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Welcome to 2023

We are very excited to welcome our students back to school for 2023. I hope that you all had an opportunity over the summer school holiday period to relax and spend time with those close to you. Our staff were able to utilise the first two days of the school year to work on developing key plans to implement our key priorities for 2023.

Meet the Teachers Welcome BBQ

On Thursday the 16th of February, our staff are looking forward to holding our annual family welcome evening. We hope that many families will be able to book in to attend. This is a great way to welcome our new families and for returning families to reconnect. The evening will be a casual affair to ensure families and staff have the opportunity to mingle and chat and perhaps join in some fun lawn games.



Newsletter & Assemblies

Our 'Eagle Express' newsletter will be shared each fortnight on a Thursday. Attached to this newsletter, you will find a form to indicate what format you would like to receive the newsletter. Our assembly will be held fortnightly on the alternating week of the newsletter on Friday at 2:45pm in our undercover area.

Life Education

Each student has been given a permission note for a Life Education Visit next Tuesday the 7th of February. Our whole school Life Education visit was initially booked for June last year; however, due to staffing constraints, Life Education had to postpone our visit. Tuesday the 7th of February was our newly allocated date. Here is a brief overview of the topics covered by each grade.

Session overview:

Junior Grade – Harold's Friendship: Students explore feelings and emotions, how to build friendships and people to turn to for help.

Middle Grade – Growing Good Friends: Making new friends and maintaining healthy friendships.

Senior Grade – Relate, Respect & Connect: Why it's important to respect ourselves and others, the impact of disrespectful situations and emotional regulation and seeking support.

What's happening?

Tuesday 7th to 15th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 16th

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

MARCH

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Somers Camp

Life Education Visit–Permission Notes Due

No Preps

Welcome BBQ

No Preps & Finance Committee Meeting

Pancake Day

GDPS Athletics Day

School Photos



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School Strategic Plan & Annual Implementation Plan Focuses

Our SSP goals that were set at the end of 2021 are:

- improve reading learning growth for all students
- improve numeracy learning growth for all students
- improve engagement in learning.

In 2022, we had a strong focus on numeracy and student engagement. All classes have an aligned numeracy block where students practice mental maths, engage in a math review of previously learned concepts and an explicit lesson where they learn new concepts. These explicit lessons follow a school wide instructional model which includes the following steps: 'Let's Learn' – teacher modelling, 'Let's Do' – the teacher and students complete learning together and 'Let's Practise' – students independent practice the skill on their own.

Teacher's developed their capacity to use engagement norms throughout all components of the school day to support students to be active and engaged participants in lessons. All staff completed the Berry Street Education Model training. The BSEM training supports staff to improve all students' self-regulation, wellbeing, growth and academic achievement.

Our 2023 AIP focus will be reviewing our current reading practices and aligning our approaches with evidence-based practices. We will use our new BSEM learning to develop a school wide curriculum and approach to social and emotional learning,

Student Leaders

Next week, our 5/6 students will begin the process for our 2023 student leader selection. I know many of the students began working on their speeches and applications at the end of last year. They will receive a student leadership handbook on Monday which will provide them with the various expectations, procedures and timelines for elections.

Uniform

Our yard has had the opportunity to dry up over the holidays and I am sure students will enjoy being able to use all of the school yard for their break times. As we are a SunSmart school, it is a uniform requirement that students wear hats when outside in term 1. We do have some spare and second-hand hats available; however, if any students have lost or outgrown their hat, a new one can be purchased from the office.

Our students are very active when outside in the yard and I would like to highlight the importance of students wearing appropriate footwear to school. Students should wear a flat soled shoe with laces or velcro which supports their foot when running, climbing and jumping. It has been great to see all of our students arriving in appropriate footwear to start the year!



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Student Diaries and Satchels

Our 2023 student diaries are on their way. This year we have opted to use Berry Street diaries for both staff and students. These diaries enable students to record their daily home reading and keep track of upcoming dates. They also contain weekly wellbeing tasks that students will use in class. Thanks to our wonderful Parents Club, each student will be given a new 'reader' satchel to hold their diary, books or readers borrowed, as well as notes sent home. It is a school wide expectation that these satchels and diaries are brought to school every day.

Home Reading

Students are expected to read for 15 minutes each day for home reading. Each of our classrooms have a reading nights display where students can visually keep track of how many nights they have read over the year. As students reach each interval for every 10 nights, they will receive a reward.



Get Active

In preparation for athletics events this term, we will be running get active sessions on a Friday. These sessions will be run whole school and provide students with the opportunity to take part in activities to practise the skills required for a variety of athletic events. Students will practise goal setting by recording and monitoring their efforts each week. Dates for our school athletics day and cluster athletics events will be available in the student's term calendar.

MARC & Library

MARC van will continue to be held each Monday afternoon. Students are able to borrow 2 books at a time. Students will also be able to borrow from our school library each Thursday. Books are due to be returned 2 weeks after their borrowing date.

Hot Lunch Orders

As our Parents Club regather and reorganise for 2023, we have put lunch orders on hold for the new couple of weeks. If you have some spare time and would like to be a part of Parents Club in any capacity, please let us know at the school office.

Breakfast Club

This term, Vicki and Maddy will take responsibility for organising the Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club will be available each morning from 8:40am near the undercover area. Students can enjoy a healthy breakfast or snack before they head into class.



Annual Privacy Statement

GDPS collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website

www.gormandale.vic.edu.au. For more information about privacy, see:

[Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

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Conveyance Allowance and Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application

Alongside this newsletter, you will receive information about a conveyance allowance and CSEF. To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a students must reside more than 4.8km by the shorted route from the nearest government school or bus stop. If you believe you are eligible to receive conveyance allowance

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a concessions, health care of pension card you be eligible.

Have a great week.

Charleigh Williams, Acting Principal

FAMILY BARBEQUE TEA

WHEN: February, Thursday 16th

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00

WHERE: Gormandale and District Primary School

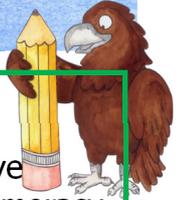
Please join us for some lawn games, a catch-up and loaded sausage and hamburgers for tea.

Please RSVP by Monday the 13th for catering purposes



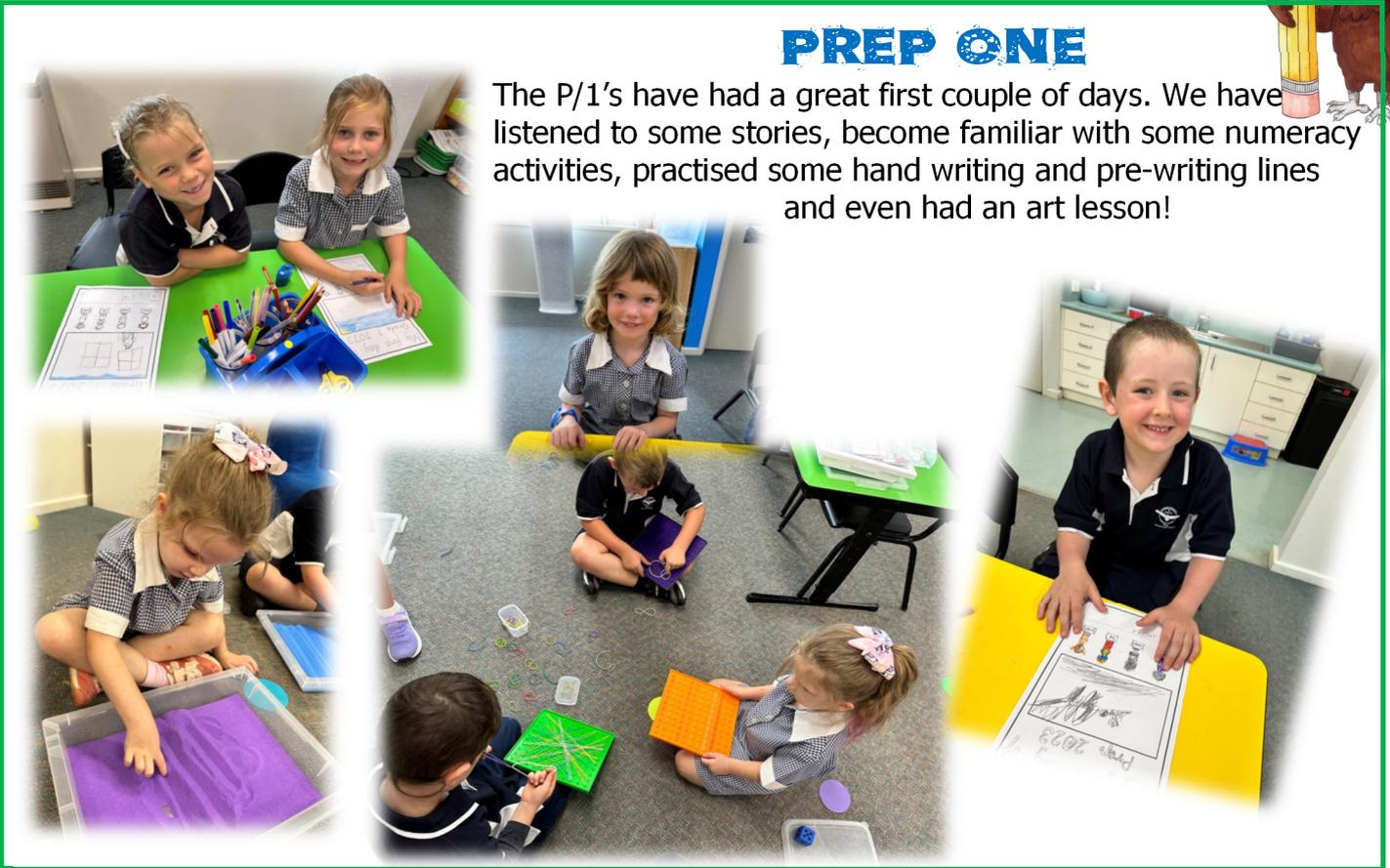
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PREP ONE

The P/1's have had a great first couple of days. We have listened to some stories, become familiar with some numeracy activities, practised some hand writing and pre-writing lines and even had an art lesson!



TWO THREE FOUR

Grade 2/3/4 have made a great start to the year. It's fantastic to see everyone settling in well and getting along with their new classmates. This week we have done some fun getting to know you activities and a classroom scavenger hunt to help learn where everything is.



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FIVE SIX

The grade 5/6 class have had a wonderful first couple of days back at school, and have settled into school routines really well. We have started our history unit on the Gold Rush and Colonial times, with the students sharing their own knowledge and asking lots of interesting questions. Over the next two weeks, the grade six students will be preparing for their leadership roles. In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and connecting their nets and features.



Thank you Thank you Thank you

Steve for his work on our compost bin and worm farm—love your work!

Gormandale Wider Community

Tucker Night will be happening again this year. Look out for menu and the next date over the coming weeks.

Australia Day breakfast was hosted by Gormandale Mechanics Institute (hall). There were many new people to the area who attended which was fantastic. It is estimated that the volunteers from the hall served 60 – 70 people. Thanks to Wellington Shire who provided funds for the hall committee to be able to do this breakfast.

Gormandale Football Netball Club

Family fun day,
everyone welcomed.
The more hands on
the deck the better

**SUNDAY THE 12TH OF
FEBRUARY**

Fun games for
the kids will be
available

Please bring any
shovels, whipper
snippers and
cleaning products
you may have

10am start
BBQ lunch & bar will
be open