

EAGLE EXPRESS

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LEARNER



RESPECTFUL



SAFE

Gormandale and District Primary School fosters a community learning environment in which each and every member is nurtured to become a confident lifelong learner.



We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future.



Principal's Report

Dear GDPS community,

It has been a busy couple of weeks at GDPS with excursions for our P-3 students, pancake breakfast and also clean up Gormandale Day.

This week, our grade 3 & 5 students are sitting NAPLAN. They have enjoyed getting together each morning to enjoy a nourishing and filling breakfast. Our students have felt calm and at ease when completing the assessments.

The works on our top playground sandpit are now complete. In the coming weeks, our shade sails will be reinstalled. Later in the year, plants will be added around the new sandpit. We will also have a new shade structure installed at the front of the school to replace the current shade sail in the coming weeks as the poles were also damaged in the storm.

Next Tuesday afternoon, we are hosting our **GDPS athletics afternoon**. Further information is available in this newsletter and also posted separately on compass. We invite parents and carers to join us to spectate events. We will finish the day off with relays. Historically we have held student vs staff relays, this year we want to extend an invitation to parents to form a relay team if any are interested.

Our parents' club are running our termly special lunch order in the coming weeks. An order form is attached to the newsletter.

March



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Friday 14th

Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Final Day

Tuesday 18th

GDPS Athletics
Afternoon P-6

Friday 21st

Assembly 9am &
Harmony Day - casual
clothes, orange theme

Thursday 27th

Traralgon College
Awareness Day 5 & 6

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

Shop for schools

The Traralgon Centre Plaza have approached our school to participate in the shop for schools program. Our families can upload receipts to earn points for our school in the competition. Michelle has included further information in the newsletter. She is happy to scan and upload receipts for any families or family friends who are interested in participating.

Curriculum Contribution

GDPS would like to kindly remind our families about our 2025 Curriculum Contributions policy that has previously been shared with families. We thank all of the families who have paid their contribution so far this year. The curriculum contribution covers all student materials, online subscriptions, IT usage costs and funds craft activities for special celebrations such as Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas. The contribution can be paid in a lump sum or in instalments throughout the year via cash or bank transfer.

Have a great weekend,
Charleigh Williams

Wellbeing & Engagement Leader

MS ELRICK

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Over the past fortnight, our students have been learning about *Emotional Literacy*—the ability to recognise, understand, express, and manage emotions.

Emotional Literacy is an important life skill that helps children build strong relationships, make positive choices, and develop resilience.

One key part of Emotional Literacy is having the words to describe feelings. Just like learning new vocabulary in reading or writing, expanding our 'feelings vocabulary' helps children express what's going on inside them. Instead of just saying they feel "good" or "bad," they can describe emotions more accurately—like feeling "excited," "frustrated," "nervous," or "proud." The more words they have, the better they can communicate and problem-solve.

We encourage you to support this learning at home by naming emotions when they arise ("I can see you're feeling frustrated—what can we do to help?") and talking about feelings in everyday conversations.

EAGLE SHOP

Each Friday, our students have the opportunity to visit the Eagle Shop, where they can spend their hard-earned Dojo points! Students earn these points by following our school expectations and demonstrating positive behaviours throughout the week.

Some of the most popular rewards include casual clothes day, milkshakes, fizzy spiders, and ice creams, as well as the chance to hire a bike or scooter to enjoy during recess and lunch. The Eagle Shop is a fantastic way to celebrate our students' efforts and encourage them to continue making great choices.



JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MS ANTHOFER & MISS DARBY

Last Wednesday, the junior grade visited Yarram for the “Kids Day Out in the Park”.

Grade Prep/One/Two had a great day watching a “Welcome to Country” and then participating in craft activities, a jumping castle and petting zoo. All our students were so well behaved, kind and patient. They showed themselves to be great Eagles.



MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MISS COULTHARD

This fortnight, the Grade 2 students went on an exciting excursion to Yarram. The following day, the Grade 3 and 4 students also had a fantastic trip to Yarram, where they explored the wetlands. During their visit, they had the opportunity to create nature art, plant trees, and search for bugs in the wetland water. It was a fun and educational experience for all, and everyone had a wonderful time!

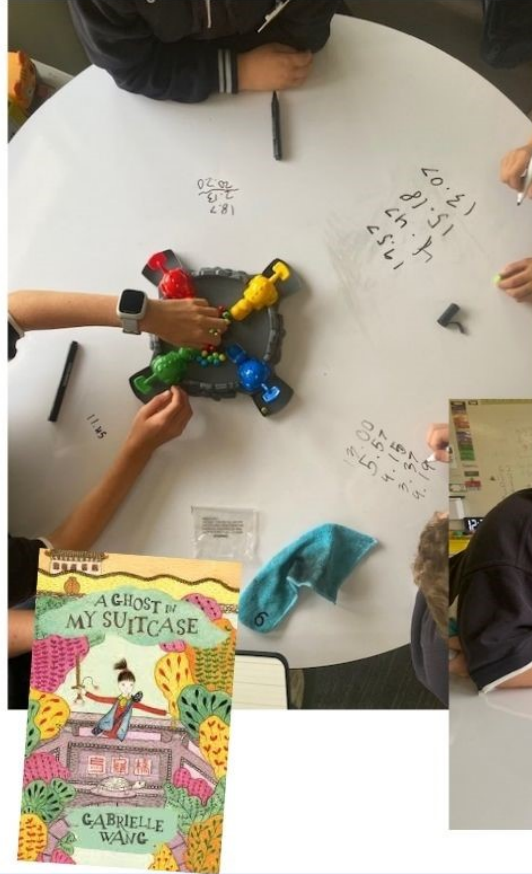


SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MRS JUDKINS

We have been learning how to add and subtract decimal numbers in maths over the past fortnight. Everyone enjoyed playing a game of hungry hippos for a bit of practice.

We are halfway through our novel - A Ghost In My Suitcase. Students are learning to structure a persuasive writing piece about why we think its is "Important to learn about your family geneology".



ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS



WANTED ITEMS FOR STEM

Cardboard Boxes, Tubes & Trays all welcome

THANK YOU

- To Jax for donating some of his unwanted toys for our collection
- To those who continue to donate bottles and cans to our campaign. All funds raised will go towards our student toilet renovation project
- Tim Morley for inspection our tank and volunteering to put a new connection between them

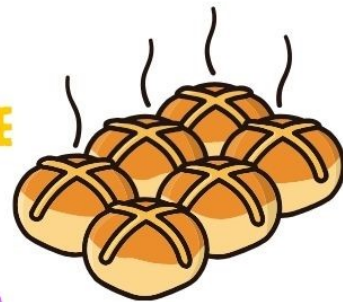
PARENTS CLUB

Our annual general will be held Wednesday the 19th of March at 8:50am. All welcome.

Thanks Jeff



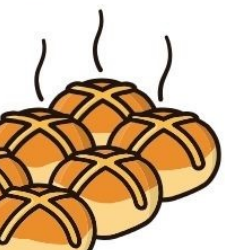
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3/34 STRATTON DRIVE
TRARALGON 3844



Easter Bun-raiser is on again!

Every packet purchased raises \$2 towards our student toilet upgrade.

Order form is attached or available at the office.



Choose from: Traditional Fruit, Triple Choc, Choc Chip, Caramel with White Choc Chip, Strawberry Choc Chip, Raspberry White Choc Chip, Peppermint Choc Chip, Custard Filled or Jam filled



**ARE YOU HOT
AND
THIRSTY???**



**Come get some icy
poles!**

ICY POLES!!!

**\$1 each on Fridays in the
undercover area at
lunchtime**



**SUGAR
FREE
OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**





SHOP FOR SCHOOLS



TRARALGON CENTRE PLAZA COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Customers shopping at Traralgon Centre Plaza can allocate every dollar they spend as points towards their chosen participating local school.

The 3 schools with the most points will win one of the below and the potential of our National first prize of \$10,000 cash.

This campaign will be advertised throughout the centre and our website. Customers are encouraged to upload their receipts and nominate their preferred local school. **The final ranking of each school will be determined by the school's overall participation in the promotion. So, what does this mean, the total number of points tallied will be divided by the number of pupils enrolled at the school to establish a participation percentage - to ensure every school is given a fair chance.** In the odd event that two schools have earned the same number of total points per member, the prize pool will be added together and divided between the two (2) schools.

All participating schools will be featured on the leaderboard on our campaign website and in centre, with live updates throughout the initiative. Additionally, customers who register for the campaign will be entered into the draw to win a \$200 gift card drawn weekly.

Campaign Dates: 12 May 2025 – 22 June 2025

Prizes for the winning schools: The three schools with the most points will each receive one of the above prizes, a share of \$12,400.00

Bonus Points: We will offer weekly bonus points to select retailers, which will be displayed on our social media channels.

Wear orange for HARMONY DAY!

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2025 21st of March to represent
world peace. Harmony Day is a
celebration of our cultural
diversity - a day of cultural
respect for everyone who calls
Australia home.

