours apart, limestone is made up of animal bone, there was a river beneath of Port Phillip Bay and plastics are killing our marine life.

Some things we liked were: the view from the top of the lighthouse, getting wet in the estuary, collecting interesting things on the beach, handling creatures in the touch tanks and the delicious food.

Some things we would do next time are: be more careful stepping in the estuary so we don't scare the fish and listening closely to the guides.

Some things that didn't work for us were: mosquitos biting everyone, people chatting in the cabins and not getting enough sleep!





New Gisborne Primary School is once again pleased to participate in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. This is the 15th successive year that the school has been involved in this worthwhile Literacy initiative. The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading and builds upon the literacy programs already in place at school, as well as providing a wonderful way for parents to encourage their child to read and improve their literacy skills. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student. The Challenge also encourages students to read more frequently and more broadly, with a wide range of authors and books making up the booklist.

All students at NGPS are registered for the 2020 PRC and it is expected that all students in Foundation – Year 6 participate in the Challenge. This will occur through the student's daily Independent Reading lessons, as well as library sessions. Students will be given an access code early in Term 2 and it will be the student's responsibility to enter the titles and authors of the books on their page. Whilst waiting for the access code, it is suggested that all students keep a hardcopy record of the books that they read. Teachers will assist with the process of entering books online and it will be monitored on a regular basis. Of course we encourage all students to continue reading at home. Students are also able to enter books online at home.

The Challenge is now open and will officially conclude in September. Foundation, Year 1 and 2 students are challenged to read or experience **30 books**. They can either read the books by themselves, with someone else or be read to. Students in Years 3-6 must read **15 books** to meet the Challenge. Two-thirds of the books for all students need to be from the 2020 Challenge booklist. Details of the Challenge and the full list of books are available from the PRC website:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Many listed books are available in our school library and will be made available during library sessions. The Gisborne Library is also supporting the PRC and has a wide selection of books to choose from. The PRC allows a student to select any book from the booklist, regardless of the year level to which it has been allocated.

At the completion of the Challenge each participant who successfully completes the Challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews.

Thanking you

Prue Dawson
PRC co-ordinator



BULB FUNDRAISER

Get your bulb order delivered directly to your door in time for spring planting.....

FUNDRAISING TIP

Ask Grandparents, Neighbours & Family Friends

Go online to place your order at:
www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/NewGPS
or pick up an order form from reception.

We are conducting this fundraiser in support of State School's Relief.
Please support this worthy initiative!

