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Dear Families,

We are now into the tail end of Term 4 and getting ready for all of our end of year celebrations!

Books for Parents/ Carers:

We now have 5 copies of “The Strength Switch” that are available for our parents/ carers to borrow. This is an excellent book for parents, carers, or anyone that works with children. It aligns perfectly with our Berry Street Education Model approach at school, and is well worth the read. Please see myself, or Michelle in the office, if you would like to borrow one of these books!

Colour Run!

Our much anticipated Colour Run is coming up on the 2nd of December (we will not have assembly this day). Staff have worked hard to organize a fun event that we would like to share with our community. We are thankful to all that have offered to assist us with this exciting fundraising event. We also hope to see family members attending and joining in on the day!

As the event is at 2:15pm, we suggest that children wear their light coloured clothes to school for the day, and bring a towel, change of clothes to travel home in. Prizes from fundraising will be given to students after the run. If your child/ren are not receiving a prize, we suggest that they are informed of this before the day so as not to cause an unexpected upset. All children will receive an icy pole at the end of the Colour Run to thank them for their participation.

Parent Payments 2023:

Our 2023 parent payments policy and information is being provided with today’s newsletter. This payment became a voluntary contribution in 2022. Every contribution helps us to provide high quality resources for our students, and continue with our online subscriptions including Reading Eggs. No student will miss out on any supplies if this contribution is not made, but we greatly appreciate any contribution from those families that are able to do so.

MARC Van:

All MARC Van books need to returned by Monday as it is the last time MARC van will visit for the year. Notes indicating outstanding books will be sent home with this newsletter.

Term 4	COMING UP	Term 4	COMING UP
29th Nov	School Council Meeting	8th Dec	Reports Home
1st Dec	Kinder/Prep Transition	9th Dec	Grade 6 Celebration Day
2nd Dec	Colour Run 2pm	13th Dec	State Wide “Step Up”
7th Dec	Kinder/Prep Transition & Grade 6 Graduation	15th Dec	Christmas Carols

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Grade 6 Graduation:

Our Grade 6 graduation celebration will be held on the 7th of December at 6:30pm. This will be held at the Community Hall. Each student is encouraged to invite up to 10 guests (please contact us if your family is larger and you require more seats). Graduation cake and tea/ coffee will be available after the ceremony. We expect that it will be finished by 8:00pm.

Grade 6 Special Day:

Our Grade 6 students have their end of year celebration and special lunch on the 9th of December. A separate note will come home with information about this day.

Christmas Carols Evening:

We would like to celebrate Christmas with our Gormandale & District Primary School family, friends and community. Staff and students would like to invite all families to attend a Christmas Carol/ Australian song "mini concert". Each class will perform 2 items and the whole school will perform together. We hope to see Santa on the night, so make sure that you dress in your favourite Christmas outfits! We are selling glow sticks and toffee apples to celebrate the end of year.

Celebrations start at 6:00pm, and will finish by 7:30pm. Families are invited to bring their own picnic rugs and picnic dinners if they would like to relax and enjoy the concert!

We will have glow sticks and toffee apples for sale on the night!

please note that all school events are strictly alcohol free, and the consumption of alcohol is not permitted at the school

Reports:

Our end of year reports will be sent home on the 8th of December.

End of Term:

The final day of school will be the 20th of December. This day will have an early dismissal time of 1:30pm to allow teachers time to pack up for the end of the year.

Christmas Cards and Shared Food:

At this time of year, students often begin to share Christmas cards, candy canes and other treats. We ask that parents/ carers consider the feelings of others when sending out cards etc. We also ask that you speak to your own children about eating candy canes or other treats that are given to them by others. School staff will discourage students from eating lollies during school time, but this becomes difficult when we are not aware of what is being given out by others.

Have a great fortnight,

Tamara Halket, Principal

Students had a great time inside with Mr Alexander on Tuesday when it was very wet. The challenge was to see who could make the tallest tower using blocks. This was the winning group.



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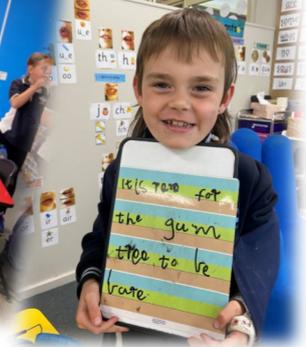
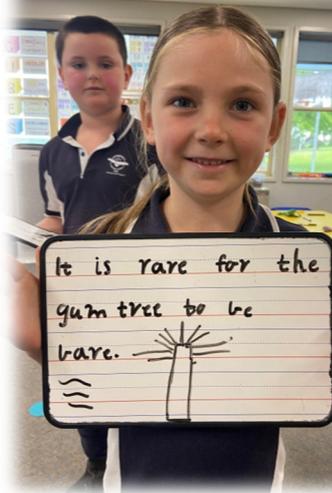
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FROM THE CLASSROOMS

PREP ONE

The preps have been showing great independence this week during maths when completing tasks that consolidate their learning so far this year. The grade 1's have been looking at the letter-sound pattern 'are' like in share, care and glare. Check out their sentence dictations!



TWO THREE FOUR

Last week we started our work on procedural writing. Students followed a procedure on "how to make a gods eye" and then they had a go at writing their own procedure, explaining the steps they took.



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FIVE SIX

The 5/6 students are very excited to have the opportunity to teach their own lesson before the end of the term. Ava was first to teach her lesson on Thursday, which was an Art and P.E. lesson. The students really enjoyed engaging in some Christmas craft, and played a game of dodgeball.



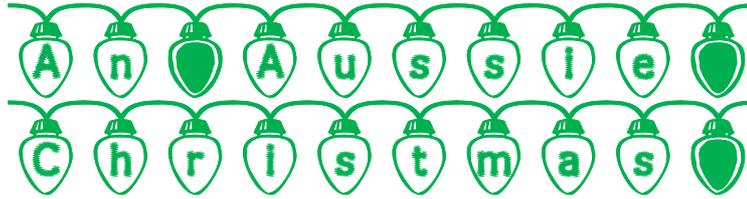
SWPBS

Every student at GDPS will start next year with their very own colouring book to use during soft landing and mindfulness sessions. Mindful colouring supports our students to reset their emotions back to the present moment. This ultimately sets them in the 'ready to learn zone'. These colouring books have been purchased for the school through funds raised at **Tucker Night**. We are very grateful for this contribution. Student wellbeing continues to be state-wide focus in schools and mindfulness is something we will continue to practice throughout the school day.



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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.



GORMANDALE COMMUNITY NEWS

TUCKER NIGHT

Thanks to all those who purchased a meal at Tucker Night last week. We served over 110 meals. The netball girls raised money to help out with their 2023 season, new cutlery was purchased for Community House and the school also received some volunteer dollars.

GORMANDALE RECREATION RESERVE

Next Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm we will be conducting our Triannual General Meeting at the club rooms. We are eager to get some more people on board out committee or if you are not sure about that, you can always become a friend of the Reserve and

Assist when there is a working bee scheduled

Put your hand up for minor maintenance jobs ie: painting bollards

Be added to the mowing roster at the reserve.

Any more information required please contact Tricia 0429977359 or send email to

kingt@activ8.net.au

GORMANDALE BADMINTON FOR FUN

We will be having a break over December and January. Keep an eye on Facebook for when it starts up again early term 1 2023

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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:

Thank you to all families that have donated to our Christmas Raffles. A big thank you to Bunnings and Active Electrical Distributors Pty Ltd—Martin Francis for their generous donations. We still have plenty of tickets to sell. All sales go back to the school. Donations are accepted until Dec 14th.



Hot Lunches:

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, Elle and June 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

Gormandale and District Primary School

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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!