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Dear Families,

We continue to thank you all for your support in keeping unwell children home. We also thank you for your understanding of our staff absences due to illness. This continues to be an issue in all workplaces this year, due to our being sheltered from “bugs” for the past 2 years.

I again ask that students please come to school in weather appropriate clothing. I have seen a large number of students in warm weather clothes in the yard, covered in goosebumps and not wanting to put on an extra layer. Staff do ask students to put on jumpers or jackets, but we cannot force them to comply.

## Lunch Orders

We are excited to announce that weekly Lunch Orders are returning this term on Tuesday 9th August. A big thank you must go to Jeff, June & Justice and the Parents Club for organizing this for us. Please use the envelope provided and try and include the correct money.

## Student Free Day

On Thursday the 11th August all GDPS staff will be participating in protective intervention training. This will be held on school grounds. This training helps to build a positive, safe and inclusive school environment and prevent and manage the occurrence of behaviors that are violent, aggressive or otherwise pose a safety risk. In line with Department recommendations that all staff take professional practice days on the same day this will be a student free day. We thank you for your continuing support while staff undergo this necessary training.

## OSHC

Due to our out of school hours program beginning, our top play ground is now booked after school

Term 3	<u>COMING UP</u>	Term 3	<u>COMING UP</u>
2nd Aug	School Council Meeting	18th Aug	Preps 100 days of School
5th Aug	Bug Blitz Incursion	25th Aug	Book Week Parade & Dress Up
9th Aug	Lunch Orders Starting	30th Aug	Wellington Shire Tree Planting & Sustainability Session
11th Aug	Student Free Day	2nd Sept	Fathers/Special Person Day Stall
16th Aug	Pinocchio Incursion—Info to come	6th Sept	School Council Meeting

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each day for their use. We ask that anyone playing after school use any other areas of the school yard.

**Buddy Seats**

We have refreshed our school playground buddy seats. We encourage to use these seats if they are looking for someone to play with in the yard. Thanks to Troy and the Judkins boys for painting them for us.



**Berry Street Education Model: Stress:**

The impacts of stress can interrupt a student’s ability to learn. Stress can be caused by a range of factors, some of which we may not even consider. A range of mental and emotional states can help or hinder the ability to learn. This includes lack of sleep, a conflict at home, peer conflict, or any range of unexpected occurrences to a child’s day.

We cannot always prevent the occurrence of stress that impacts learning. What we can do, as adults, and what we can teach our students to do is to recognize and manage this stress. It is through this process that students can learn to regulate their emotions and get the best out of their learning opportunities, each day.

At school, we are working towards minimizing stress by creating a calm and predictable environment. Our morning circles help to focus on positives, in order to re-direct possible stress responses. We are also working towards building awareness of how we feel, and how this can impact our readiness to learn.

We are introducing “**Ready to Learn**” scales. These simple scales allow students to recognize how they are feeling and how this is impacting their readiness to learn. By being aware of our feelings, we can better manage them, and also allow others to help us to feel more positive. A simple Ready to Learn scale is included below. You may wish to use this with your children with home learning situations. It may be a good idea to begin by simply recognizing our feelings before an activity and talking about how this affected our learning for this task.



No way am I ready to learn	I am OK to learn	I am excited about learning
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I would like to hear from any families that try the scale, and know how it worked for you. Every student that sees me about the Ready to Learn scale will go into a draw to win a prize!

Have a great week, Tamara Halket

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## OSHC UPDATE

Hi,

My name is Monica and I have recently been appointed as the Before/After School Care Leader.

My experience within the sector has been a 25 year ongoing journey from various roles of Pedagogical Mentor, Multi – Site Educational Leader, Director, Assistant Director, Staffing co-ordinator, Senior Educator and Management of enrolments.

I believe that as a leader I am responsible for providing all children with positive learning spaces, that will enrich and engage learning skills. I aim to provide a program that promotes ongoing learning experiences, which are safe to explore, positive, fun and promote extensions of their findings.

My role is to facilitate these areas of learning and support/encourage/guide, assisting children individually as they embark on journeys of discoveries about themselves and reflect towards BEING, BECOMING & BELONGING.



I seek to form close relationships with each individual child and their families, making children and families central, sense of warmth and acceptance from all diverse backgrounds. I will promote that children should be given opportunities/choices, responsibility to initiate their own learning in life.

Please feel free to come and chat. Our service is available before and after school Monday to Friday.

Regards, Monica Borg (OSHC Gumnuts)



## **Family Packs Available**

**If anyone would like a free family food box please text the school and we will organise it for you.**

**Also if your child is a bus traveller we are happy to send any items off the trolley home with your child anytime. Also we can always leave goods at the front of the school to be picked up out of school hours. Please contact the school as we'd love to assist our families!**



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# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

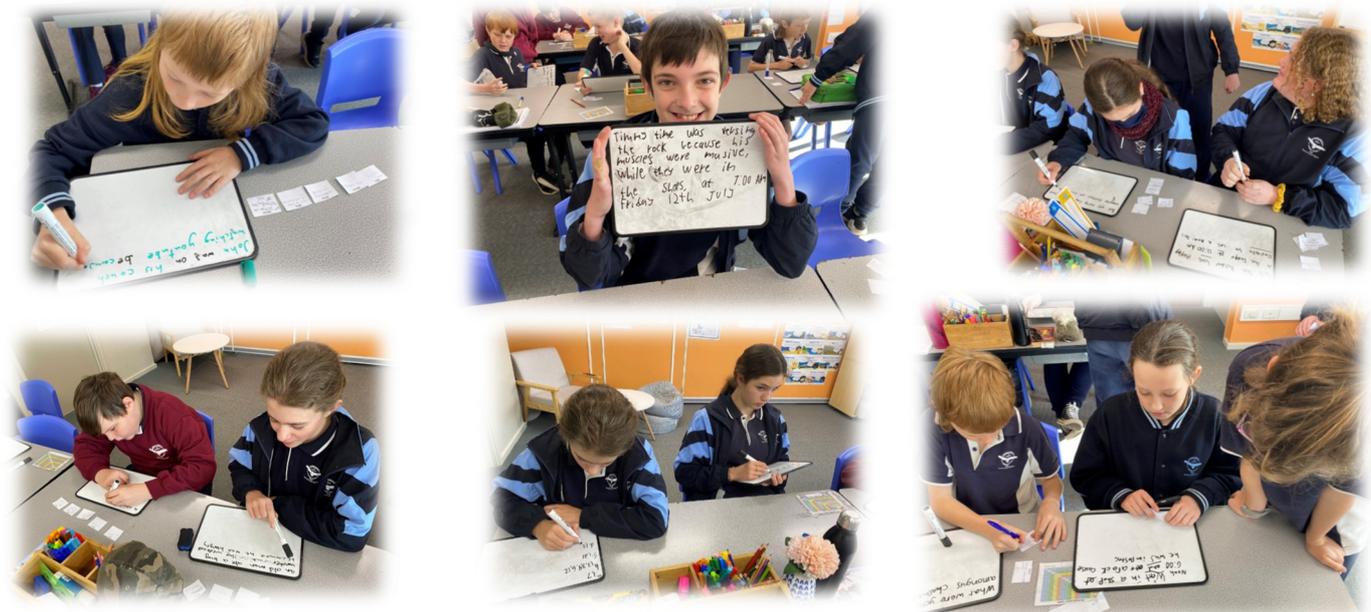
## PREP ONE

We are loving learning about different types of animals in Science. During our Science lessons, we have looked at the different external features each type of animal has and their purpose, for example, beaks, claws, scales and fur.



## FIVE SIX

This term we are learning about the features and structure of a news report. Throughout the process of unpacking the features of a news report, we explored the 5W's (who, what, when, where and why). Students wrote their own examples of the 5W's, put them in a hat and then created a sentences using them. We will be planning and writing our own news reports this week



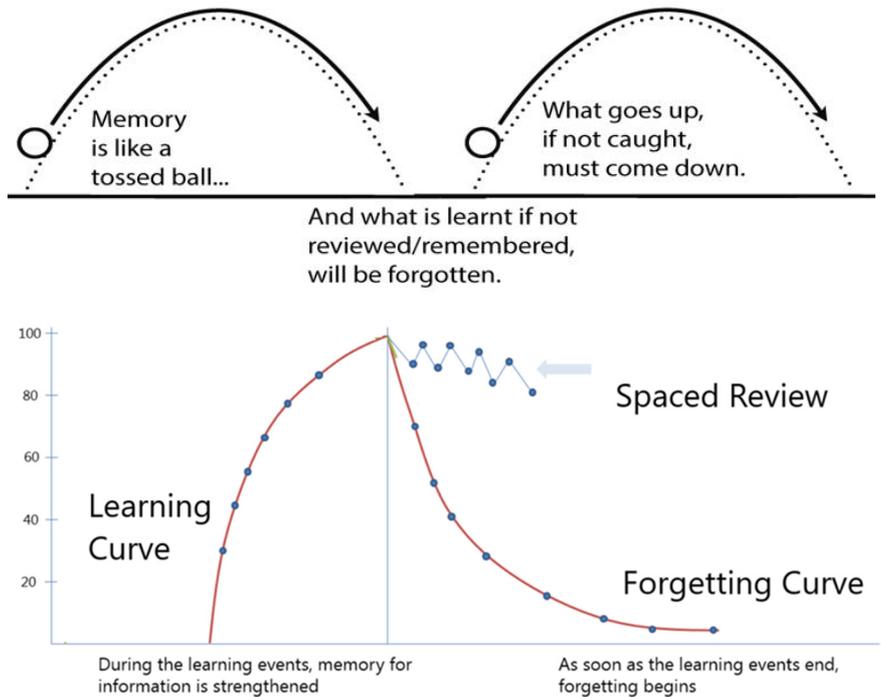


# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

## Teaching & Learning

### Math Reviews

All of our classes practise taking their math learning to their long term memory through math reviews. Math reviews are fast paced sessions, where students review previous content they have learned so far this year. These sessions include learning that covers all areas of mathematics. Our teachers use engagement norms throughout math reviews which means that students are constantly interacting and answering questions throughout the session. We have had a very positive response from students about math reviews. Here are some insights from students.



### Students Perspectives

Bree from 5/6 – Math reviews are brilliant. It gives you that extra boost in maths. It is more interesting than the teacher blabbering on about one topic for an hour which can sometimes be boring. It has plenty of different interesting subjects combined into an impulse, fun, unique hands on learning thrill. The teachers did a fantastic job!

Lindsay 2/3/4 – I like math reviews. They are fun and you have timers that help you stay on task. We get to practise lots of different topics.

David P/1 – I love math reviews! It helps me to remember my learning and it helps me get better with addition strategies and skip counting.

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# **PARENTS CLUB**

We have started an active campaign to generate new interest in PC. Without working members PC will not continue and this will affect all of our school community. The benefits like free library bags to our families, hot lunches or new sandpits for the kids will no longer be a reality and that would be a shame.

As of Tuesday week, Jeff and June will reinitiate lunch orders. This is a big job, and I am ever so grateful for them stepping up and taking on the new Canteen Managers Role.

Our Father's Day stall will continue this term. Bel has kindly completed the stocktake and we have around 200 items to sell. Parent assistance will be required for the stall. I will put a call out in the coming weeks with more information.

The Wood Raffle has been sent home. Thanks, Vicki, for the wood donation and to Michelle in the office for organising all of the tickets and flyers to go home to families.

Wheelathon is this term, and we will require parent support for this event to run. Thank you so much to Sarah for taking on the organising of this day, again very much appreciated.

We held our AGM on Tuesday morning. Thank you to those that attended. I had resigned from my position pending the AGM, but due to there being low attendance at the AGM, we decided the current committee will remain in place until the AGM which has already been set for next year. We did not want to see PC fold, and if Bel and I hadn't taken on these positions again, that would have been the case. I have done this with reservations and will not be taking on the workload without support. This unfortunately means though that we will only be doing the fundraising that has already been set for the year. Some of my role has been allocated out to those who have kindly stepped up and taken on the jobs we are all indebted, thank you. I would personally like to thank Bel, Sarah, Jeff and June for their support and willingness to help out.

Please remember PC cannot exist without parent input and time & it's our kids who will miss out if PC folds. If you would like to help out in any way, please come and talk to me.

If you wish to join in Parents Club, and be actively involved and have voting rights at our meetings, please see Michelle at the office to complete a membership form. Without this document you cannot vote on matters relating to PC.

Thanks Elle PC President

## **HOT CHOCOLATES WEDNESDAYS!**

Hot chocolates are back!!!

Every Wednesday see Jack or Lachlan  
in the library to order at

8-45am

Costs \$1.00

Marshmallows are free!

It is only on Wednesdays, so get one  
when you can!

By Jack & Lachlan Fundraising Leaders



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## GORMANDALE COMMUNITY NEWS

# TUCKER NIGHT

**FRIDAY 29th July**

## TAKE AWAY MENU

Pre-orders strictly from

**5.00pm**

Please phone through orders where possible

For pick up

**5.30-7.30pm**

AT ROLLER DOORS ON THE VERANDAH

**PHONE 51977369**

If engaged  
**0429977415**

**Baked Spud** — Classic spud topped with bacon, onion, cheese, sour cream and coleslaw **\$10.00**

**Blake Burger**—Double beef patty, double cheese, onion, bacon & relish served with chips. **\$14.00**

**Flathead** Chips & Slaw **\$17.00**

**Seafood Basket** **\$18.00**

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

**Chicken Parma** Chips & Slaw **\$18.00**

**Twist/Wilson**—chicken snitz, bacon, avocado, creamy garlic sauce topped with onion rings. Served with chips & Slaw **\$19.00**

**1/2 size Meals—Schnitzel, Flathead, \$11.00**

**Kids Meals -\$5.00** Fish & Chips Nuggets (5) & Chips Mini Dim Sims (5) & Chips Cheeseburger

Gluten Free— available

**Chocolate Mousse \$3.00**

**BAR OPEN**—Gormandale Football Netball Club will be opening the bar so pop down for a beer before. No meals will be served inside however you may wish to enjoy your Take-Away in front of the fire.

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ORDER FROM THE ROLLER DOORS AT THE FAR END OF THE VERANDAH**

**Eftpos available**

**GORMANDALE RECREATION RESERVE**

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A HUGE Big Thank you to Gormandale Primary School and all the families for having us come and share some dental health education with you.

We believe that education is where it all starts!

Remember if your child has been seen recently by the Smile Squad Dental van, we can help you with any outstanding treatment needs your child may have.

The team at Rosedale Family Dental are here for you and your family to create a positive, calm, gentle experience that will last from now, and on into the future.

Call us today on PH: 51992124 to arrange an appointment and get the best care for your children.

Find us on socials  



## **GORMANDALE COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BADMINTON** – is running every Monday night at the Gormandale hall for a \$2 donation. Starts at 6.30pm. At this stage it is Adults. Come along with a pair of sneakers (we have rackets you can use). Great way to meet others in the community. From people who are beginners to those who have played before. All welcome.

**TUCKER NIGHT** Friday 29<sup>th</sup>—Flyer attached

**REC RESERVE** – we are waiting on the shire who will be doing some tree planting with school students extending the current gardens at the Rec Reserve.

**Friday Assembly Awards**  
**Congratulations to the following award winners:**  
**Eagle Award: Natalie, Masie & Jake**