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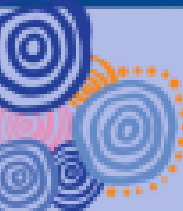


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Gormandale and District Primary School fosters a community learning environment in which each and every member is nurtured to become a confident lifelong learner.



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 to the very last Eagle Express for 2024! We are now in the final stretch of the term with just over 2 weeks to go. There are many exciting things coming up to wrap up the year so please keep an eye out on Compass for any important details.

2025 Staffing

Last week, the class structures for 2025 were announced.

Junior Room (P/1) Sarah Anthofer & Rhiannon Darby

Middle Room (2/3/4) Kimberley Coulthard

Senior Room (5/6) Erica Judkins

Ms Elrick will be stepping into a new role as Engagement & Wellbeing Leader

Based on the needs of the school this year, we have welcomed many new faces to our staff this year, each of whom has contributed immensely to building connections and supporting all of our students in teaching, learning, engagement, and wellbeing. At this point in time, the following education support staff members will not be continuing their roles with us at the end of this year - Laylah, Blake and Ella. From all of us at GDPS, I want to extend a huge thank you to each of these fantastic and wonderful people for their exceptional work during their time with us. Your dedication, kindness, and commitment have made a lasting impact in the lives of our students and our school. You have brought positivity, and care to everything you have done, and your contributions will not be forgotten. While we are sad to see you go, we wish you all the very best for the future and hope you will always feel part of our school community.

December

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Monday 9th

Semester Reports go home
Teacher Catch Ups

Tuesday 10th

Statewide Transition Day

Thursday 12th

Wheel-a-thon

Friday 13th

Assembly & Cricket Clinic

Tuesday 17th

Year 6 Special Day

Wednesday 18th

Christmas Concert

Friday 20th

Last day of Term - 1.30pm finish

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

Step Up Day

Next Tuesday we have our statewide transition day. Our 2025 preps will be joining us for the day. Our current students will step up to their new classrooms for next year and meet their new teacher and classmates.

2025 Student Leaders

Our senior students will present their leadership speech and application on Tuesday during step up day. Students applying for school captain will present their speeches and applications at assembly next week.

Graduation

This afternoon we will celebrate our Grade 6 graduates. We look forward to acknowledging their achievements, cherishing their memories, and wishing them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their journey. In the last week of school they will enjoy their special day with lunch at MoMo's and some recreation time at WynCity.

Teacher Catchups

Next Monday afternoon we are hosting our teacher catch ups. Timeslots can be booked via compass, or through Michelle at the office. End of semester 2 reports will also be sent home on Monday.

Wheel a thon

This time next week we will be wheeling our way around the school. Like in previous years, students are welcome to seek sponsorship for laps to be completed to help fundraise for our school if they choose; however, this is not a requirement to participate in the event. At this stage with the current predicted weather, the event will run for the last hour of the day. We invite all parents and friends to join us in the afternoon.

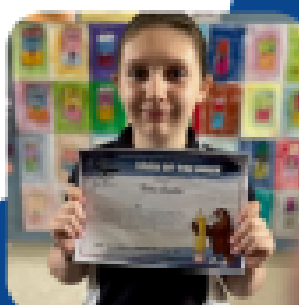
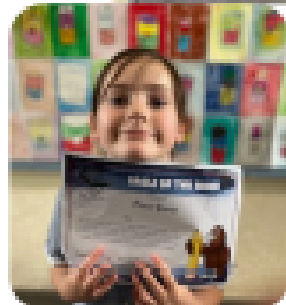
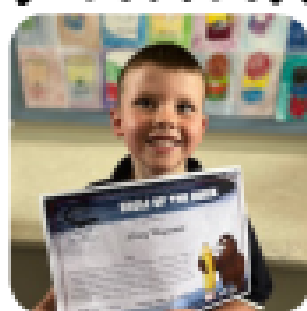
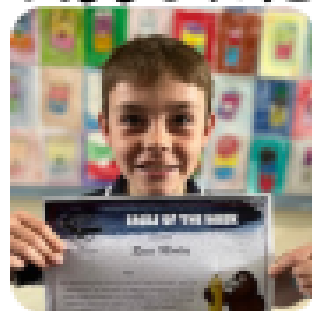
Christmas Concert

We have our Christmas concert scheduled for Wednesday the 18th of December starting at 6pm. This year we are hoping to host the event on the GDPS oval if there is not too much rain in the coming fortnight. Our parents club have worked hard to seek many donations from local businesses this year for our Christmas raffle. There is still time to sell/purchase raffle tickets. Please ask at the office if you need another book.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for your engagement, involvement and support this year. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break.

Charleigh Williams

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS



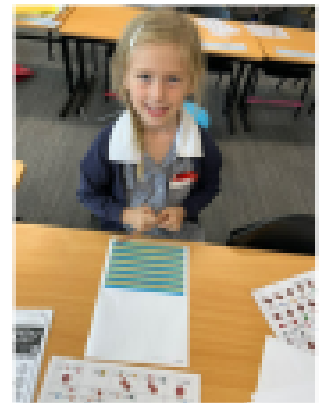
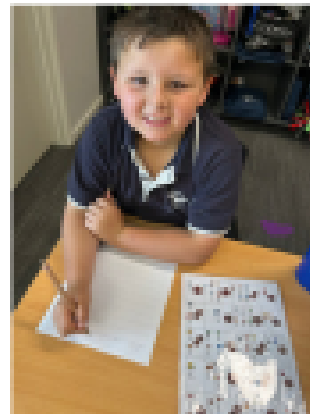
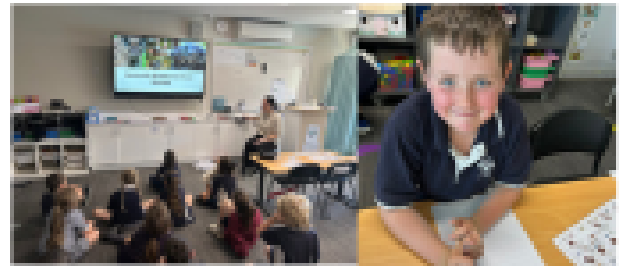
JUNIOR ROOM



P/1/2 MISS COULTHARD

This term, Prep 1 has been lucky to have Miss S, a student teacher, join our classroom. She has brought lots of energy and creativity, teaching some fun and engaging lessons that the children have really enjoyed. Miss S has also been a great help with our daily work and assessments, making learning even more exciting for our students.

One of the highlights this term has been completing a recount of our visit to Healesville Sanctuary. The students worked hard to reflect on their experiences, writing about their favourite animals and the memorable moments they had on the trip. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through in their writing!



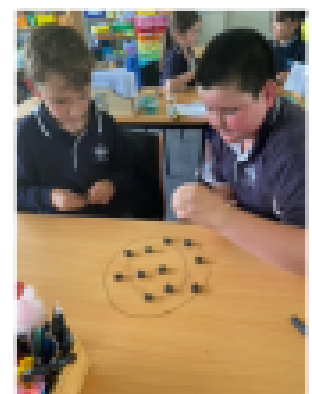
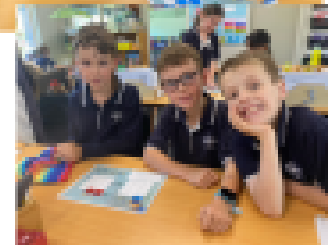
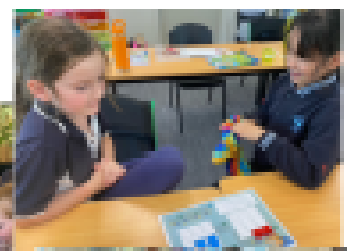
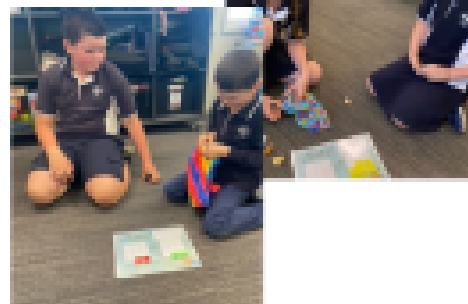
MIDDLE ROOM

2/3 MRS JUDKINS



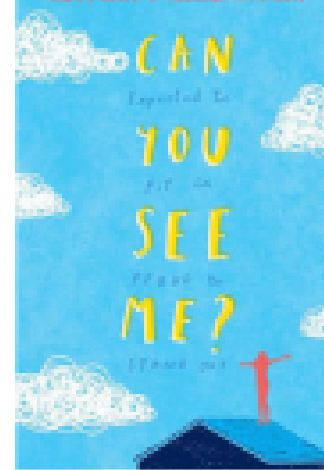
This fortnight in Math we have been looking at Chance in everyday situations and how chance can change depending on different outcomes. Students played a game of chance that involved simply trying to get a counter of their chosen colour out of the bag - each time altering the probability of their partner getting a colour.

Our science topic this semester is 'Forces'. This fortnight we have looked at magnets and magnetic force. Students enjoyed playing a game that involved trying to place their magnets down in a circle, avoiding the magnetic force of other magnets connecting with them and getting rid of as many magnetic stones as possible.



SENIOR ROOM

LIBBY CLAY & BERESGA MITCHELL



With less than 10 chapters remaining in our class novel, we are excited to see where Tally's story goes.

4/5/6 MS ELRICK, MS WILLIAMS & MISS DARBY

Vicki- The novel is about a girl named Tally who has autism. This novel was written because the author has autism and wanted to spread awareness about autism.

Fynn- In some pages there are diary entries and they speak about all the things that happen in their lives.

Kelly- So far our book has been really good, I think the whole class likes it. In the story she has autism and her sister is really mean to her. I think the book is good.

Elsie- In the novel she wears a tiger mask to cover her face, Tally wears it so she doesn't need to look at anyone. In her class there's a boy named Luke, Tally feels like she is invisible unless Luke is saying something rude to her. It's a very good book, nice and relatable.

Flossy- I feel like the book has definitely helped some people understand autism and how everybody sees the world differently. And lots of things that Tally experiences are still really relatable to people without autism. It's an amazing, eye-opening book that gives you the facts while still being interesting to read.

Maisie- I feel like this book is very relevant to our class and is very relatable due to my personal experiences while being neurodivergent. It is also a book that will certainly change your perspective on autism if you are unaware. I feel it gives our class understanding about ourselves and reasons to not use neurodivergence as an insult.

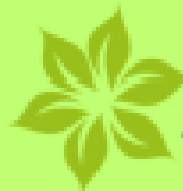
Billie-Rose- "The words have power."

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