

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3, virtually... I want to start by thanking the Gormandale and District Community, and our own GDPS Staff for the combined effort in continuing to work together for the children's education during these difficult times.

It has been incredible to see the children participating in our Zoom classes. The photos of Friday's session show the effort being made by teachers and students to make the best of this situation.

Lockdown Update:

As per the Premier's announcement on Sunday, we are looking to be in an extended lockdown period. As more information is made available to schools, an announcement will be sent to all families with known details.

To all the fathers, and father figures in our community, we wish you all the best on Sunday and ask that you do not read the entire newsletter this week. Please let someone else in your household censor the surprise...

All non father figures, please look to the last page of our newsletter for our virtual Father's Day stall!

Wellbeing:

Parents and carers, I ask that you please take some time for yourselves. Your children will be ok if you have to miss an hour or two of remote and flexible learning for the sanity of your family. Teachers are preparing 4 days of learning, and some self timed activities, with a lot of tasks that can be completed independently. If there are hurdles, please contact the school and we can arrange a call or one on one Zoom to help with the "tricky bits".

If you are struggling with learning, we are not here to judge you, we do not expect you to have the skills of an education degree. We are here to answer any questions!

If you are struggling with your own wellbeing, please reach out to your doctor or a trusted local organization – that is what they are there for!

Stay safe and enjoy the nice weather this week,
Tamara Halket



A big thank you to the Judkins family who kindly gave out bunches of their magnificent daffodils to families collecting remote learning packs yesterdays. We love your generosity!

| Term 3 | Coming Up | Term 3 | Coming Up |
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| 3rd Sept | Fathers Day Stall—collections Friday morning from 11– 2pm | | Book week TBC |
| 16th Sept | Footy Colours Day & Special Lunch order TBC | 17th Sept | Last Day of Term 3—1.30pm Finish |

Eagles of the Week—The awards will be sent home in the students take home packs

The Eagle of the Week in the P/1 Classroom goes to Anastasia. She has been putting in a tremendous amount of effort with her learning at home. I have been loving seeing photo's of Anastasia's learning that she sends through every day. Here is a picture of her favourite treat, weetbix slice which she made at home. Keep up the great work Anastasia!



Grade 2/3/4 Billy —for a fantastic effort towards all his home learning. Billy is doing an awesome job maintaining the quality of work expected. Keep it up!

The Grade 5/6 Eagle of the week award goes to Breeannah. Bree has been putting a fantastic effort into her remote learning packs and the whole school zoom sessions. Great work Bree!



Junior Cricket

Expressions of interest for parents to join the Junior Cricket Committee

**Please contact Peter Griffiths 0418984624
yarramanddistrictcc@gmail.com**

Thank you Thank you Thank you

To all families who handed in bread bags and tags for the Wonder Recycling Rewards for schools

We earned enough points to buy some easy hit foam bats and foam tennis balls. I'm sure the students will enjoy using these when they arrive.



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents Club finally had the opportunity to hold their AGM at the start of the month, via Zoom. It was great to see some new and old familiar faces. Thanks to those who attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome on board our new Secretary Belinda Diamond. She has already proved to be an asset for our Parents Club arranging for the donation of pies for our Footy Colours Day. Thank you, Belinda, and welcome to our Parents Club and our school community.

As Belinda steps into her new role we say good bye to Kerry Scott as our Secretary. Kerry has done a fantastic job over the years filling both roles of Secretary and President. Unfortunately, Kerry's involvement with our school will come to an end at the end of 2021 as Grace heads off to High School, she will be greatly missed. Kerry continues to help with Parents Club and Lunch Orders and for this we are very grateful, she will leave big shoes to fill in 2022 and I personally will miss working with her on a weekly basis. She is a great asset to our School Community. On behalf of Parents Club, thank you for your ongoing support Kerry.

Fundraising for this term has been set.

Friday 3/09/2021 – Father's Day Stall

We will be holding our annual Father's Day Stall a little differently this year. Please indicate via texting 0490 502 691 which pack you would like and transfer the funds (bank details are on the top of the front page) with your surname and your pack value. Packs will be available to pick up this Friday morning, orders will be taken on first in basis. All packs are either \$10 or \$20 for that favourite Uncle or Grandfather as well as Dad.

Thursday 16/09/2021 – Footy Colours Day & Special Lunch Order Day (if we are still locked down this will be re-scheduled to Term 4)

Parents Club will be working in conjunction with the Junior School Council and holding a Footy Colours Day & Special Lunch Order Day on Thursday 16 September 2021. Patty's Pies have been generous providing us Pies for the day. \$1.00 from every donation will go to the Junior School Council and all funds food related will go towards the refurbishment of the schools Sandpits. The kids will be able to order a Pie and a Prima, the cost for the day will be \$5.00. Keep your eye out for the Footy Colours Day flier and Order forms.

We have also set our date for this years Wheel-A-Thon. This will be held in Term 4 on **7 October**.

The last 18 months have been so different for all of us and Covid restrictions have definitely thrown curve balls at us from left field. Goal posts are constantly changing for all of us.

If you would like to be involved with Parents Club don't be shy come and introduce yourself. We have a great bunch of parents behind us and it would be great to get to know some more of you from the wider school community.

Please Stay Safe and be kind to each other and hopefully the current lockdown ends soon.

Ellen Sykes
Parents Club President

Mrs Z's Family Favourite Chicken and Corn Soup

I always double this recipe to feed my family. □

1 litre (4 cups) chicken stock
2 chicken thigh fillets
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons finely grated ginger
1 tablespoon cornflour
1/4 cup water
1x 420g can of creamed corn
1x 400g can of corn kernels, drained
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon of sesame oil (optional)
6 green onions, ends trimmed and sliced.
Salt and Pepper



Bring chicken stock and chicken fillets to the boil over a high heat, then reduce to low and simmer for 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through. Transfer chicken into a bowl, let cool slightly and shred.

Add soy sauce and ginger to stock mixture. Place the cornflour in a bowl and add the water. Stir till smooth and then slowly add to the stock. Cook, stirring for 2 minutes or until stock starts to thicken slightly.

Add the shredded chicken, creamed corn, corn kernels and stir till hot.

Use a fork to whisk the egg whites in a small bowl. Gradually pour the egg whites into the soup, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon.

Cook for 2 minutes or until white ribbons swirl through the soup. Remove from heat.

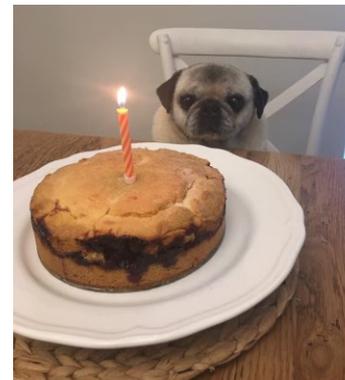
Add the sesame oil and the green onions and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Ladle the soup and serve immediately.

Mrs Judkins Favourite Strawberry Shortcake

Recipe can be made 2 days ahead

125g unsalted butter
1/2 (110g) caster sugar
1 egg
3/4 cup (110g) plain flour
3/4 cup (110g) self-raising flour
2 tablespoons strawberry jam
1 medium (150g) apple
2 teaspoons grated orange rind
250g strawberries, sliced
2 teaspoons sugar, extra



Grease 20cm round springform tin. Beat butter, sugar and egg in a small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Stir in sifted flours in 2 batches. Press ingredients together, knead lightly until smooth. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 minutes.

Divide dough in half, press half pastry over base of prepared tin; spread pastry with jam. Grate apple, squeeze juice from apple. Sprinkle apple and rind over jam; top with strawberries. Roll remaining pastry on lightly floured surface until large enough to cover strawberries, place pastry over strawberries, press edges together, trim edges. Brush pastry with a little water, sprinkle with extra sugar.

Bake in moderate oven about 50 minutes or until browned. Serve warm.

Serves 8. Mrs Judkins suggests serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

TRICIA'S FAVOURITE CHOC CHIP BISCUITS

250g Butter softened
2 cups sugar
Few drops vanilla essence
2 eggs
3 ½ cups S R Flour
250 grams choc chips



Cream together butter, sugar and vanilla until well combined. Add eggs gradually and mix in well. Add flour and chocolate chips. Work together using a metal spoon as the mixture will be quite firm. Put teaspoons full of mixture on a baking tray lined with bake paper. Bake at 180 degree for 10 – 15 minutes until golden brown. (Times may vary depending on the oven) Allow to cool on the tray for a few minutes then transfer to wire rack to cool. This makes a large quantity of biscuits. You may half the mixture for great results. These biscuits freeze very well – place in zip lock bag in the freezer

VARIATIONS

This recipe works well with any variations; you are only limited by your imagination.

- Change choc chips for white choc chips and add in some macadamia nuts
 - Add in ½ cup of chopped walnuts
 - Great energy cookies, add in 1 cup of muesli and a tablespoon of water
 - Make up choc chips using dark, white and milk choc bits
 - Remove 2 tablespoons of flour and add 2 tablespoons of cocoa powder
- You can use raw sugar instead of white sugar. I often use 1 cup brown sugar and 1 cup raw sugar.

Miss Coulthard's Favourite Hidden Veg Sausage Rolls

1 tb oil
1 medium zucchini grated
1 large carrot, grated
1 clove garlic, crushed or finely chopped
350g sausage meat
1 sheet ready rolled puff pastry
1 egg, beaten



Optional 1/2 tbs poppy seeds or sesame seeds to decorate

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees and line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.

Heat the oil in a frying pan and add in the grated zucchini, grated carrot and the garlic. Cook on a low heat until the vegetables have softened for about 4 minutes. Don't let them brown, you just want them soft. Once the vegetables are cooked, add them to a large bowl along with the sausage meat and mix well.

While the mixture is cooling take your sheet of puffed pastry and cut it in half lengthways so that you have two rectangle shaped pieces. Divide the sausage meat mixture into two and spread each piece down the middle of the pastry sheets, leaving a gap of about 1cm either side.

Roll the pastry over the sausage meat mixture so that the two edges meet. Press down with a fork to seal it.

Cut the sausage rolls into whatever size you like. I made 8 large-ish size rolls from mine but you could make 16 small ones too. Place the sausage rolls onto the baking sheet and brush with a little beaten egg. Sprinkle some poppy or sesame seeds on top.

Cook in the oven for 25-35 minutes (time will depend on the size of the sausage rolls so be sure to check them often from 25 minutes) until golden brown and cooked through. Serve immediately with a side salad or some mixed vegetables.

Father's Day Virtual Stall

Examples of \$10 Packs



Father's Day Packs:

- Please text the value of the pack you would like, either \$10 or \$20
 - Other pack amounts can be made by request
- Proof of bank transfer to school phone to secure your order
- Alternatively please drop cash in labelled envelope by 2pm Thursday to the box at the front of the school
- All packs must be paid for before they are picked up
 - Pick up is this Friday from 11-2pm

Examples of \$20 Packs





FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Thursday 16th Sept 2021



The Junior School Council along with Parents Club have organised a Footy Colours Day in conjunction with Term 3 Special Lunch Order Day.

Come in your favourite Footy Colours and have a Pie & Prima for lunch. \$5.00 per student.

Please fill in the form below and return to school by Monday 13 September 2021.



Student's Name _____

Student's Class _____

Footy Colours Donation _____ at \$1ea

Pie & Prima _____ at \$4ea

Total enclosed \$



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