

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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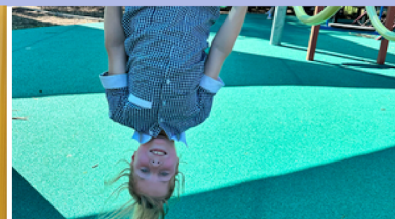


**RESPECTFUL**



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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,

This week we welcomed back Michelle after her long service leave. I wish to extend a very big thank you to Ed for her time supporting us in Michelle's absence.

We have had an increasing number of students onsite at school early in the mornings. Please be reminded that inline with our Yard Duty and Supervision Policy that our **morning supervision begins from 8:40 am**. Before this time, the supervision of children is the responsibility of parents/caregivers. Although our teachers are onsite before this time, they are working hard to prepare for the day and are unavailable. There are a select few students that arrive at school before this time to complete tasks in line with their leadership role (i.e preparing for breakfast club).

**Next Monday morning**, we will be hosting our Grandparents morning. We invite grandparents to join our students in some activities from 10 – 11. The session will run similarly to our Mother's Day afternoon where families will be able to complete activities together.

### Top Playground

The works on our top playground are now complete and students have thoroughly enjoyed having the space to play in again. The soft fall has certainly brightened up the space and is lovely to relax on in the sunshine.



## WHAT'S COMING UP?



October  
November

Friday 27th  
World Teacher's Day

Monday 30th  
Grandparents Morning 10 - 11

Wednesday 1st  
Get Set for Preps!  
2-3pm

Friday 3rd  
YSC Transition 12-3pm  
Assembly

Monday 6th  
Student Free Day

Tuesday 7th  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Thursday 9th  
Special Lunch Orders

### GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

### World Teacher's Day!

Tomorrow, Victorian schools acknowledge & celebrate world teacher's day. Our teachers were treated to a delicious morning tea on Tuesday as a thank you for all of their hard work and dedication. Miss C, Ms J, Ms Elrick & Mrs A, we are very grateful for all that you do for our school and our students.

### Morley Family Farm Excursion

Last Tuesday, we were able to visit the Morley family farm to see their new robotic dairy. We are so lucky to have had the opportunity to visit the farm and thank the Morleys, Lely and Gipps Dairy for facilitating the day. I know I certainly gained lots of new knowledge!



### Fun Run

We have officially launched our splash & dash fun run! Students can now register online to begin fundraising for the event. Students were sent home information earlier in the week and the registration link can be found on our school facebook page.

### 2024 planning

I know that many families are keen to know our class structures and staff for next year. We are currently formalising our planning and staffing for 2024 with many factors to consider and appreciate your patience. We anticipate that we will be able to share this information in early December so that staff and students can meet their 2024 teacher and class on the 12th of December on Statewide Transition Day.

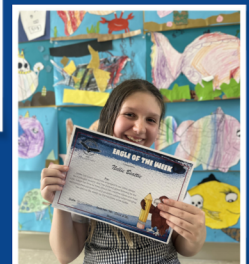
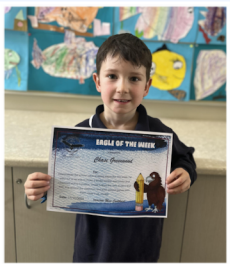
Have a great weekend,  
Charleigh Williams

# NAPLAN

Our staff and students should feel very proud of their hard work and learning. We have received our 2023 NAPLAN results and there are several areas where we have achieved above similar schools and are in line or above with the state. We have overhauled our teaching approaches to literacy and numeracy to align with evidence based practices over the last 2 years.

2023	Our School	Similar Schools	State
Year 3 Reading	67%	59%	70%
Year 3 Writing	83%	71%	78%
Year 3 Spelling	67%	52%	61%
Year 3 Numeracy	67%	64%	67%
Year 5 Numeracy	83%	57%	68%

# ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

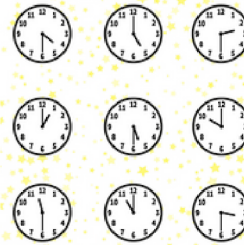


# JUNIOR ROOM

P/1 MISS COULTHARD



This fortnight we have had a strong focus on time. We've talked about how many hours are in a day and how many seconds make a minute. We have also been learning how to read the time, when it's "o'clock" and "half-past." We have been having fun with this new learning, by drawing and making times on clocks, singing songs, and playing a game called Spingo.



# MIDDLE ROOM

2/3/4 MRS JUDKINS

This week marks the last week of the Grade 2/3/4's Core Knowledge unit on Ancient Greece. Next week we look forward to beginning our learning about Ancient Rome.

In Maths we have been practicing making money amounts in different ways, adding money and calculating change.



Did You Know?  
Mr & Mrs Mitchell visited the Parthenon in Athens recently. The Parthenon is almost 2500 years old. It was built to withstand earthquakes.



Did You Know?

In Ancient Athens, women didn't have many rights. They could not own property or attend certain public events or participate in sport.

Did You Know?

In Ancient Sparta, boys were sent away from home at 7 to train to be soldiers. Spartan men did 23 years of army training.



# SENIOR ROOM

5/6 MS ELRICK & MS WILLIAMS

This fortnight, our grade 6 students that are heading to Yarram Secondary College in 2024, were given the opportunity to visit the school for a tour and to take part in some activities. They enjoyed cooking scones, preparing fruit, and seeing some familiar faces. It was a valuable experience to help ease some nerves before officially starting transition sessions next week.

In numeracy, we have been working on converting chance statistics into decimals, fractions and percentages.



## Parents Club

On the weekend we were at the Gormandale Community Market with a cake stall. Thank you so very much to all those who baked delicious goods especially Leonie & Vicki Thexton and an even bigger thank you to those who helped out on the day, Ellen Sykes, Miss Williams, Rachael Cousins & Ms Judkins. Without your amazing work, we would not have been able to have the stall. An amazing amount was raised, all going back to our wonderful school.

If we are going to have another cake stall at the market we will need more help on the day, even if it's for an hour to two.

We have our Special Lunch Order day coming up on Thursday 9th November. Chicken wraps were a hit in term 2 so we are doing them again. Order forms are out today with the newsletter, please have them back by Friday 4th Nov.

Thank you to Jeff for your help with lunches as always

Linda Aitken



THANK YOU  
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Thanks to Linda and Jeff for doing our lunch orders.

Thank you to the Finlay family for all the donations for the art room.

A huge thank you to Tucker Night for their recent donation, once again providing invaluable support to our school.

Vicki & Leonie Thexton, Charleigh Williams, Marg Whitelaw, Erica Judkins, Lucy Findlay, Tricia King, Ellen Sykes, Rachael Cousins for their cake stall baking.