

# NEWSLETTER



Soaring to great heights

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## Melbourne Arts Centre Excursion (tomorrow)

The final detail for this Wednesday's excursion are:

- **We leave on the 8.10am train from the Traralgon Train Station.** Please be at the train station by **8am** as we usually get on the train earlier so we can take our allocated seats.
- The show is from 1pm till 2pm. Prior to 1pm we will spend time at Birrarung Marr (a park on the edge of the Yarra River).
- Our return trip is on a Vline bus. The bus will pick us up at 2.30pm and then head straight to the Traralgon Train Station. I predict that we will get back between **4.30pm and 5pm** but as we have to tackle traffic it is difficult to be more precise.

At the end of last term I announced at assembly that we had to leave at 7.30am; this was the case until Sunday night when the booking was returned to the 8.10am train.

The weather is supposed to be 21 degrees and sunny – perfect for us.

Please ensure your child has warm clothes (school uniform), food and drink and water for the day. They usually eat heaps on the train, so please pack extra.

## School Closure Days

We have two school closure days remaining for the year. The closure days allows all staff to get together and concentrate on an area that we are focussing on this year. The main focus for us this year is the way we teach reading. To assist with this, all teachers will be attending two days on the teaching of reading. These dates are: Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of August. Please note the days as there will be no school on these days. I will include this in newsletters closer to the dates; I just wanted to give you a heads up.

## Robotics

A huge thank you to Miki and Jack from the senior classroom who spent some time on the holidays experimenting with our new robots. Miki and Jack will now teach the Grade 4/5/6 students how to use these. The students will use their maths knowledge of angles to guide the robots.

As this is an additional program to our normal lessons, only students who are showing maturity and great school values will be using these robots.

Later in the year the Grade 2/3 students will have a chance to use them. The Grade 2/3 and Prep/1 students will be undertaking basic lessons on computer programming.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first School Council meeting for the term will be held next Tuesday at 7.30pm (after the family Hot Dog dinner).

Next Tuesday at 6pm we will be holding a free Hot Dog dinner (hot dog, bacon, onion etc.) for **ALL** our families.

## Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice this year. I will be checking the students hair regularly until we are able to eradicate them. This is a tricky process as I am the only one to check the hair (decided by School Council a few years ago). Checking the whole school takes a couple of hours. As eradicating the head lice is an important issue, I will find time to undertake this, but it may take a couple of days before I am able to complete it.

Please check your child's hair regularly at home. If you would like some assistance on checking, please come and see me.

**To help reduce the spread of head lice (as they must have hair to hair contact to move from one student to the next), please strongly consider tying up long hair (both boys and girls).**

### **ClassDojo**

All students will be recording their learning goals in their ClassDojo account. Parents can have access to this from home. If you are yet to sign up to ClassDojo, please contact your child's teacher for their code or see me (I have access to all codes).

### **Homework**

A reminder that returning homework to school is the responsibility of the student, the teachers are not chasing up homework or punishing students who don't return it (we don't want it to be a negative experience, otherwise it has a negative effect on their learning).

### **ANZAC Day**

The school will be closed on ANZAC Day however the whole school will attend the Gormandale cenotaph on Tuesday.

### **School Values**

**Our school values are: respect, responsibility and resilience.**

This term the teachers, students and parents are going to determine what this means; how the students would show this.

Next week School Council have some initial discussion, the students will be looking at this over the few weeks and parents will be sent home a survey for their thoughts. The plan is to have a few dot points to explain what we are looking for. Some examples from other schools are:

#### **Respect:**

Respect each other and our environment. Respect involves taking responsibility for each other. Respect is speaking to and interacting with others in a courteous manner. It is about being honest, reliable and trustworthy.

Respect for ourselves and the environment.

Respect self and treat others with consideration and understanding, respect another person's point of view, respect the property of others and treat others fairly.

#### **Responsibility:**

Be accountable for own actions, do your best, pursue excellence, resolve differences in constructive ways, be honest.

Make good choices; Respect and care for the environment; Take ownership of our actions; Are reliable and honest; Develop maximum independence

Students are responsible for being organized, ready to learn, engaged in learning and doing their best.

School staff members are responsible for carrying out their duties professionally.

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are ready for learning and supporting the school as partners in their child's education.

#### **Resilience:**

Are able to forgive and accept; Use positive self talk; Are adaptable to change; Find solutions; Focus on the positives; Resilience is being able to withstand stress; Resilience is bouncing back; Resilience helps me to feel confident

2018	TERM 2	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
April	Monday 23rd	• Parents Club meeting 9am
	Tuesday 24th	• School visit to Cenotaph • Hot Dog dinner • School Council meeting
	Wednesday 25th	• ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY (no school)
	Friday 27th	• Tucker Night
MAY	Wednesday 2nd	• Woodwork groups start
	Tuesday 15th	• NAPLAN
	Wednesday 16th	• NAPLAN • Woodwork group
	Thursday 17th	• NAPLAN
	Wednesday 23rd	• Woodwork group
	Wednesday 30th	• Woodwork group
JUNE	Wednesday 6th	• Woodwork group
	Monday 11th	• Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY (no School)
	Tuesday 19th	• School Council meeting



# UNIFORM SALE

School pants, etc  
(any clothing items that do  
not have a school logo)  
will be on sale for \$5 each.

## PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to all those parents who donated items and purchased tickets for our Easter raffle. We raised \$220 which was a fantastic effort. Thanks to those who helped out at the canteen on the athletics day. We do not have the final profit margin yet, but when the figures are in we will let everyone know. Our first meeting of Term 2 will be held on Monday 23rd April at 9am. Everyone welcome.

**An ANZAC Day ceremony  
is to be held at the Gormandale Cenotaph  
on Wednesday 25th April 2018  
Commencing at 9.30am**

**All Welcome**

The ceremony will once again be kindly supported by the Traralgon RSL Branch. John Power will be conducting the service and special guest speaker will be Major Geoffrey Pike.

Expressions of interest from local clubs/groups who would like to partake in wreath laying, as part of the ceremony, are most welcome.

After the ceremony everyone is cordially invited to go along to the Gormandale Hall for a cuppa and chat and take a look at the memorabilia display.

Dallas Bye will be displaying his huge collection of Gormandale and district photos, post cards, documents etc.

Please feel free to bring along any memorabilia you would like to share.

Any offers of assistance to help make the ANZAC day a success would be gladly accepted.

Any contributions of cakes, slices, sandwiches etc. to share for morning tea to keep up with the Gormie tradition of a "Good Spread" would be greatly appreciated.

Contacts : Fiona 0351977252 or Annette 0351977354  
Or message Gormandale & District Community FB page

*Lest we forget*



# SCHOOL LUNCHES

Tuesday

NAME : .....

Amount	ITEM	COST	
	BIG M 250 ML	\$2.00	CHOC STRAW
	PRIMA	\$1.00	
	WATER	.50c	
	HOT DOG	\$2.80	
	HAWAIIAN PIZZA	\$2.00	
	CHICKEN NUGGETS <i>5 PER SERVE</i>	\$2.30	
	Party Sausage Roll	\$ .50	
	PIE	\$3.00	
	PARTY PIE	\$ .50c	
	DIM SIMS 1 per serve	\$ .70c	
	FISH FINGERS <i>4 per serve</i>	\$2.00	
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