

# 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,

Our students have had a fantastic start to the term with several extra-curricular events. Our practice GDPS cross country event was a great success with all students running their competitive distance and 31 running above their competitive distance. It was fantastic to see the determination and persistence demonstrated on the afternoon and the encouragement displayed to one another. Our 9-12 year olds attended District Cross Country at Traralgon South on Tuesday and Ms Elrick was pleased to report that our students put in their best efforts while running. I would like to extend a very big well-done to Lachlan, Levi, Lindsay, Flossy & Milla who qualified for Division Cross Country next week, and also Billie-Rose as an emergency placement.

### Education Week

Next week is Education Week. Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate' which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning, and student voice. All day throughout our lessons, our teachers utilise engagement norms. We use these to stimulate and motivate students by having them as active participants in our lessons. We will be sharing some snippets on our facebook page demonstrating this next week.

In line with Education Week, we are hosting an information session for any incoming 2024 prep families next Tuesday, the 16th of May.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

Friday 11th

Mothers Day Stall 9.15am

Tuesday 16th

Prep Information Session 9-10am

Wednesday 17th

District Cross Country

Friday 19th

Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 26th

Netball Clinic Visit

Monday 29th - 31st

Phillip Island Camp 5/6

### GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council



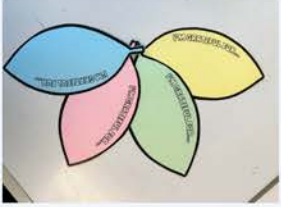
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### Growing with Gratitude

If you have been through our front office this term, you will have noticed the beginnings of our 'Growing with Gratitude tree. In our Social Emotional Learning sessions this term, our students will be learning about gratitude and why it is important. When the tree is complete, we will begin to decorate it with leaves highlighting things we are grateful for. I would like to say a very big thank you to Ms J who has been putting in a lot of time to create our tree!



### Outdoor Learning Spaces Grant

I am pleased to announce that our school will be receiving a grant to upgrade some of our outdoor furniture and complete works around the school. The focus is to create outdoor learning spaces where whole classes are able to have learning sessions outside.

### Donations

With the cooler and wetter weather that comes with Autumn and Winter, we often supply students with spare jumpers/pants as needed. Our spare clothes collection is running very low. If any families have any unused uniform they would like to donate, or any previously borrowed spare clothes they are able to donate, that would be greatly appreciated.

We are also seeking donations for paper towel rolls if you are able to collect any at home.

Stay warm,  
Charleigh Williams

# Mother's Day Afternoon

Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend our annual Mother's Day afternoon. It was a great success and it was a highlight for our students.



# Education Support Personnel Day

Next Tuesday is Education Support Personnel Day. This is a day where we celebrate and acknowledge our hard-working ES and admin staff for their continuous dedication at our school. Thank you Michelle, Tricia, Keenan, Mackenzie & Troy for the work that you do to support the learning and wellbeing of our students.



# JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MISS COULTHARD

It's been another exciting week for our P/1 student's who are now mastering the art of sentence types. This week, they focused on four types of sentences: command, statement, question, and exclamation sentences. Our little learners have been working hard, practicing how to identify these types of sentences and how to use them appropriately in their own writing. Through fun and engaging activities, they have been able to recognise the difference between giving directions, making statements, asking questions, and showing enthusiasm or strong feelings. I am delighted to see P/1 developing their writing skills and mastering various sentence types, which are essential building blocks. Keep up the hard work P/1.



# MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS



This week, students in grade 2/3/4 have been practicing their procedure writing skills by creating a "Little Witch's Secret Potion Recipe". Students used their imagination to come up with a magic potion, the spell needed to perform, a list of strange and unusual ingredients and the steps need to take to make their potion.

# SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS

The senior students have spent some time outside of the classroom this week... On Monday 8th May, we travelled to the Sale Memorial Hall to take part in the GRIP Leadership Conference with around 300 other students from schools between Morwell and Lakes Entrance. It was an engaging workshop that taught us a lot about being a leader and how to make a difference...we also got to dance and laugh! Billie-Rose, Vicki, Billy and Aussie even got the opportunity to go up on stage.



## Thank You

TREVOR KING FOR FIXING A SCOOTER FOR US

ROD HURRELL FOR THE DONATION OF A TELESCOPE THAT BELONGED TO HIS LATE FATHER, SYD

MR FOLEY FOR DONATING THREE PUSH BIKES FOR OUR STUDENTS

ALL THE LOVED ONES THAT ATTENDED OUR MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON



## Cross Country