

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1. This term seems to have flown by very quickly!

This week's newsletter intends to provide you with upcoming information for the remainder of this term, and for the beginning of Term 2.

Student Free Day Monday 29th March:

As a School Wide Positive Behaviours Scheme, and Respectful Relationships School, we are required to keep up to date with training and checkpoints to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students through these programs. These programs are present in all of the schools in our network, and provide a consistent approach throughout our Primary and Secondary Schools. To provide the best support for the rest of the year, it is important to have this day as a School Council approved Student Free Day.

The impacts of these approaches to behaviours are especially critical this year, after the ongoing impacts of 2020 on student's wellbeing and education needs.

Tutor Program:

The State Government have allocated funding towards a learning initiative to assist with promoting student catch up from 2020. This program will allow additional resources to be used to help students that may require support with their learning this year. This initiative is not for "low" students. This is intended to promote additional growth for identified students throughout the year.

It is our intention to target groups of students throughout the year, depending on their needs at the time. Families will receive a letter to indicate when children are involved in the initiative and be invited to speak with Mrs Z about what the target area is, what you can do at home to help, and progress during the intervention. Regardless of involvement in the initiative, the Department of Education and Training has prioritized learning catch up in all schools for 2021. All classes are re-visiting concepts from 2020 to ensure there is understanding at the appropriate level. It is understood that the 2020 year has impacted learning and this catch up is intended to ease stress and pressure from students feeling that they have "missed out" on learning.

Each student will also receive access to a new program that will provide individual goals, and learning tasks that can be accessed at school or at home. We do not want to add workload or pressure to any family. The intention is to provide the resources for those that want to use them, and want direction towards their children's individual needs.

Parent – Teacher Conversations:

Parent/ Teacher conversations will be offered mid way through Term 2. These conversations will be before reports are written and allow for parents/carers to speak openly with teachers.

NAPLAN:

In Term 2, Grade 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN testing. This is a National testing in all schools. As this style of testing can be stressful to students, we will be ensuring classes have practise tests

TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 2 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
Mon 29th	Student Free Day SWPB	Mon 19th	1st Day of Term 2
Wed 31st	Easter Raffle Tickets Due Back	Tues 20th	School Photos
Thurs April 1st	Last Day of Term 1 & Easter Raffle Drawn Finish	Wed 21st	Excursion to Latrobe Art Gallery—De Vinci Exhibition

to learn how they look and feel. If any family is feeling concerned, or would like additional home preparation, please see me and I am happy to provide you with some resources. We do not want to teach "to" the test, but we must teach "how to" do the tests if we are to see an accurate representation of our students.

Photos:

School photos are on the second day back in Term 2. Photo envelopes will be given to families this week.

Excursion:

We have booked an excursion to the Da Vinci exhibit at the Latrobe Regional Gallery in the first week back next term. This exhibition comes highly recommended by other schools and we are lucky to have secured a session for our school. We are attempting to include a school picnic lunch on this day, and permission forms will be sent home as soon as these are finalized.

Grade 3/4 Camp:

This camp will be in Week 2 of Term 2. There will be an information session offered prior to the camp to answer questions and provide families with all information needed for this camp. It is exciting to be able to offer camps again this year, but it also means that all campers are first time campers and we want all families to feel prepared and confident about our camp.

School Review:

Our school has our scheduled 4 yearly review this year. Processes begin in Term 2, and the review takes place in Term 3. This is a mandatory operation for all schools and will provide clarity and direction for the future of Gormandale & District Primary School.

Volunteers:

We are still seeking any interested volunteers with a valid Working With Children Check to assist around the school. We would appreciate any assistance offered with listening to reading, checking spelling words, gardening, laminating, scanning library books, or using any other skills you may wish to share with us! After a 12 month period without parents and other volunteers in the school, we would love to share our learning environment with our community! (We are also registered, and volunteer hours can be counted for Centrelink purposes)

Have a great week, Tamara Halket, Principal

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The ANZAC Day commemorative service will be held at 10am on Sunday 25th April at the Gormandale Cenotaph. We are looking for anyone with family ties returned veterans/service people from the Gormandale area that would like to be involved with our ANZAC day service. Could they please contact the school and we will pass your contact details on to the ANZAC committee.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Carly J, Fiona, Kerry for sorting the Hot Cross Bun orders and thanks to Kerry for picking them up for us :)

Elle., Kerrie, Steph & Jeff collating and preparing hot lunches today.

Gormandale Community House for donating FREE icy poles for all students last Thursday

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

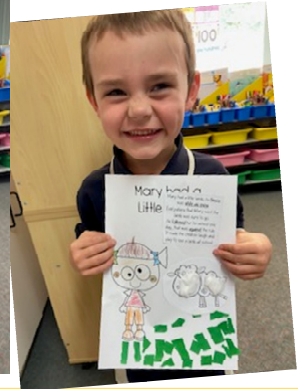
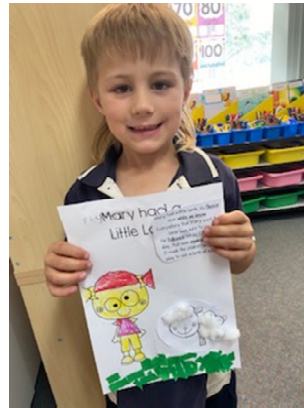
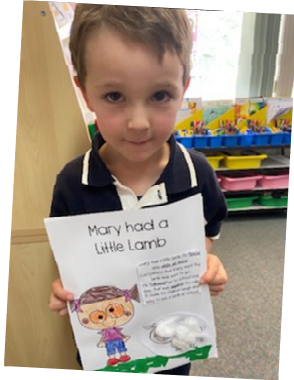
Thank you to Jan and Alyshia for helping with reading in the Junior Room

Thank you Sharon Taylor for donating scrapbooking supplies to our art department, we really appreciate it :)

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Room

Each week we have been learning a new nursery rhyme. At the end of the week, we complete a fine motor activity where we practise our colouring, gluing and cutting. It has been great to see our skills improve since the start of the term.



MIDDLE ROOM

Last week we had a guest speaker from Wellington Shire Council come in and talk to our grade about Recycling. Students learnt what items can be recycled and what items go into landfill.

We have been busy in the classroom doing some hands on maths in volume.



SENIOR ROOM

The students really enjoyed learning about sustainability and developed a deeper understanding about what items are and are not recycled as they participated in a rubbish sorting activity. They are now working on creating a brochure with the information they learnt to bring home and discuss with their families to encourage sustainability at home.



ART ROOM

This week in the art room, each class is finishing off pieces they haven't completed. I will be sending home each student's self-portrait over the next week.

-Ms Elrick



WANTED

Easter Eggs - Donations for Raffle

Thank you to those families who have already donated Easter Eggs and returned their raffle tickets. Lets make this years raffle a great one :)

Art Room

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Congratulations to our 10, 11 and 12 year old students who competed in last week's District Athletics Carnival. I had so many positive comments about their behaviour from other parents and staff. Our next District event is Cross Country, which is coming up at the end of April.

-Ms Elrick

Eagles of the week Carmelena, Aussie & Tahlie



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.



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 THIS FRIDAY with
numbers and ages...Don't miss out!**

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**