

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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**LEARNER**



**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

As you may have seen, we have had works commence on our BER building to ensure it meets Shelter In Place (SIP) requirements. We anticipate these works will continue over the remainder of the term, throughout the school holidays and into next term. As stated in the last newsletter, these works are focused on reducing the bushfire risk around the building. This means that elements/structures around the building may be removed or replaced.



Our new bottom playground is looking fantastic! We are still waiting on another piece of play equipment which is unfortunately still a little while away. The picture on the left is how the playground is currently looking, and the picture on the right is the piece of equipment still to be installed. We are working with the builders to have our playground accessible by our students as soon as possible.

Next week, the State Library Victoria is hosting Book Bash where online sessions by well-known authors and illustrators such as Andy Griffiths and Matt Cosgrove are being live streamed. Our 2 – 6 students have registered to participate where they will learn some of their story telling secrets and how they bring characters to life.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Monday 12th**

King's Birthday Public Holiday

**Friday 16th**

Assembly 2.45pm

**Monday 19th**

School Council Meeting

**Tuesday 20th**

Reports Home & Teacher Catch Up Sessions

**Wednesday 21st**

Donate a Dollar - Casual Clothes Day

**Friday 23rd**

Last Day of Term 2 - 1.30pm Finish

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

June

### Outside School Hours Care

An OSHC Survey is being sent home today. Our service is temporarily suspended whilst we continue to work with Gumnuts to find a lead educator. We ask that all families take some time to complete the survey. Data for OSHC is vital for our planning.

### Attitudes to School Survey

Our 4-6 students completed the attitudes to school survey (AToSS) yesterday. It is a great opportunity for students to share their voice. The AToSS results are valuable as they provide our school with an understanding of our students' perception and experience of our school.

### End of Semester Reports

Our teachers have been busy working away in the background writing and assessing for end of semester reports for our students. A digital and hardcopy of your child's report will be available on Tuesday in the last week of term.

### 5/6 Phillip Island Camp

Last week our senior students had the opportunity to visit Phillip Island on their 5/6 camp. Ms Elrick & Keenan were very impressed with the way our students demonstrated our school values and stepped outside their comfort zone to try new things. We are so proud of how they represented our school.

### Teacher Catch Up Sessions

Teacher catch up sessions (previously known as parent-teacher interviews) are being held on Tuesday the 20th of June. A 10 minute session with your child's teacher can now be booked on uEducateus between 1:00 – 5:30.

This catch up provides an opportunity to touch base with how your child progressing and discuss their end of semester report and achievement in further depth. Families are able to sign students out early if their catch-up sessions are completed before the end of the day.

Each year, we attempt to anticipate the specific topics or focuses that parents would like to discuss; we would like to ask parents/carers to provide us with topics they would like to focus on for their specific child. Please follow the link below to complete the survey (one survey per student) to ensure we meet your needs. This survey is completed through Microsoft forms and no email or login is required. <https://forms.office.com/r/QnfMLBiKNT>

### Updated Uniform Policy

This term, our uniform policy has been updated in consultation with school council. A copy of our updated uniform policy has been sent home with this fortnight's newsletter. Students and families will have the remainder of the term to familiarise themselves with our updated expectations prior to next term. We do not want to create any distress with the updated policy, so please come and see myself or Michelle if there are any elements of the policy you are unsure of. The school is happy to support in anyway possible so please let us know if there are any items of uniform/clothing you may need assistance to acquire before next term.

### Cross Country

Last week, Lindsay attended Gippsland Region Cross Country in Drouin. It is a huge achievement to make it to this very competitive level, and we are very proud of the efforts he displayed on the day.



With the end of the term rapidly approaching, I would like to remind all families that on the last day of term, Friday the 23rd of June, there is an early finish time of 1:30 PM.

Have a great long weekend,

Charleigh Williams

# Casual Clothes Day! Wednesday 21st June \$ Donate a Dollar!



# JUNIOR ROOM



**P/1 MISS COULTHARD**

We are excited to share our latest activities from this week! Our book of the week was "Hector and Maggie,". As part of our reading activities, we completed a fun Hector hat craft that all the students enjoyed. We have had a strong focus on sentence types and practiced our writing skills. Prep/1 practiced writing simple and compound sentences, and they learned how to vary the length and structure of their sentences for clarity and impact. We are looking forward to the upcoming week and all the exciting things we will learn and discover!



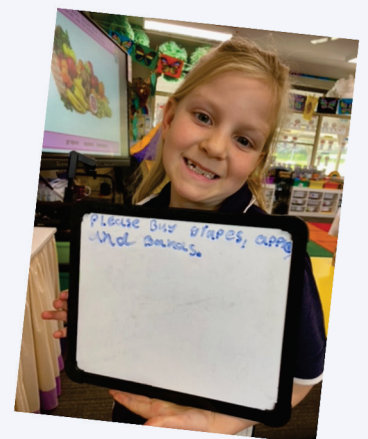
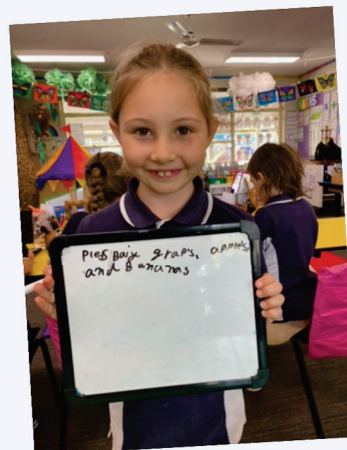
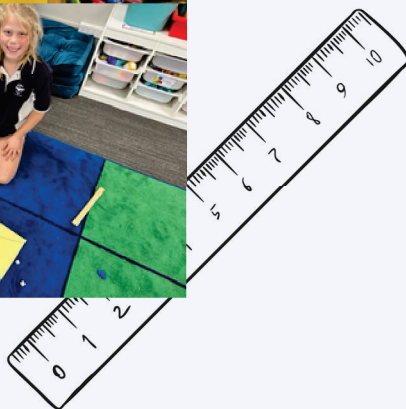
# MIDDLE ROOM

**2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS**



This week we have been learning about length. Grade 3 and 4's practiced using the ruler and measuring cm's with a game of measurement tags. Grade 2's were learning about informal units with Mrs. J.

Students have also been learning how to use a comma in a list in their writing sessions.



# SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS



## CAMP!

Last week, the grade 5/6 students, Ms Elrick and Keenan set off to Phillip Island with other schools from our small schools' cluster, for a 3-day camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort.

We went to the penguin parade and participated in lots of adventure-style activities, such as archery, rock climbing, twin flying fox and canoeing.

It was so wonderful to see our students try new things and meet new friends.

## Success!

Following our unit on 'Explanation Texts' where we learned about greenhouses, the 5/6 students created their own greenhouses with hope of germinating some seeds, that we could then plant into our veggie gardens.

This Tuesday marked 14 days since we first planted our seeds, and we have successfully grown some beetroot, silverbeet and flower seedlings. We will continue to provide them with ideal growing conditions until they are strong enough to survive outside.



# Thank You

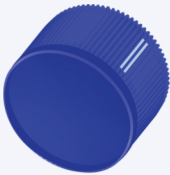
Linda, Vicki, Jeff and Elle for preparing the chicken wraps for our special hot lunch day last week. The students loved them

Congratulations to Ebony Thexton who won our wood raffle. Big thank you to Vicki & Neil for their hard work supplying the wood and helping us raise \$240

Thank you to Parents Club for organising the wood raffle



# Collectors Needed!!



The art room and the STEM class need collections of supplies for next term. We are looking for things such as cardboard boxes, meat/vegie trays, bottle tops, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls), magazines and egg cartons. Thank you!

