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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,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope all of our families were able to enjoy some r'n'r over the school break. Our students were eager to be back at school on Monday, and it was wonderful to hear them share exciting stories from their holidays.

With a busy calendar of events coming up, there are a few permission notes that have been sent home this week to our middle and senior students.

GDPS Cross Country

Next week we have our GDPS Cross Country event. This event is designed to be a practice for students to help prepare them for district cross country in week 3. The focus is on participation; therefore, students may choose to complete the full competitive distance for their grade level, or as much as they can. Competitive runners can run more than the full distance if time permits. We invite family and friends to spectate at the event. A map of the course will be sent home with students early next week. Spectators will be able to view from various points around the course and join in for laps on the school grounds if they choose.

Mother's Day Afternoon

We invite mums, grandparents, carers or special people in our life to attend our Mother's Day afternoon on Thursday the 10th of May in week 3. The afternoon will run similarly to previous years, where activities will be set up across the school and families can complete activities together. Any students whose special person is unable to attend, will be able to assist staff with the running of activities.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Tuesday 2nd

Parent's Club Meeting 9am

Thursday 4th

GDPS Cross Country

Friday 5th

Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 8th

5/6 Grip Student Leadership Conference

Tuesday 9th

District Cross Country

Wednesday 10th

Mothers Day Activities 2pm

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

May

Staffing changes

At the end of last term, an announcement was shared that there would be some adjustments to our staffing. We said farewell to Mr Harrison and extend a big thank you for all of his hard work throughout term 1. In the announcement, it was communicated that Ms Foat would be joining us to deliver our Humanities curriculum. Unfortunately, there has been a change and it will now be delivered by Mr Ian Alexander. Mr Alexander has been a regular CRT with us at GDPS and is looking forward to joining us on Tuesdays.

Updated Teaching Staff for Term 2:

Ms Williams – Acting Principal, 5/6 (Wed-Fri) & Digital Technologies

Ms Elrick – 5/6 (Mon/Tues)

Ms Judkins – 2/3/4 & Science

Miss Coulthard – P/1 & PE

Mrs Anthofer – Tutor Learning Initiative & Art

Ms Williams – 5/6 (Wed-Fri) & Digital Technologies

Mr Alexander – Humanities (History)

Student Leadership

Our 5/6 students will be attending a student leadership conference in week 3. As each of our senior students have a leadership role, this will help to build their skills and confidence within their role. We intend to hold this excursion bi-yearly so that all 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend. I wish to extend a big thank you to our parents club who have helped subsidise the excursion to make it more affordable for our students to attend.

New Uniform Item

We now have long sleeve polo shirts available for purchase. These tops are great for these days coming into cooler weather when students need an in between a t-shirt and a jumper. They also provide added sun protection.



New Playground Construction

I am very pleased to share that yesterday, works began on our new playground. It has been 2 years since it was announced that we were receiving a grant for a new playground. Although, one of the students commented on Monday that it feels more like 6! I look forward to sharing progress updates with you throughout the term.

Class Overviews

An updated typical 'weekly snapshot' will be given to students this week. This weekly snapshot provides an overview of the subjects that are typically delivered to students on each day. This allows students to feel prepared knowing what to expect each day and can also provide families a scaffold for discussing their child's day e.g 'Tell me about what you did in Art today'. With all things in life, there may be events that pop up which will require us to make adjustments to our schedules but all classes adhere to routines as best as possible.

Charleigh Williams.

ANZAC Day

On Monday, whole school activities were held in mixed age groups. Students had the opportunity to build their knowledge about the history of ANZAC day. There are some fabulous pieces of student artwork on display in our hallway.



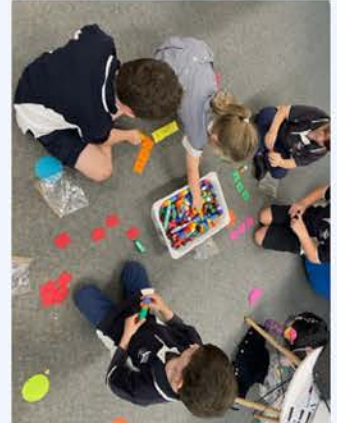
Coupa, Billy, Lachlan, Billie-Rose, Bella and Anastasia represented our school on Tuesday at Gormandale's Community Commemorative service. It was a well attended service and I am very proud of the confidence they displayed when sharing a piece at the service.

JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MISS COULTHARD

Welcome back to Term 2! It has been a busy week in Prep-One as we settle back into our routines and begin our new learning adventures. We have started our daily maths reviews and are working on developing our speed and accuracy in calculation. This skill helps us to improve problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking abilities.

Miss C is proud of P/1's dedication and enthusiasm!



MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS

Grade 2/3/4 started the term off by making ANZAC biscuits. This activity was the start of our procedure writing unit and also linked with our special ANZAC learning day on Monday. Children learnt about why ANZAC biscuits were made during the war and looked at the main parts of a procedure.



SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS

This week we began morphology lessons. Morphology is the study of words and their parts. We looked at words containing the base 'tract' which means to pull, drag or draw. We practised our fluency by practising reading a passage containing words with tract and then pulled apart words into their prefix - base - suffix e.g sub + tract + ing.



During mindfulness, we began listening to a mystery podcast series - The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel. We can't wait to find out what happens next!

Parents Club

On behalf of the Parents Club, we would like to thank all those who donated and purchased tickets for the Easter raffle drawn at the end of term 1. You all helped us raise money for our amazing school.

We have a couple of things happening this term including our wood raffle. A big thank you to Vicki Thexton & Neil Heywood for the donation. We also have the Mothers Day stall coming up on Friday 12th May. We have had new gifts come in that any mother, grandmother or special person would love to receive.

On June 1 we are having a special lunch order day, more information to come. And don't forget that normal lunch orders are back up and running next week. If anyone has thought about joining us at the Parents Club please do not hesitate to come and chat with us, or ask at the office. We may be a small school in a wide spread community but more hands on deck is always welcomed. Our next meeting is next Tuesday, 2nd May at 9am.

Parents Club President,
Linda Aitken



THANK YOU!

- Catherine for her time helping with the school lunch orders last term.
- Jeff and Justice for their help with lunch orders last term.
- All families who donated and helped with the Easter Egg Raffles. We raised \$222 for our school!
- Steve for maintaining our worm farm and fixing our compost bin.
- To Mr Harrison and the student fundraisers for collecting \$108.50 for The Good Friday Appeal with their Guess the Easter Egg number. The jar was won by Maddie who guessed the exact number - 232!

