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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,

The end of the year is coming quickly and I have been taking many moments to soak up the small amount of days we have left. While it is easy to feel tired and wish time away until the holidays, it is important to savour what time we have together, especially with our wonderful grade 6's before they make their journey to high school.

Christmas concert and graduation preparations are busy underway! Weather permitting, we are hoping to host our Christmas concert on school grounds this year. You will find further information about the Christmas concert later in this newsletter.

I am sad to share with you all that Mark Churchill will be concluding his Chaplain role with us at the end of the year. Mark has been an integral part of our staff over the last 3 years. We thank him for all of his hard work and support with our students, especially his work in getting bikes donated to the school. We wish Mark all the best and he will be greatly missed.

We will also be farewelling Ms Lynne Tomlin (MARC). Lynne is reducing her teaching load next year. Thank you Lynne for providing great literacy sessions for our students and always finding books that suit our students' interest.

All MARC Van books need to be returned by Monday as it is the last time MARC van will visit for the year. Notes indicating outstanding books are sent home with hard copies of the newsletter.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Tuesday 27th

All MARC Van Books Due

Tuesday 28th

Bookclub Orders Due

Wednesday 29th

Get Set for Prep 2-3pm

Friday 1st

Assembly

Tuesday 5th

Last lunch orders for the year

Wednesday 6th

Grade 6 Graduation 6.30pm

Friday 8th

Splash & Dash

Monday 11th

Grade 6 Special Day

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

November

December

Grade 6 Graduation

Our Grade 6 graduation celebration will be held on the 6th of December at 6:30pm at the Community Hall. Each student is encouraged to invite up to 10 guests (please contact us if your family is larger and you require more seats). Graduation cake and tea/coffee will be available after the ceremony. We expect that it will be finished by 8:00pm.

Splash & Dash Fun Run!

Our much anticipated Colour Run is coming up on the 8th of December. We are thankful to all that have offered to assist us with this exciting fundraising event. We also hope to see family members attending and joining in on the day! We will begin the event at 2:30pm. We suggest that children wear their light coloured clothes to school for the day, and bring a towel and change of clothes to travel home in. Prizes from fundraising will be given to students after the run. If your child/ren are not receiving a prize, we suggest that they are informed of this before the day so as not to cause an unexpected upset. All children will receive an icy pole at the end of the Colour Run to thank them for their participation.

Grade 6 Special Day

Our Grade 6 students have their end of year celebration and special lunch on Monday the 11th of December. A separate note will come home with information about this day.

Teacher Catch Ups & End of Semester Reports

We will be holding our teacher catch up sessions on Tuesday the 5th of December. Keep an eye out on uEducateus for more information on booking a timeslot. Our end of year reports will be given to parents/carers during this time.

Christmas Cards and Shared Food

At this time of year, students often begin to share Christmas cards, candy canes and other treats. We ask that parents/carers consider the feelings of others when sending out cards etc. We also ask that you speak to your own children about eating candy canes or other treats that are given to them by others. School staff will discourage students from eating lollies during school time, but this becomes difficult when we are not aware of what is being given out by others.

Have a great fortnight,

Charleigh Williams



- Big thank you to Martin Francis for organising a pallet lifter to move our new outdoor tables
- Jeff, Linda and Vicki for collating and preparing hot lunches
- Linda for shopping for hot lunch ingredients
- Trish for going above and beyond making muffins for Wednesday's breakfast club with a donation from Tucker Night



Christmas Concert

**Christmas Concert Evening: Wednesday 13th December.
GDPS School Grounds (weather permitting)
Students arrive at 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start.**

We would like to celebrate Christmas with our Gormandale & District Primary School family, friends and community. Staff and students would like to invite all families to attend a Christmas Carol/International song "mini concert". Each class will perform 2 items and the whole school will perform together. We hope to see Santa on the night, so make sure that you dress in your favourite Christmas outfits!

Celebrations start at 6:00pm. Please BYO a chair or picnic rug to sit on. Note that all school events are strictly alcohol free, and the consumption of alcohol is not permitted at the school*

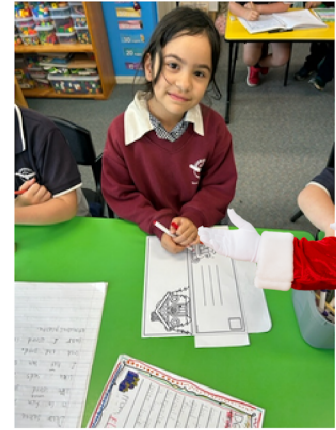
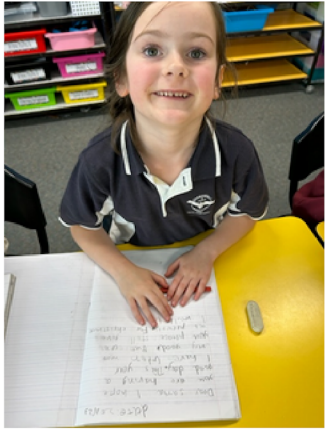


JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MISS COULTHARD



Prep/One have enthusiastically embraced the wonderful activity of penning heartfelt letters to Santa Claus. In addition to their touching messages, they've been making matching envelopes to encase these treasured letters. The entire classroom is buzzing with excitement and delight as they eagerly await a response from Santa! We explored a deer antler and uncovered fascinating facts about these majestic creatures.



MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS

We have been busy putting in a bit of concert practice. All the students chose the Christmas song we are performing and are very enthusiastic to learn the dance moves.



SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS



As our Core Knowledge unit on Ancient Greece and Rome comes to an end, we have begun researching and writing reports about the mythological Greek Gods, Goddesses and creatures. There has also been a lot of singing and dancing, as we prepare to perform our Christmas Concert pieces.



Kinder Transition

MISS COULTHARD

We've been immersed in classic nursery rhymes, singing and acting them out. We even made our own "Incy Wincy Spider," crafting cute spiders that doubled as a fine motor skills activity. The kids loved it, and we ended our day feeling connected through song and creativity. Looking forward to more adventures ahead, thanks for your support!

