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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,

We have had some cold and wintry weather this past fortnight and along with it we are seeing a rise in the number of coughs, colds, and illness across the school. Thank you to the families who are keeping their children home who are unwell or displaying any symptoms. I would like to encourage all families to use Rapid Antigen Tests if cold/flu symptoms present and to keep students at home until symptoms subside and they are well enough to attend school.

Next week we are hosting our Book Week celebrations. The theme for this year is 'Read. Grow. Inspire.' **On Tuesday the 22nd of August**, we invite students to come to school dressed as a character linked to a book or the theme. We will have a parade showcasing our costumes at 9:10 after morning circle. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend the parade. Later in the day, our students will take part in multi-age group activities.

Our 3/4 students will soon be heading off to Coonwarra Camp with other 3/4 students in our small schools cluster. Ms Judkins and Mackenzie will be attending the camp.

Due to the timing of camp, Parent's Club will be holding our **Father's Day Stall on Tuesday the 29th of August**. We are able to store any purchased items at school for students to take home on the Friday.

Notes have gone home with the eldest in the family for our Father's Day breakfast. We invite any dads, grand parents or special people to join us on **Monday the 4th of September**, for a bacon & egg muffin, tea or coffee and some activities from 8:40 - 9:30. There is no cost for the breakfast muffin and students are able to enjoy one as well. We ask that the order form is returned at your earliest convenience to support catering for the morning.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Friday 18th

National Day of Action against bullying & violence

Monday 21st

No MARC van

Tuesday 22nd

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 23rd

Try It Out Transition 2-3pm

Friday 25th

Assembly

Monday 28th

Pie Drive Orders Due Back

Tuesday 29th

Fathers Day Stall

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

August

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is now open until Friday 8 September 2023.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

All of our families are invited to participate in the survey. It is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible

If you have misplaced your unique family code, please let myself or Michelle know.

Have a great weekend,
Charleigh Williams

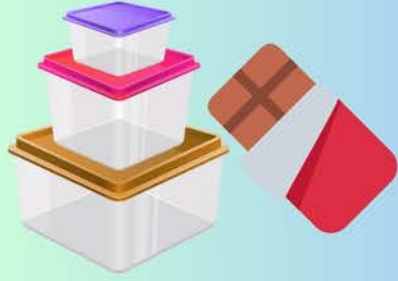
Parents Club

Thank you to Jeff Watson his work with lunches. Also for helping with the special lunch orders. The loaded hotdogs were a treat.

We are hoping to have another one next term, with something tasty on the menu.

Fathers Day raffle tickets have been sent home and will be drawn at the fathers day breakfast. Raffle prizes include \$50 Smokehouse 81 voucher, Flavourista & Tupperware bundle, handmade wooden chopping boards, chocolates and treats.

-Linda PC President



ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS



JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MISS COULTHARD

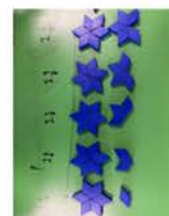


In the past two weeks of prep one, we have focused on money and discovering missing addends in our numeracy lessons. Our studies have revolved around getting familiar with various coins and comprehending their worth. It's worth mentioning that the physical size of a coin does not necessarily correlate with its value. Our first graders have dedicated extra effort to resolve missing addends in addition equations.



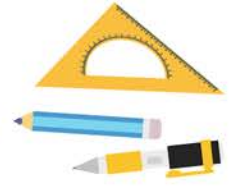
2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS

This term in math, we are learning about Fractions. Last week, grade 4's enjoyed learning to count in fractions with wooden shapes and drawing numberlines. Next week they will reinforce their learning by teaching the grade 3's to count in fractions also.



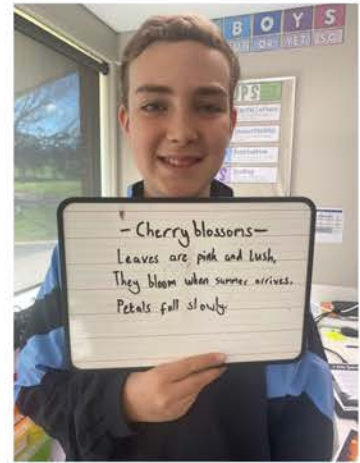
SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS



This fortnight in the 5/6 classroom, we have been investigating volume and displacement. The students enjoyed getting out into the winter sunshine to experiment with measuring beakers and water, to find the volume of 3D objects.

In Literacy, we looked at haiku poems and had a go at writing some of our own using the syllable rule 5-7-5.



Thank You

The Gormandale General Store
for their generous donation

Jeff for collating and preparing hot lunches

Linda for shopping for hot lunch supplies & getting the Fathers Day Raffle Tickets prepared

Vicki Thexton and The Smokehouse 81 restaurant in Rosedale for the voucher to raffle

Wanted Art Room

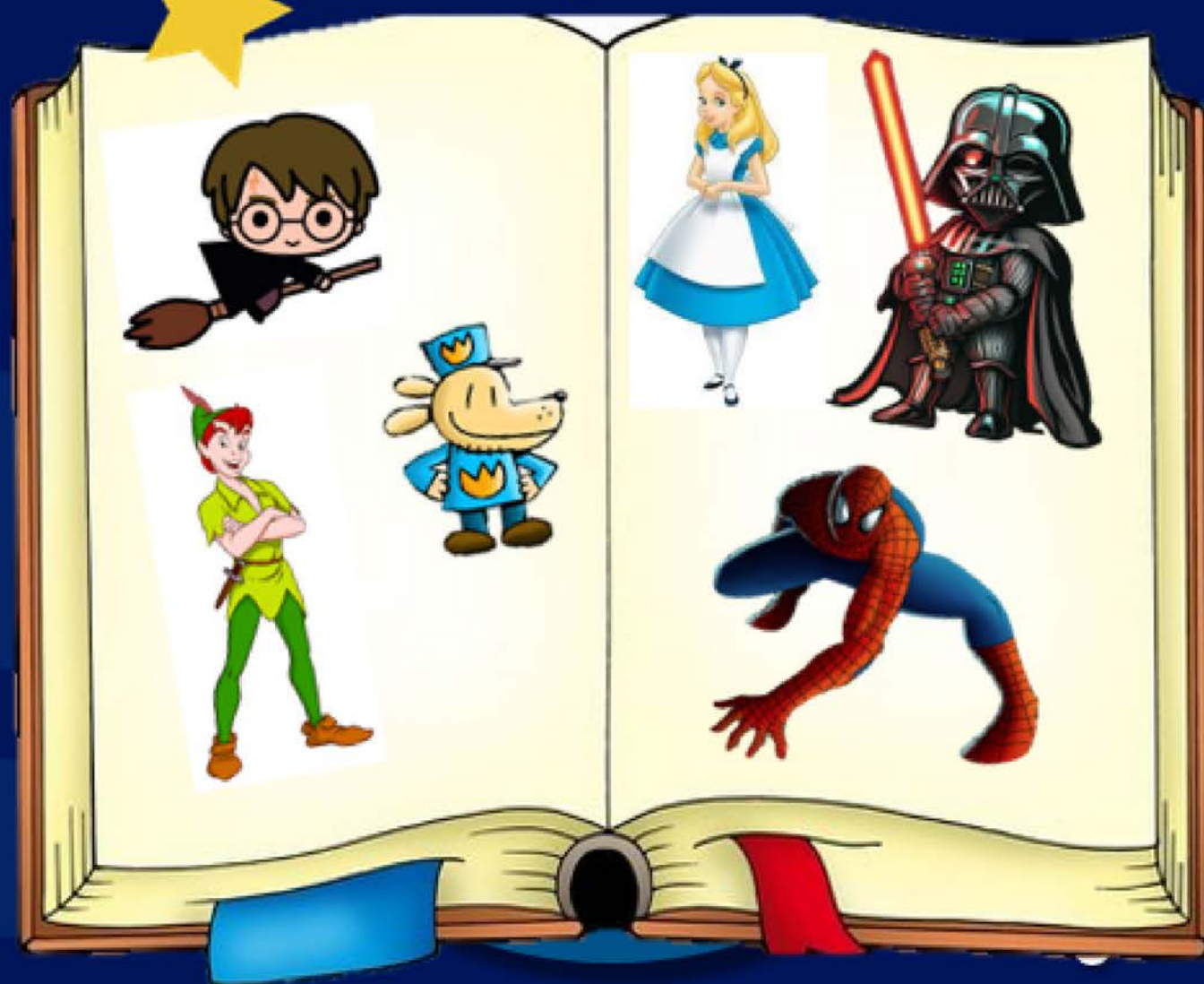
- small boxes
- plastic containers
- cardboard rolls - except toilet

Keep Collecting

- any plastic bag that has had bread in it can be left in the collection box at the foyer
- plastic bread tags

BOOK

Week!



August

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Come dressed as your favorite book character! There will also be a dress up competition!

The School Staff will also be involved! 😊