

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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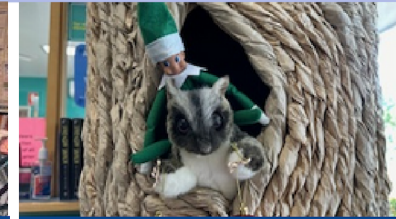


**RESPECTFUL**



**SAFE**

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 end of Week 10! We are in the tail end of the term with many exciting events coming up. On Tuesday, we announced our class structures for 2024.

Junior Room (P/1) - Miss Kimberley Coulthard

Middle Room (2/3) - Mrs Erica Judkins

Senior Room (4/5/6) - Ms Jamee Elrick (2 days), Ms Charleigh Williams (1 day), Miss Rhiannon Darby (2 days)

Specialist Subjects - Mrs Sarah Anthofer (3 days)

We are in the process of finalizing our ES staffing for 2024. I can confirm that Michelle Mitchell, Tricia King, Keenan Hughes, Samantha Clerk, Mackenzie Walker and Troy Judkins will continue in their roles next year.

### Statewide Transition Day

Next Tuesday, we have our statewide transition day. Our 2024 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. It will take place until lunchtime.

### Splash & Dash

We are looking forward to our splash & dash event this Friday at 2:30. It will be a fun filled wet afternoon and a great way to celebrate the end of the year. Students are able to come to school dressed in sun safe white clothes. We **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** children bring a towel and spare set of clothes to get changed before heading home in the car. The local CFA will be joining us to assist on the afternoon. Parents and siblings are welcome to join in!

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



Friday 8th  
Splash & Dash

Monday 11th  
Grade 6 Special Day

Tuesday 12th  
State-Wide  
Transition Day 9-1.30pm

Wednesday 13th  
Christmas Concert 6pm

Friday 15th  
Assembly

Wednesday 20th  
Last day of Term 4 - Finish  
1.30pm

### GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

December

### Christmas Concert

We are excited to be edging closer to our Christmas Concert **next Wednesday at 6pm**. Please note that there is still time to purchase raffle tickets. We have a fantastic selection of prizes that have already been generously donated. We thank everyone for their donations and encourage anyone who may still like to donate, to do so.

### Graduation

Last night we celebrated our grade 6 graduation. What a fantastic night we had celebrating our wonderful Grade 6 students. They all did a great job presenting their speeches, and performing their dance. Thankyou to everyone who helped with the organisation of the event, and to the families and friends who attended. The Grade 6's will be dearly missed by all here at Gormandale and District Primary School. They will be celebrating with a special day on Monday with a nice lunch at MoMo's with Ms Elrick & exerting some energy at jump and climb.

### Leaving Families:

Giliberto/Doerre  
Judkins



### Last Day of School

The last day of school for 2023 is Wednesday the 20th of December. Please note that there is an early dismissal time of 1.30pm on this day.

### Term 1 2024

Please be advised that students in grades 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday the 31st of January and preps will commence on Thursday the 1st of February. Staff will return on Monday the 29th with Tuesday the 30th being a School Council approved, student free day.

This is our last edition of the Eagle Express for 2023. 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 fantastic Christmas break and have an opportunity to relax with your loved ones. I am looking forward to spending Christmas with my family in QLD and having some free time to tackle some unfinished jobs in my yard at home.

Charleigh Williams

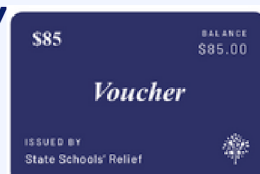
# THANK YOU

- Eunice, Elle, Clint, Troy, Bailey, Austin, Billy, Jax, Storm, Emily, Lucy, Erica, Michelle and Charleigh for all their hard work at the Working Bee last Sunday. The weather wasn't great but we managed to tick a lot of jobs off the list
- Jeff and Linda for collating and preparing lunch orders
- Vicki, Elle & Clint for their help at the Graduation last night
- Linda for shopping for lunch orders
- To Heidi Hogan for donating a beautiful Christmas Tree to the school

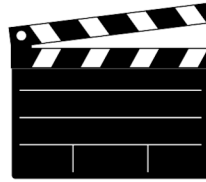


Available NOW **State Schools Relief \$85 Voucher** valid to **06.03.24** to be spent at our School Uniform Shop. For every Student at GDPS in 2024

See Michelle (Tue-Fri) to place your uniform order for 2024

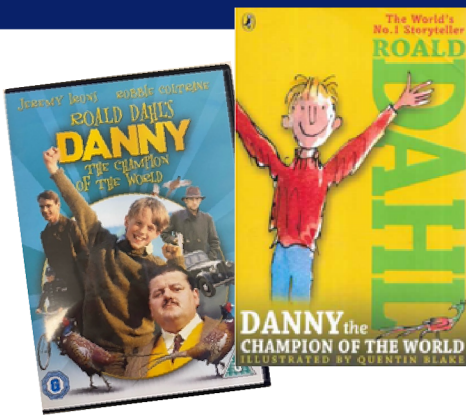


# JUNIOR ROOM



P/1 MISS COULTHARD

This fortnight we have been working really hard practicing our songs for the Christmas concert. We have even created some awesome props to use while they perform. We're super thrilled and can't wait to show you all what they've been up to! Also, to mark the end of the term, we enjoyed watching "The Highway Rat," a book we've been explored for book of the week. We spent time creating sentences and looking at the characters in the book and their emotions comparing it to the zones of regulation.



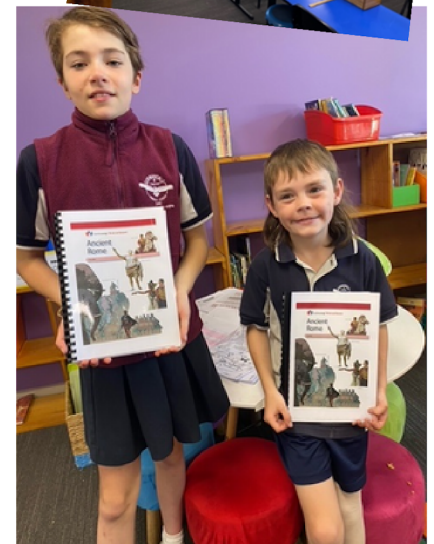
# MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS

With only 2 weeks to go till end of term, we have finally wrapped out our Core Knowledge learning on Ancient Rome. We learnt all about Gladiators, Aqueducts and Pompeii, as well as life in Ancient Rome and those who governed it.

We have also concluded the reading of our class novel, Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl. After the books we watched the movie and did some comparisons between the two.

Students have also been very flexible as our classroom is slowly being moved around and emptied to make way for our new library space. Everyone seems to be just 'going with the flow!'



# SENIOR ROOM



## 5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS

With less than two weeks left until our summer holidays, the 5/6 students have been perfecting their performances for our GDPS Christmas Concert, and the grade 6s have been busily preparing for their graduation, which took place last night.

We wrapped up our Core Knowledge unit on Ancient Greece and Rome, and enjoyed a Christmas-themed STEM challenge.

What an amazing year we have had in the senior classroom.



We are endlessly proud of our wonderful students, for another successful year.



## Rosedale Foodbank

HI, WE ARE CHRISTINE AND ALAN BALL AND WE RUN THE LOCAL FOODBANK IN ROSEDALE. AFTER A TALK WITH EMMA FROM FOODBANK VICTORIA, WE THOUGHT WE'D GIVE YOU A FEW DETAILS OF OUR SERVICE TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY. MANY OF OUR NEWER CLIENTS ADVISE THEY DID NOT KNOW WE EXIST EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN IN ROSEDALE WELL OVER A YEAR.

WE ARE LOCATED AT 48 QUEEN STREET, ROSEDALE WHERE WE RENT THE UNITING CHURCH HALL AND OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM TILL 1PM. WE DO NOT CLOSE OVER CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR AND HOPE TO OPEN A SECOND DAY NEXT YEAR. ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CLEARANCE.

THERE ARE NO REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE TO USE THE FOODBANK, INITIALLY WE ASK FOR A PENSION CARD, BUT THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT. WE ASK FOR A \$10 DONATION AND FOR THIS OFFER A SELF-SELECTED BAG OF GROCERIES AND IN ADDITION BREAD, FRUIT, AND VEGETABLES. WE HAVE A FAIRLY GOOD RANGE OF ITEMS FUNDED FROM THE \$10 DONATION AND ANY OTHER FUNDS THAT WE ATTRACT. SUPPLY IS MAINLY FROM FOODBANK VICTORIA - FROM A LIST OF AVAILABLE ITEMS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. BREAD FROM THE OLD ROSEDALE BAKERY, BANJOS IN TRARALGON AND MANY LOCAL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES GIVE US THEIR SURPLUS VEGGIES ETC.

ALTHOUGH BASED IN ROSEDALE WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF HEYFIELD, GORMANDALE EVEN AS FAR AS YARRAM AND SALE. TO COVER THE COST OF FUEL MANY OF OUR REGULARS SHARE A CAR.

WE ARE NOT A SUPERMARKET AND CANNOT SUPPLY ALL A FAMILY'S REQUIREMENTS BUT IF WE CAN REDUCE A FAMILY SHOPPING BILL BY WELL OVER \$50 PER WEEK THEN IT CAN HELP IMPROVE THEIR LIFESTYLE AND, IN SOME CASES, HELP WITH THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION SO THAT THEY CAN GET OUT OF DIFFICULTY OR AVOID IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR OPERATION, WE ARE NORMALLY THERE BEFORE 9AM TO SET UP BUT IT IS PROBABLY BEST TO AVOID THE INITIAL RUSH 10 TO 11.

PLEASE DROP IN OR FOR ANY ENQUIRES CALL - ALAN BALL  
0428 598 258

