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Dear Families,

Welcome to the end of Week 10! This would usually be the wind down for the year, however, we have a longer Term 4 in 2022 than we have traditionally had. In saying this, the behaviour of the students has been fantastic in the tail end of the term. It has been wonderful to see high levels of engagement in the yard as our senior students have been leading games and activities for all to join.

Class structures for 2023:

After much consideration and consultation, the class structures for 2023 have been decided:

P/1/2 – Ms Williams

2/3/4 – Mrs Judkins

5/6 – Ms Elrick/ Teacher to be confirmed

Art – Mrs Anthofer

PE – Ms Halket

The decision to split the Grade 2 cohort has been made to ensure that smaller class sizes are maintained across the school. All classes will follow the GDPs Curriculum Guidelines. These guidelines ensure that the same topics are being covered in each class, no matter who the teacher is or what the structure may be.

Any Grade 2 parents/carers with questions about this structure are encouraged to contact myself, or Ms Williams.

We currently have a teaching position advertised, and hope to confirm the 5/6 teachers by the end of the year. If a teacher is not confirmed prior to the start of Term 1, it is anticipated that I will step into the Grade 5/6 class to start the year.

The issue with teacher availability is a state wide concern. A large number of schools across the state, and in our local area, have not yet been able to confirm 2023 staff. A number of factors have



Term 4	<u>COMING UP</u>	Term 1 2023	<u>COMING UP</u>
13th Dec	State Wide "Step Up"	Mon 30th Jan	Student Free Day
13th Dec	LAST HOT LUNCH DAY	Tue 31st Jan	Students First Day of Term 1
15th Dec	Whole School Movie Day & Christmas Carols	Wed 1st Feb	Prep Free Day
20th Dec	Last day of Term 4—1.30pm finish	7th Feb	Family Welcome BBQ

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contributed to the “teacher shortage” and the Department of Education and Training are currently working to address the issue. We ask that any of our community members that know a teacher looking for work in 2023 please ask them to contact us for more information.

Colour Run:

I want to say a HUGE thank you to all staff, students and family members that came out to support our Colour Run on Friday. This event was extremely successful, and a great time was had by all. We were able to raise \$3,574.96 for our new library shelving. We were also proud to showcase our school with incredible respect being shown by all involved. I cannot express how wonderful it was to have so many community members, including the local CFA, attending a school event after the restrictions of the last few years. We are open to any feedback about the day, or any other events you would like to see in 2023!

Well done to:

Jake in Grade 1 for being the highest fundraiser.

Grade 2/3/4 for having the highest percentage of students registered for fundraising

Grade 5/6 for collectively raising the most funds as a class

Graduation:

Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students on completing their Graduation on Wednesday evening. It was fabulous to watch you as you made yourselves and your families proud. All staff wish you the best for your future education in secondary school and beyond.

Step Up Day:

Next Tuesday students will step up to their new classrooms for 2023 and meet their new teacher and classmates. It will take place until lunchtime.

End of Year Excursion:

A note has been sent home for our end of year excursion to Village Cinemas. We understand that families may be under pressure at this time of year, and ask that you speak to us if you have concerns about this excursion.

Christmas Concert:

We are excited to be edging closer to our Christmas Concert, on Thursday. Please see flyer in this newsletter for details and we look forward to seeing you there! We are selling glow sticks on the night and the Watson's are making pop corn and fairy floss for sale for \$1 each as a school fundraiser.

Please note that there is still time to purchase raffle tickets. We have a fantastic selection of prizes that have already been generously donated. We thank everyone for their donations and encourage anyone who may still like to donate, to do so.



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Leaving Families:

It is always sad for us to say goodbye to families that have been a part of our school. This year we say farewell to the following families:

Boyd

Diamond

Simmonds

Thexton

Tomlinson

Zalesiak

We also say farewell to the following staff:

Rhiannon Darby

Kimberley Coulthard

Sharon McWatters

Top Playground:

Last week the shade sails on the top playground were completed. This was in our budget for 2022 and we are very happy with the end result. The plan is to take all shade sails down over winter to prolong their life. We are happy to have more shaded areas available to maintain our SunSmart school playground.

Last Day of School:

The last day of school for 2023 is Tuesday the 20th of December. Please note that there is an early dismissal time of 1.30pm on this day.

Term 1 2023:

Please be advised that Gormandale & District Primary School students will return to school on Tuesday the 31st of January. Staff will return on Friday the 27th, with Monday the 30th being a School Council approved, student free day.

Tamara Halket, Principal

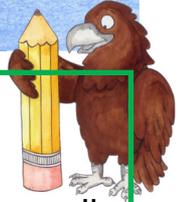


Thank you from our school garden



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GRADUATION

What a fantastic night we had celebrating our wonderful Grade 6 students. They all did a great job presenting their speeches, and performing their dance. Thankyou to everyone who helped with the organisation of the event, and to the families and friends who attended. The Grade 6's will be dearly missed by all here at Gormandale and District Primary School.



MARC Van—Ned Kelly, Victim Villain or Hero?

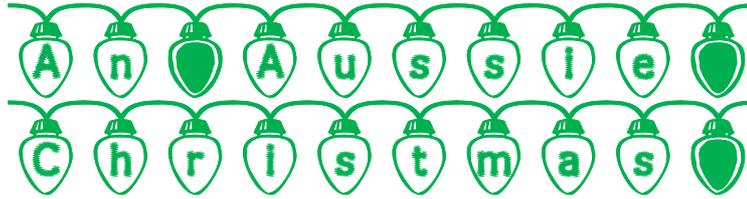
The students listened to books on Ned Kelly, they took notes and then they had to form an opinion on whether they thought Ned was a victim, villain or hero. We have read a couple of books and compared and contrasted them.



The students had to state their opinion, support it with three pieces of evidence and then present it in a poster format. Last Monday was the day that they presented their work to the class. The students did a terrific job of the whole activity and gave supportive, appropriate feedback during the presentation.

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Our end of year celebration will be held at school on Thursday December 15th. All students will need to come dressed in their best Christmas finery. This could include Christmas t-shirts, shorts, and dresses, Santa Hats, headbands, badges, or anything that looks festive.

We hope this gives families plenty of time to look around and find something fantastic to wear.



ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

On November 29, I attended the Rotary Club of Traralgon meeting to talk to the Rotarians about my completion of the Rotary Junior Community Award. I am the first person to complete the award with Traralgon Rotary Club.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated items for the Hygiene packs. They are going to be delivered to school students in remote Indigenous communities to help prevent the spread of the eye disease trachoma. With the donations from you, and Coles, Officeworks and Kmart in Traralgon, I was able to put together 20 packs. Thank you to Shanequa for helping pack the bags and asking for donations too.

It has been a really good experience participating and completing the award that I will remember forever.

Thank you for your support.

- Breeannah Diamond



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We Need YOU U9s!

West End Junior Football Club are looking for girls and boys who are turning 8 or 9 in 2023 to join their Under 9s team, your child must have turned 7 in 2022 to be eligible to play.

Please contact John Lambourn (President) on 0419 348 8902, or email president.wejfc@outlook.com, if you are eager to play. We look forward to hearing

PARENTS CLUB

Christmas Raffles:

Don't forget to donate to our Xmas raffles if you haven't already. All tickets must be handed back in by Wednesday 14th December.



Hot Lunches:

Last hot lunch day for the year is Tuesday 13th December!

Due to supply shortages we are unable to source dim sims for our hot lunches. Please choose a different option. Also we have been delivered plain ham and cheese pizzas, once these have been used up we will make get Hawaiian Pizzas back.

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.....ICY POLES.....ICY POLES.....ICY POLES....

Every Friday the Grade 6 fundraising team will be selling Icy Poles. They are \$1 each.

Meet Jack or Lachlan in the undercover area at the start of lunch to purchase one.



GET SET FOR PREP AT GORMANDALE!

Upcoming Transition Session Dates

Week 5

Thursday 3rd November 2:20 – 3:00

Week 7

Thursday 17th November 2:20 – 3:00

Week 8

Wednesday 23rd November 2:20 – 3:15

Week 9

Thursday 1st December 2:20 – 3:15

Week 10

Wednesday 7th December 2:20 – 3:15

Week 11

Tuesday 13th December

State-wide Transition Day 9:00 – 1:00



**Thank you
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- Jeff, June and Justice for collating & preparing hot lunches
- Tristian for his help with breakfast club
- All families who have donated to our Christmas Raffles so far

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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WHEN: Thursday 15th December

WHERE: Gormandale and District Primary School

TIME: 6.00 PM



Toffee Apples and
Glowsticks available
for purchase on the
night to help raise
funds for the school
library

Bring the family,
and a picnic!
Special appearance
by Santa!