

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

With the announcements made in the last week, I truly appreciate the understanding and support shown by our school community. The disappointment at yet another disruption has not been directed at the school, and we are thankful for your willingness to adapt quickly, as we are trying to do.

This week, we are making "learning packs" available to pick up from 10am Wednesday. Due to our photocopier breaking down, we were unable to have this timeframe earlier, and will inform everyone ASAP if there will be any delays.

School staff are offering video classes each day, from Thursday. The details of these classes will be sent via uEducateus, and are not mandatory. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions, or read to an adult, via this platform.

Some families, with students in targeted programs, will be contacted via phone (or video, if requested), to provide additional support. This is optional, so please inform staff when they make contact with you, if you would prefer to be excluded from this.

We are expected to be back at school on Wednesday the 28th of July.

Any students that have not completed their remote learning will be asked to complete the essential tasks during school time. This will not be a punishment, but we are conscious of missed learning opportunities creating "gaps" in understanding. Staff will be sensitive as to the amount of remote learning completed in regards to individual circumstances, and are understanding that not all tasks can be completed by all students. It would help teachers greatly if families could contact the school for any difficulties so that we may assist you through these.

We are hoping to display this week's projects in a learning walk!

Learning levels:

Every attempt has been made to cater learning packs to the correct levels of the students. If your child/ren are struggling with the packs they have been provided, please inform teachers as soon as possible for assistance or an alternative.

Corrections:

We ask that families attempt to self correct learning where possible, so that children can attempt tasks again if they are incorrect. Learning packs will be used on Wednesday the 28th of July in class, so must be returned.

Other information:

If your family are experiencing hardship, and have any difficulty in accessing food, or other essential items, please contact Tamara. Your situation will be handled discretely, and any help that can be provided will be done so in confidence.

Please stay as safe as possible, and take care of one another at this difficult time. The manner in which this community comes together in times of need is nothing short of amazing.

Next week's newsletter will come out on Wednesday, please check uEducateus regularly for any updates.

Have a great week, Tamara Halket

TERM 3 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 3 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
20th July	School Council Meeting 6.30pm via Zoom	29th July	Parents Club AGM 9am
22nd July	Division Netball—Traralgon—Senior Team— Postponed	10th August	School Council Meeting 6.30pm

VISUAL ART:

This week in Visual Art, each class across the school collectively looked at the book titled 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. This book is about a young girl named Vashti who does not believe that she can draw. One day, her teacher tells her to just make a mark and see where it takes her. She grabbed her marker, made a dot, and signed it. The next day when she saw it hanging in a frame, she told herself that she was capable of doing better. Vashti experimented with her artwork and painted until she made dozens of dots in all varying sizes and colours. At the conclusion of the book Vashti not only develops her art skills and her self-belief, but she uses her new found knowledge to help and encourage other students so that they can do anything they put their mind to.

Students then produced some very creative art using different mediums throughout the grade levels. There was an artistic focus on elements such as warm and cool colours and positive and negative space. Grade 2/3/4 are still working on their dots. It was a great inclusive and positive way to begin the term.

PE AND HEALTH:

This week weather was an obstacle for us all in getting outside and getting active so we focused on food choices and exploring which foods are healthy options and what are considered to be a sometimes option. Prep/1 learnt a new game called silent ball which was a real hit practicing throwing and catching techniques. Grade 2/3/4 worked on the food pyramid brainstorming what they believed it was made up of and where foods sat on the pyramid. Grade 5/6s got the opportunity to spend the lesson playing strategy games working as a team to come up with the best strategies. In the other half of the lesson they discussed scenarios as a group and came up with other ways we could manage the issues at school to help build resilience.

A big shout out and congratulations to Jesse Boyd who has represented the School in Regional Cross Country, which was held on Thursday 15th July in Warragul.

Due to COVID- 19 the Netball team that had progressed will now be postponed. A new date is yet to be announced. Watch this space.



**ART SUPPLIES
WANTED**
Plastic Bottles
1.25ltrs
Newspapers
Plastic Foam, not
Styrofoam :)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep your eye out for takeaway tucker night information, we are currently looking to see if we are able to run these for the community.

Christmas in July dinner has been postponed due to COVID, watch this space for a new date.

The Rec Reserve are currently undertaking minor works to the track around the oval, please be mindful if you are out exercising or walking your dog.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY—FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

For all Gormandale & District Residents

Friday 23rd July

Meals from 6pm—Bar will be open

At the Gormandale Rec Reserve

(Football Club Rooms)

LIVE MUSIC

Raffles

Bookings are essential and limited

**To avoid disappointment: RSVP As Soon As Possible
to Lou @ Gormandale Community House**

03 5197 7264 or 0400 690 233

Bookings close 16 July

FOR THE KIDS

There will be an area reserved upstairs for children that will be supervised by adults

**Made possible by a CASI Grant from Wellington Shire Council
The Gormandale Community House & Tucker Night**

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hi everyone,

My name is Mark Churchill and I'm your Chaplain while Brian takes some well-earned long service leave. I've been to Gormandale before when doing placement for my Chaplain training so a few of you may remember me. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all for the rest of 2021.

I have lived in Sale for 30+ years and have four grown children and nine beautiful grandchildren. I love to sing and play guitar. One of my previous jobs was as a Chef with the RAAF and then on the oil rigs in Bass Strait. I made a video about how to make The World's Best Pancakes which you might like to watch and try for yourself. Here's a link to my video. I hope you enjoy making some pancakes!

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Kind regards,
Mark Churchill

WANTED

We are in short supply of kitchen forks. Students don't seem to be bringing them back from lunches. We are not sure if these are ending up in the rubbish or into school bags. If anyone has any spare forks they would like to donate we would be very grateful.

