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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,

It has been another jam-packed fortnight at GDPS with district athletics, swimming and a visit from Darren Chester. There is officially one week left of term 1 with the last day of school being next Thursday, the 6th of April. I would like to remind families that there is an early finish time of 1:30, and we will be holding our special Easter assembly at 1PM. We invite families and friends to attend our assembly to be present for an Easter hat parade from our students, the announcement of the winner of our guess the egg jar and also the drawing of our Easter raffle.

Hot Cross Bunraiser!

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all of the families who participated in or shared our fundraiser with their friends & family. We ordered 150 packets of hot cross buns and were able to raise \$300.00 for our school.

Community ANZAC Ceremony

A reminder to families that the Gormandale ANZAC Committee is organising an ANZAC ceremony for April the 25th. They have invited any interested students to represent school on the day. At this stage, I have not had any students/families volunteer to speak on behalf of the school on the day. If there are any students who plan to attend the community ceremony and would like the opportunity to speak on the day, a piece has already been prepared. Any students wanting to participate will be given the piece before the holidays to practise.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Thursday 6th

Last day of Term 1

Aat 1 pm

Easter Parade

Raffle Drawn

Monday 24th

First Day of Term 2

ANZAC Cultural Activities

Tuesday 25th

ANZAC Day Public

Holiday

Tuesday 2nd

Parents Club Meeting

9am

Thursday 4th

GDPS Cross Country

GDPS Bank Details

BSB 033-222

ACC 019138

Gormandale & District PS Council

April

May

Swimming

Today was the last day of our swimming program. It has been fantastic to see our students' confidence and skills in the pool grow over each session. During our time at the Leisure Centre, we were even able to cross paths with some of the Kurnai students who have ran our GDPS athletics days over the past 2 years. It is great to GDPS students positively interact and acknowledge the Kurnai students in a different setting.

District Athletics

Our students in grades 3-6 who attended district athletics on Monday all returned to school with excited emotions and happy faces! The collective effort and participation from our students allowed GDPS to be the overall winners of the day and receive the shield. Our students should be very proud of the way they represented our school. I had reports from both staff and parents that our students role modelled being safe, respectful learners throughout the day.

Leadership Presentations

We were very privileged to have Darren Chester attend our assembly last week to present our senior students with their leadership badges and certificates. Our flag pole project is finally complete after our first flag raising with Mr Chester on Friday afternoon.



School Council for 2023

Our school council members for this year are as follows:

Staff Representative - Charleigh Williams
Staff Representative - Erica Judkins
Parent Representative - Ellen Sykes
Parent Representative - Candice White
Parent Representative - Jeff Watson
Parent Representative - Alyson Greenwood
Parent Representative - Tim Morley
Parent Representative - Rachael Cousins
Community Representative - Belinda Diamond

Attendance

Improving attendance in schools continues to be a state-wide focus from the department. Our 5/6 students have been our attendance heroes. They have earned the reward of casual clothes day tomorrow after winning the class attendance award 3 weeks in a row! We currently have 16 students who have 95% or above attendance, and 11 students will 100% attendance. These students will receive individual acknowledgement and rewards at our end of term assembly.

Easter Activities

On the last day of school, we will be running mixed age group Easter rotations and finish off the term with a movie.

Term 2

Next week, a calendar outlining planned events for term 2 will be sent home with students. An updated announcement with staffing information for next term will be shared via uEducateUs next week.

Have a great weekend, Charleigh Williams.

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

