

EAGLE EXPRESS

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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,

Thank you for reading the **last** newsletter for term 1.

Athletics

Tomorrow, our students in grades 3-6 head off to Traralgon to compete in district athletics against other schools in our cluster. Last week, we held our school-based athletics afternoon which allows students an opportunity to practise the core events before heading off to the competitive event. A very big thank you to Miss B for her organisation and running of the event.

Staffing

Today we said farewell to Mackenzie Walker as she begins a new adventure over on the West Coast. We hope that she has the most wonderful time and can't wait to hear about all of her new experiences. We have absolutely loved having Mackenzie work with us over the past few years. In her place, we have Monique Miller, education support trainee joining our team for the remainder of the year.

End of Term

A reminder that Friday the 4th of April is the last day of term 1. We have an early finish time of 2:30 pm. We will be holding our end of term assembly and Easter parade at 2pm. Our parents club Easter raffle will also be drawn then.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

March

Friday 28th

District Athletics
Grade 3-6

Wednesday 2nd

Hot Cross Buns
Delivered

Mindful Aus Incursion

Friday 4th

Easter Parade 2pm,
Swimming Permission Due

April

Last Day of Term
Finish 2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd

Back to School

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222
ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

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 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. Michelle has now also set curriculum contribution payments up as payable on Compass.

Have a great weekend,
Charleigh Williams

Wellbeing & Engagement Leader

MS ELRICK



Healthier Hearts &
Lighter Minds
Mindfull aus

Mindfull Aus Incursion

Wednesday 2nd April

We're excited to have 'Mindfull Aus' visiting our school on Wednesday, 2nd April for a whole-school incursion!

They'll be running fun and engaging sessions to help our students learn about resilience, emotions, and looking after their mental health. It's a great opportunity for students to build important skills in a relaxed and supportive environment.

In the classroom

This week in SEL lessons, the junior grade read the book 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llana.

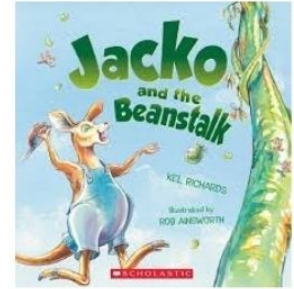
The story follows a monster who feels confused because his emotions are all mixed up. A young girl helps him sort each feeling into different colours—yellow for happiness, blue for sadness, red for anger, black for fear, and green for calm. Along the way, the Colour Monster learns to recognise and manage his emotions.

After reading the story, students made their own colour monsters. Leroy made a spotty happy monster, and Sammy decided to make a calm green monster.



JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MS ANTHOFER & MISS DARBY



Each week in writing, the junior grade has a "Book of the Week". Each day we read the book, look at different vocabulary and write sentences related to the story. We finish the week off with a craft connected to our story.

Last week we read 'Jacko and the Beanstalk'. We made beanstalks with real leaves and cotton ball clouds. They looked great!



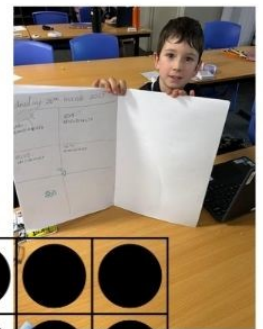
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MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MISS COULTHARD

This fortnight, we've been learning about bridging to 10 in math. At first, it was a bit tricky, but we're starting to get the hang of it! We've been using ten frames and manipulatives to help us understand how numbers work together to make 10. These tools have really helped us see how numbers can be broken apart and put back together in different ways.

Next week we're going to try bridging to 10 with subtraction, which will be a little different, but we're ready for the challenge. We're proud of how much we've learned so far, and we're excited to keep improving and having fun with math!



SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MRS JUDKINS

Over the past fortnight we have been looking at mapping, following directions and cartesian planes in our math block.

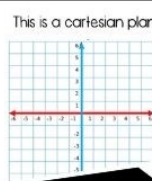
Every one did a great job following directions to make their map of Loch Ness and then write directions on where to find their hidden Loch Ness Monster.



We had a great EDI (Explicid Direct Instruction) lesson on Cartesian Planes. Students practiced plotting and finding co-ordinates on the Cartesian Plane and will follow up next week with a bit of Cartesian Plane Battle Ship.

Concept Development

This is a cartesian plane



One each cartesian plane there is an axis

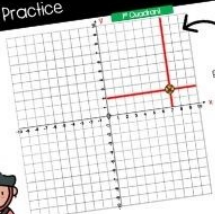
This is the 'x' axis
This is the 'y' axis

Guided Practice

Plot: $(7, 2)$

Both numbers are positive, so it will be in the Ist quadrant.

Find 7 on the x axis
Find 2 on the y axis
Find the point that they intersect.



ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS



WANTED SANDPIT TOYS

for our new sandpit

If you have any pre-loved sandpit toys in good condition, we would love to re-use them in our new sandpit!



THANK YOU

- To Brooke for doing the shopping for the special lunch orders.
- To Jeff, Emerald & Vicki for preparing the special hot lunches.
- A big thank you to Christine for donation the potatoes for our special hot lunches.
- To all those who ordered hot cross buns, we raised \$140 for our student toilet renovation.
- To those generous families who continue to drop bottles and cans off. We have now raised \$217 for the year so far.

MARC NEWS

Welcome to our end of term, Book Tasting event. During the last two weeks of term, most Inters and Senior grades will have the chance to participate in our first, book tasting 'restaurant style' event. There will be a book menu and a buffet of a mixture of books, for the students to "taste." Students can taste a few pages, explore the cover, read the blurb, look at the illustrations and then share their thoughts and opinions about the books they tasted, with their peers.





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.

Under 15 netballers **WE WANT YOU!**

Yarram netball club are looking to grow their under 15s netball team.

Are you between the ages of 13 and 15?

Reach out to Hanna on 0400558453 if you're interested.



WEST END JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Spots have opened up in all age groups

U9's (2016-2017)

U11's (2014-2015)

U13's (2012-2013)

U15's (2011-2010)

Get in contact with us to secure your child's spot!

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