

NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 16th March 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you for your incredible support with Monday's Sports and BBQ Welcome Evening. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying some fun, games, and coming together as a community. It was especially good to see the respect shown to the school grounds by all involved. The cleanup was easy, with almost all rubbish packed up before people went home. I know that school staff enjoyed the event, and hope that all who attended did as well.

District Sports:

Our District Sports for Senior students is *tomorrow (Wednesday 17-3)*. I wish the best of luck to all that are participating and want to remind you that winning is not everything, participating and being part of our school team is more important than winning your individual events.

Our school sports in Term 4 will ensure that all year levels are included, and will also help to prepare for the 2022 District Sports. We are looking forward to holding our first school based event later in the year!

Swapping and Trading at School:

Bringing games, cards and toys to school has been a complicated issue since the days of marbles and knuckles. It has been noticed that an increasing number of children are bringing things to school from home. It is recommended that anything special be kept at home, or brought only for class sharing. If families choose to bring in toys or cards and these are swapped, lost, or accidentally taken by another person, it is almost impossible for the school to manage. Any items brought in are to be brought in with the knowledge that it is "at your own risk". There are plenty of toys and things to play with that belong to the school and can be accessed by all students.

Personal toys etc. will not be banned, but if they cause arguments that cannot be settled, children may be asked to keep them in their bags.

Gardens:

If there is anyone in our community interested in working in our school gardens for approximately 3 hours per fortnight, please email the school- gormandale.ps@education.vic.gov.au, by Wednesday the 24th of March at 2:00pm. We are looking to gauge interest in taking on this role in the school for the remainder of this year. Interested parties must have a current Working With Children Check, be physically capable, and have a reasonable knowledge of gardening. Interested parties will be informed of the process once interest has been gauged.

Principal meetings:

On Thursday and Friday this week, I have both the Latrobe Valley, and the South Eastern Victorian, Principal's meetings. This professional learning ensures that our practice is in line with that of other schools, and that Department of Education and Training priorities are understood with a consistent approach in all schools. I can be reached via email on these days.

I hope everyone has a fantastic week, Tamara Halket, Principal

TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
Today Tue 16th	Bookclub Orders Due, Hot Lunch Day	Tue 23rd	Hot Lunches
Wed 17th	District Athletics—4/5/6 & Preps start full weeks	Mon 29th	MARC Van
Fri 19th	Hot Cross Bun Delivery	Wed 31st	Easter Raffle Tickets Due Back
Mon 22nd	MARC Van	April 1st	Last Day of Term 1 & Easter Raffle Drawn



Family BBQ and Sports Evening



Thank you Thank you Thank you

To all those families who supported our BBQ and to those who helped on the night, we appreciate your work!

Kerry, Alyson, Elle and Jeff for collating and preparing hot lunches today.

Gormandale Community House for donating icypoles for all students last Thursday

Thank you Dorrie for co-ordinating Breakfast Club each morning.

Tucker Night for donating more plants and mulch for our rock garden. Thank you to Cooper & Tom who helped with the mulch.

Thank you to Elle, Fiona, Lanie & Carly J for helping with Special Hot Dog Lunch Day

Thank you to Jan for helping with reading in the Junior Room

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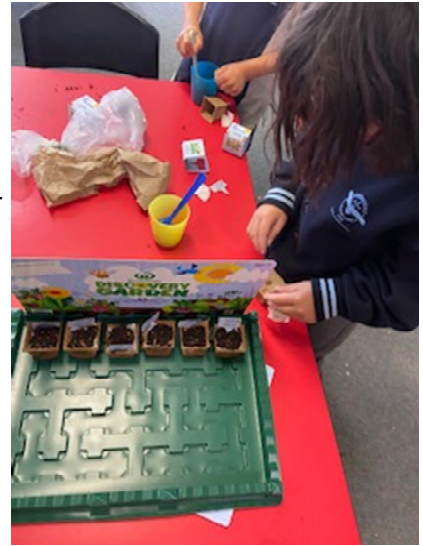
IN THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Room

The students in P/1 has an excellent time last week planting some seeds, and we can't wait to watch them grow!



First, we discussed what a plant needs to survive (energy—sun and soil, water, CO₂ and shelter). The students needed to follow a procedure of instructions to complete the activity.



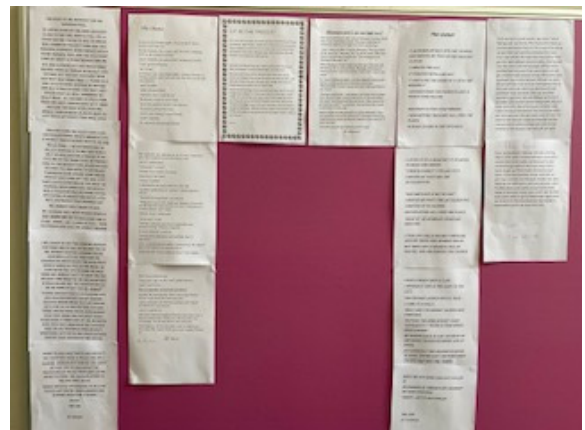
MIDDLE ROOM

Last week the children in 2/3/4 took part in some hands on math activities—calculating change from \$10 after a shop at the supermarket, calculating the value of their name, and learning to calculate the area of regular shapes. We began our opinion writing—reading a book about the perils of owning a unicorn. We will continue to draft and publish this writing next week.



SENIOR ROOM

The 5/6's have almost finished publishing their narratives. They are outside of our room if you would like to come and have a look at the fantastic work they have done. The next writing piece they do will focus on building on their individual writing goals. It will be great to see their improvement in the two writing pieces!



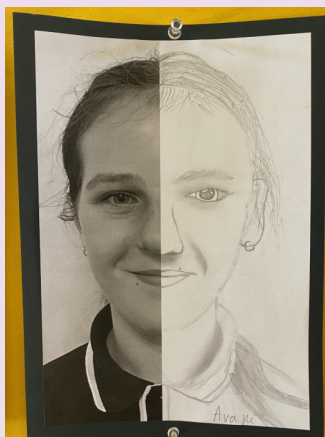
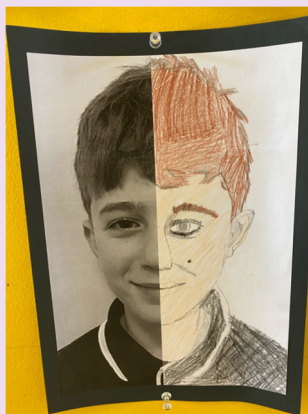
ART ROOM

This week in the art room, all classes are in Easter and autumn mode!

Each class has displays in the hallway- including the new addition of the 5/6s portraits. The students and I are all very proud of their amazing art work this term.

The art room is seeking donations of clean plastic containers (eg. ice cream tubs, yoghurt containers etc.)

-Ms Elrick



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Tomorrow, the senior students will be heading off to the District Athletics to compete in sprints, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus. Please remember to wear full school uniform and pack a lunch box, water bottle, sun-screen and hat. Parents will now be able to attend, but will be required to check in with the scoring desk on arrival and socially distance, as per Government guidelines.

-Ms Elrick

Eagles of the week

**Maisie,
Jake
&
Jak**



TUCKER NIGHT TAKE AWAY MEALS

FRIDAY

19th

March

6 to 8PM

PHONE

51977369

If engaged
0429977415

Pre-orders strictly
from

5.00pm

For pick up from 6-8pm

**GORMANDALE RECREATION
RESERVE**

Please phone through orders
where possible.

Aussie Spud - spud topped with bacon, cheese,
coleslaw and sour cream **\$14.00**

Beef, Cheese, Bacon Burger— Hand made beef Pattie, with
cheese, bacon, onion, lettuce and our special pickles on a delicious
bun. Served with chips. **\$12.00**

Flathead Chips & Slaw **\$15.00**

Seafood Basket **\$16.00**

Chicken Schnitzel Chips & Slaw **\$14.00**

Chicken Parma Chips & Slaw **\$16.00**

Snitz Kilpatrick - Chicken schnitzel topped with a
chunky bacon, onion Kilpatrick sauce Chips & Slaw **\$16.00**

1/2 size

Schnitzel, Flathead, **\$11.00**

Chips	Small	\$3.00
	Medium	\$5.00
	Large	\$9.00

Kids Meals -\$5.00

Fish & Chips Nuggets (5) & Chips Dim Sims & Chips

Gluten Free— available

Chocolate Mousse \$3.00

Eftpos is available.

Please adhere to social distancing whilst placing or waiting for your order.

BAR WILL NOT BE OPEN,

STRICTLY NO EATING IN THE CLUBROOMS

Bread Tags For Wheel Chairs

This year, our Junior School Council members have decided to support an Australian Wide charity called "Bread Tags for Wheelchairs".

We are asking for families to collect the plastic tags off their bread and bring them into school.

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collects bread tags nationally in Australia. The tags are recycled locally, raising funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people in South Africa.

South Africans who cannot afford a wheelchair can apply to the organisation and get in the queue for a basic wheelchair. There is nowhere near the level of funding for disability services in South Africa as there is in Australia, so someone who cannot afford to buy their own wheelchair may not be able to get one at all.

Bread tags are not turned into wheelchairs. A South Australian recycler donates for the tags and these donations fund the wheelchairs. Our Australian recycler, Transmutation in Robe, SA, has so far made bowls, door knobs and coasters from bread tags and is continuing to experiment with new products – check their website or Facebook page for updates. In South Africa the tags are recycled into seedling trays. It takes 250kg of bread tags need to be recycled to raise enough funds to buy an entry level wheelchair, although some do cost more, depending on the client's needs. But don't be discouraged - this is a community effort and all the small contributions soon add up. So please, collect up your bread tags, bring them into school and place them in the collection bucket.



Please save your bread tags - they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs in South Africa.



Re-made in Robe!




What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

 [@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)



nzbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

Local Contact:

Thanks Junior School Council

**Have you registered for the FREE
Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt at
Community House???**
**Register by 25th March with
numbers and ages...Don't miss**

EASTER PICNIC & EGG HUNT

**TO ENSURE ENOUGH EGGS AND PICNIC FOODS
RSVP BY CALLING 5197 7264 NO LATER THAN
THE 25/03/21 WITH NUMBERS AND AGES PLEASE**

**March 28th
12.00 Sharp**

**Gormandale
Community
House**

PROVIDED

- **Sandwiches, Finger Foods, Fruit & Veggie Snacks, Juice Box or Water, Icy Poles and of course Easter Eggs**

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○ **12.00: EGG HUNT:**

GROUP A / 0 – 5 year old's, in the enclosed back yard

GROUP B / 6 - 8 year old's in the community garden

GROUP C / 9 – 12 year old's in the rec reserve area

All plastic eggs are empty, and the kids will be able to redeem them at the Egg Stand after their lunch.

- **Different colour eggs for different size chocolate eggs, prizes or snacks**

○ **12.30: LUNCH**

○ **1:00: REDEEM YOUR EGGS**

**BRING ALONG A PICNIC BLANKET
AND AN EASTER BASKET**