

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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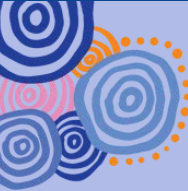


**RESPECTFUL**



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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 are officially halfway through term 2! As the end of Autumn nears, we are still enjoying some lovely sunny days in the yard.

In line with Education Week, our middle & senior grades were able to join an online session at Sovereign Hill. We were able to explore physical activity around the goldfields without the technology of today that makes our daily life easier. We were able to see how they did their washing, vacuuming, cooking and ironing!



### Facilities Works

In the coming weeks, we will have some works commencing on our BER building. This is the building next to the top playground which is utilised by the Kinder. These works are to ensure this building meets the requirements to be our school's nominated shelter in place. These upgrades will ensure the bushfire risk surrounding our BER building are reduced.

Some of the works will include the removal of vegetation, painting existing timber with fire-retardant paint, the relocation of our mud kitchen and replacing the mulch in the playground with rubber soft fall. These works will be funded by the VSBA (Victorian School Building Authority).

The builders completing the works are dedicated to working closely with the school to ensure there is as minimal disruption to our usual operations as possible.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

Friday 26th  
National Sorry Day & Netball Clinic

Monday 29th  
5/6 Phillip Island Camp & No MARC Van

Tuesday 30th  
5/6 Phillip Island Camp

Wednesday 31st  
5/6 Phillip Island Camp & Special Lunch Orders Due Today

Thursday 1st  
Special Lunch Orders

Friday 2nd  
Assembly & Wood Raffle Drawn

### GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

May

June

## 5/6 Phillip Island Camp

Next Monday our 5/6's, Ms Elrick & Keenan head off to Phillip Island. They will take part in some adventure activities such as canoeing, archery and a climbing wall. They are also off to see the penguin parade and will walk along nobbies boardwalk. We can't wait to see photos and hear about all the fun they will have!

## Yarram Eisteddfod

The Yarram Eisteddfod is being held in the first week of August. We are hoping to submit a choir/vocal club group, led by Mackenzie. It is open to any interested students. Mackenzie will be holding rehearsals at lunch time on a Wednesday & Friday. It is an expectation that if students sign up to participate in the eisteddfod that they commit to rehearsals.

## National Simultaneous Storytime

NSS is an event that takes place on the last Wednesday in May annually. Each year, a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is selected to be read simultaneously across the country. Yesterday, our students gathered together to get eat their recess whilst I read this year's chosen book, The Speedy Sloth.

This book tells the story about a sloth that loves to run around FAST! He goes on an adventure in the rainforest, challenging other animals to a race. He learns some important lessons along the way. The book shares the great message that 'winning' doesn't always mean beating everyone else. Sometimes, it's just the great feeling you get from setting yourself a challenge, conquering your fears, or simply trying something new – and loving it!



## Spare Uniform

Thank you to families who have dropped in spare uniform that can be donated to our second hand uniform rack, and also our spare clothes collection. These are especially helpful on cooler days where students may need an extra layer or if a change of clothes is needed due to the wet weather.

Enjoy these last few days of Autumn!  
Charleigh Williams



# Digital Technologies

On a Tuesday afternoon, our students have been learning how to code! During these sessions, students have the opportunity to pair up with students from other grade levels to problem solve and build their skills.

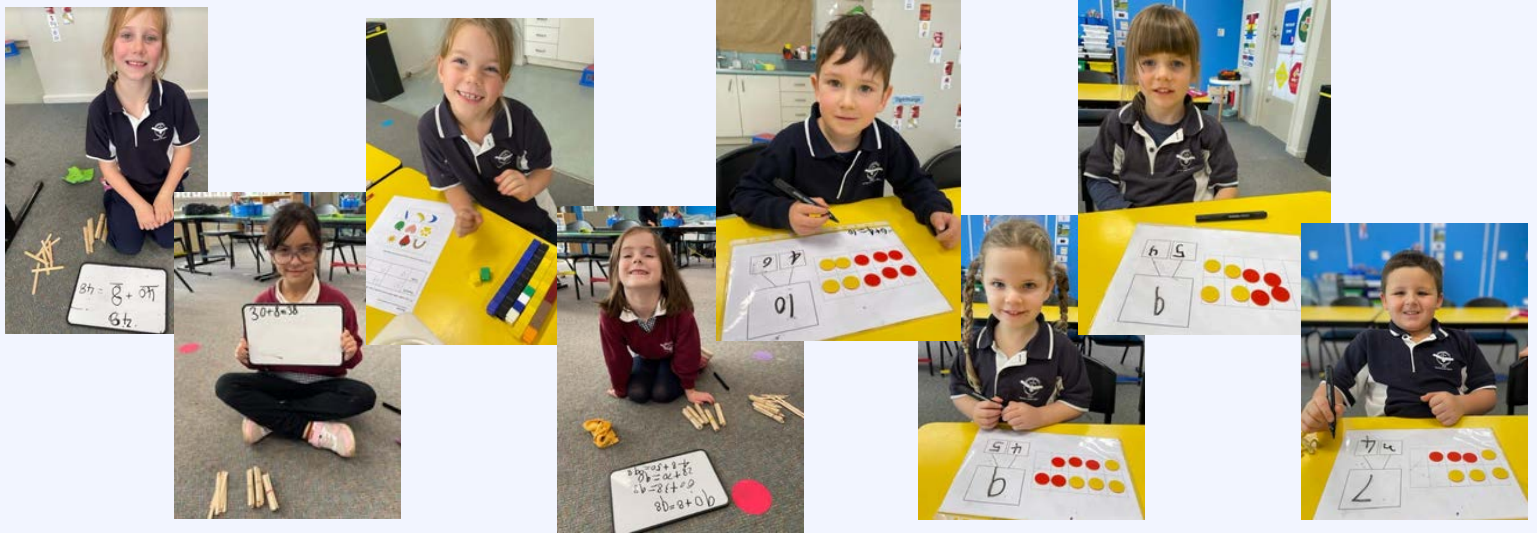
We have been using the online platform, Codespark academy, to build algorithms and commands through tasks such as sequencing and looping.



# JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MISS COULTHARD

This week P/1 have worked hard in mathematics. Grade 1's focused on comprehending the concept of place value, allowing them to identify, write, create, and break down two-digit numbers. Meanwhile, the preps dedicated their attention to mastering their skills in double facts and partitioning numbers up to 10.



# MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS

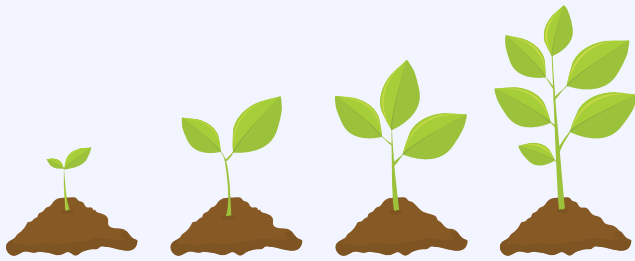


This week in the classroom, everyone has been putting in a great effort to practice the different strategies for addition and subtraction. On Tuesday the grade 2s and 3s raced against a fidget spinner to answer addition questions - in an effort to become more fluent. Grade 4's have been practicing vertical addition with regrouping.



# SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS



Over the last few weeks, the 5/6 students have been focusing on 'Explanation' texts in Literacy. They have been busy learning about the specific text features, so that they could apply them in their own writing.

The 5/6s also read a text about greenhouses, which gave them lots of information about the history and science behind greenhouses. This week, they got to apply some of the knowledge they learned, and created their own mini greenhouses out of some recycled materials.

They are positioned on a sunny windowsill in our classroom, where they are provided with light and warmth. We have our fingers crossed that we will see some of our seeds germinating over the coming weeks, and hopefully we will be able to transplant some healthy seedlings into our school's gardens in the months to come.

## Thank You

Linda, Vicki & Jeff for your amazing work shopping, collating orders & preparing hot lunches ready for our students.

Jeff for donating some beakers for science.

Vicki Thexton & Neil Heywood for their hard work collecting firewood for the firewood raffle.

Thanks to those students who bought punnets to school for the 5/6 class.

## For Sale



These tasty Green Tomato Pickles were made by Trish from our school garden. They are for sale for \$2 at the office and the proceeds go to more plants for our school gardens!

