

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1. This week I would like to begin by sharing some information about the role of mindset in learning, and how adults can make small changes to the way we model ourselves that can have profound impact on the children we teach. This is relevant at school, home, or any situation we may find ourselves in.

A wealth of easy to read information to give yourselves and your children an advantage in their learning can be found at the website below:

<https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/growth-mindset-parenting>

A brief summary of how we can help children to achieve at a higher level quite quickly is; The brain is more able to be moulded than once believed. The intelligence we have is not set in stone, and can always be grown and developed through the right attitude and learning. By working hard, making mistakes and learning from our mistakes, we are able to grow our neurological connections and increase our intelligence!

Making mistakes shows us that we are learning. Our approach to mistakes makes or breaks us as learners. We can all model a growth mindset by openly sharing our mistakes and the steps we took to improve on our next try. By speaking positively about our mistakes and struggles, we can show children that they are a natural part of the learning process. We can do the things we are naturally “good” at all day, with ease. This does not create the same feeling of accomplishment as something we have worked hard to get – this is the feeling we are chasing!

Many of you know that I like to run... I share my stories with the students often because this was not always the case. I was a terrible runner, had low belief in myself, and had to work against my perceived abilities to get to where I am now. I would love to hear from adults or children, any stories of how you have been able to achieve when you changed your mindset!

Family BBQ –

On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, staff would like to invite families to attend a BBQ and sports evening. The evening will begin at 5:00 and finish at 6:30pm with activities and food provided. This is a way of getting to know our community better and meeting the school staff in a casual and fun setting. Interest slips will be sent out in next week’s newsletter, for catering purposes.

From the office –

Michelle and I have been busy ordering more hats and uniforms, as we have run quite low on the large amount of stock we started the year with. We have also been updating the website (look out for new additions soon), and rolling over our Reading Eggs and Mathletics accounts for students to use at school and home. Statements will be sent home next week.

This Thursday, I will be attending a Latrobe Valley Principal meeting as a Department of Education and Training requirement, keeping us up to date and in line with our neighbouring schools.

Have a great week of learning and mistake making!

Tamara Halket

Principal

## **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5194 4777 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

### **Chaplaincy Program GDPS**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to join with Ms. Halket and the staff at GDPS to welcome you back to school. Lets hope that it is a more predictable year than last year .

I am looking forward to being back for another year at Gormandale & District Primary School. My role at the school is to provide pastoral care to students, staff and the wider school community. I do this primarily by supporting your child on their journey through Primary School.

My role at the school is non-religious. My catch ups with children are normally to make sure that they are doing okay at school and supporting them in any way that I can. Sometimes that means doing a wellness survey to see how they are tracking at school or having a game of cards and a chat or helping them with their learning.

If they are going through some difficulties it is normally very good for them to have someone other than a teacher to talk to.

From time to time I will place an article in the school letter which may include tips on parenting, improving mental health or other chaplaincy news.

I am also there for parents to assist in any way that I can.

Participation in the chaplaincy program is completely voluntary, and parental/guardian consent is required. To enable your child to participate, it would be appreciated if you could sign and return the attached consent form at your convenience.

Should you require further information about the chaplaincy program, or if you want to drop in for a coffee you are most welcome to contact me at the school. I will normally be at the school on Tuesday's and every second Wednesday and can be contacted through the school office on 5197 7444.

Brian Heath, School Chaplain, Gormandale & District Primary School

## PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT – Primary Schools Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child’s attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child’s personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child’s social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child’s information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child’s personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school’s privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, ‘staff’ includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

<b>TERM 1 2021</b>	<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	<b>TERM 1 2021</b>	<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>
Today	Hot Lunch Orders	Wed 17th	No Preps
Wed 10th Feb	No Preps—Prep Testing	Thurs 18th	9am Morning Tea & Meeting
Fri 12th Feb	Book Club Order Due Back	Mon 22nd	BBQ and Sports Evening 5pm
Tue 16th	Hot Lunch Orders	Tue 23rd	Hot Lunch Orders



*Bring a friend and a Waterbottle*

**BACK**

*in the*



**ZUMBA<sup>®</sup>**

**HABIT**

**MON & WED 9:30**

**GORMANDALE MECHANICS INSTITUTE**

**FREE FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Gormandale Recreation Reserve - During February there will be some works undertaken to refurbish the main oval. This is a joint project between the Recreation Reserve and the Gormandale Football Netball Club.

Wanted friends of the reserve:

If anyone would like to join our mowing roster for the outside of the oval, please contact Tricia King on 0429 977 359. Ride-on and equipment supplied.

# Eagles of the week Natalie, Vicki & David



## LOTE TUESDAY'S

All students are thoroughly enjoying learning about German language and cultures. Next Tuesday they will be celebrating German Karneval Day, making and wearing face masks and trying some traditional celebration treats.



# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## Junior Room

This week we have been practising our listening skills when reading stories in class. On Friday we read the story the Rainbow Bear about two rascally polar bears who turned their dad to a rainbow bear each night he went to sleep. After reading the story, we made our own rainbow bears! We have put them up on display outside our room if you want to come and check them out.



## MIDDLE ROOM

Last week in class we have been learning about antonyms and making an ANTONYM ant hill. In Math we were building and modelling numbers in math and brainstorming reasons about why we like summer or winter the best.



## SENIOR ROOM

The 5/6 students have been working really hard on their school captain speeches and applications for leadership roles. They are eager and have an important responsibility in the school to find out what leadership roles they have been assigned.

Miss Darby



# ART ROOM

It has been so exciting to see so many new and happy faces in the art room! This week, each class will start their own interpretation of a self portrait and will experiment with some different mediums (oil pastel, watercolour and pencil). We will have some photos of us in action next week. -  
Ms Elrick



## Parents Club

Lunch orders got off to a great start, thanks for getting behind them, we almost ran out of stock on the first day:)

On Thursday the 18th February at 9am we are holding a morning tea with a parents club meeting to follow. This is open to all members of the school community who would like to get involved in parents club or just come for a cuppa and meet other members of the school community.

Thank you, Elle Sykes, Parents Club President

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Dorrie for running breakfast club  
Elle for collating and preparing lunch orders

Thank you Thank you Thank you



## BREAKFAST CLUB

We are offering the children breakfast in the undercover area most mornings 8.40am

# ROSEDALE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WE NEED YOU!



ALL AGES WELCOME



For more information please call Cameron 0402 673 606

Please Like our Rosedale Junior Football Club Facebook page for more details

## 1 of 1 THICKER NIGHT TAKE AWAY MEALS

**FRIDAY**  
**12th**  
**February**

**6 to 8PM**

PHONE  
**51977369**  
If engaged  
0429977415

Pre-orders strictly from  
**5.00pm**

For pick up from 6-8pm

**GORMANDALE RECREATION RESERVE**

Please phone through orders where possible.

**Lasagne** - Home made, rich, creamy... Yummy  
Chips & Slaw \$14.00

**Stuffed Chicken** - Chicken breast stuffed with onion, bacon, and cream cheese topped with a creamy garlic & chive sauce  
Chips & Slaw \$20.00

**Flathead** Chips & Slaw \$15.00

**Seafood Basket** \$16.00

**Chicken Schnitzel** Chips & Slaw \$14.00

**Chicken Parma** Chips & Slaw \$16.00

**Snitz twist** - Chicken schnitzel topped with bacon and a creamy garlic sauce  
Chips & Slaw \$16.00

1/2 size  
**Schnitzel, Flathead, Lasagne** \$11.00

**Chips**  
Small \$3.00  
Medium \$5.00  
Large \$9.00

**Kids Meals - \$5.00**

Fish & Chips Nuggets (5) & Chips Lasagne & Chips

Gluten Free— available

**Chocolate Mousse \$3.00**

Eftpos is available.

Please adhere to social distancing whilst placing or waiting for your order.

BAR WILL NOT BE OPEN,

STRICTLY NO EATING IN THE CLUBROOMS



# Gormandale & District Primary School

## Tuesday Hot Lunch Orders

After one week we realise the envelopes do not stick! Please use some tape to secure the envelope so your money doesn't escape! There will be tape on the counter if needed. Also I have printed the order form on the envelope available at the office for 16th Feb lunch orders.

Please use one envelope per student.

All orders must be handed in Tuesday morning to the lunch orders basket at the office.

<b>SCHOOL LUNCHES</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>NAME :.....</b> <b>GRADE.....</b>			
Amount	ITEM	COST	
	CHOCOLATE MILK 200 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	
BEEF CHICKEN	CUP OF NOODLES	\$2.00	
BEEF CHICKEN	Gluten free CUP OF NOODLES	\$2.00	
	Corn on cob (mini)	\$ .50c	
	Pop Corn (plain)	\$ .30c	