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Dear Families,  
 We have had a busy build up to the end of Term 3, with a lot of extra curricular events taking place.

### Planting:

We have been lucky enough to have Wellington Shire’s Sustainability team visit our school, last Friday. In between bouts of rain, the team, along with our staff and students, planted a number of native plant species along the front of our school, and around the tennis courts. These plants will help to make our yard more appealing to local insects, birds and small animals, in the future. We look forward to watching as our new garden takes shape.



We have also had our Grade 6 “legacy” roses added to our rose garden. Students will shortly be allocated a rose to tend to for the remainder of this year.



### Father’s/ Special Person’s Day:

Thank you, and well done to the staff for putting on a fabulous bacon and egg muffin, breakfast for our fathers and special people. We had a fantastic fun out on Friday morning, and it was great to see so many happy faces enjoying this special morning.

I would also like to thank our Parent’s Club for the very well run, stall, on the same day. I am sure that all of our fathers and special people were able to enjoy their gifts on Sunday.

### School Council:

We have a new School Council President, Ellen Sykes, and Vice President, Jeff Watson. Congratulations, and thank you for stepping up into these roles for the remainder of this year. Please feel free to approach Ellen, Jeff, or myself, with any School Council business you would like to have discussed at the next meeting.

### Wheel-a-thon:

On Thursday, we held our annual School Wheel-a-thon. It was incredible to see the amount of

Term 3	<u>COMING UP</u>	Term 3	<u>COMING UP</u>
13th Sept	Teacher Catch ups—2pm—5.30pm	16th Sept	Footy Colours Day & Last Day of Term 3—Early finish 2.30pm
15th Sept	School Production 6.15pm	3rd Oct	First Day—Term 4

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support from our community. This was both, in the form of donations, and with assistance running the event. A great time was had by all!

**Donny's Donuts:**

Thank you, and well done to the GDPS Staff for holding the first "staff run" fundraiser. There were a lot of donuts ordered, and this will help us move towards our goal of upgrading our library shelving!

Look out for the next staff fundraiser – "Colour Run", coming soon!

**NAPLAN:**

This year, GDPS participated in the NAPLAN tests new, online, format. It is the first time we have used this format for the Grade 3 and Grade 5, annual tests, and the data that schools can gain from the new format is extensive. On Thursday, Miss Williams and I attended a webinar to introduce us to the new data analysis system, and we are looking forward to using this system to unpack our results to help us drive the direction of our teaching and learning in line with National expectations. NAPLAN test results were sent out to schools this week, and will be distributed to families of students that sat these tests as soon as possible.

Please note that comparative data, and growth data is not available for the 2022 year. This is due to the array of differences in the format of the tests, and the data sets available to smaller schools.

In 2023, the NAPLAN tests will be held in March. This is in the hope that schools can access the data earlier, and use it to drive teaching and learning for the year ahead.

**School Production:**

Staff and students have been hard at work practising for next Thursday's performance. We look forward to sharing this experience with our school community.

**Last Day of Term:**

Please be reminded that Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September has an early finish time of 2:30pm. This allows for teachers to pack-up Term 3 resources and begin the setup for Term 4!

School returns on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. As it is a Summer term, hats will be required for play in Term 4.

Thanks, Tamara Halket, Principal

**LATROBE VALLEY DIVISION SPORTS**

A big congratulations and good luck to our 5/6 students who have qualified to compete at the Latrobe Valley Division Athletics on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September in Newborough.

This means that they are one of the top two students in these events, out of all the students in our school district cluster (Traralgon South, Glengarry, Tyers and Toongabbie).

They will be representing our district amongst all primary schools in the Latrobe Valley.

A very impressive achievement!

-Zavier will be competing in 800m.

-Jerry will be competing in discus.

-Bree will be competing in discus.

-Natalie will be competing in 100m sprint, shotput and 4x100m relay.

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# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

## PREP ONE

Each Friday we draw our reading raffle tickets and the winner receives a milkshake. When students bring their diary each day, and have recorded that they read their reader the night/s before they can receive a raffle ticket. So far, we have had 8 different winners this term! Daily reading at home is an important part of building students' reading fluency.



## TWO THREE FOUR

We have been busy practicing our songs for the musical. Everyone is very excited for next week. This week we had more than 10 kids get 10 out of 10 in their spelling results - students get to choose a prize from the spelling prize pockets.

Kids had started making dioramas in science of their chosen animal habitats.



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## FIVE SIX

In the 5/6 classroom we have been applying what we have learned about fractions in explicit lessons, in partner maths games. The students enjoy getting to participate in maths games together, and it is a great way to encourage peer teaching.



## SWPBS

As part of our playground engagement activities the school has purchased some table tennis tables to be used at recess and lunchtime. They have proved quite a hit!



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## **WHEEL-A-THON**

**We all had a wonderful time on our wheels yesterday. Some even participating from home who couldn't be with us on the day. Thank you to Mrs A for organising this event. The Cool Group for Supplying cool water for us and All the family helpers who counted our laps!**



## **LAST WEEK FOR HOT CHOCOLATE WEDNESDAYS!**

Hot chocolates Wednesdays are finishing this term as we move into the warmer months. As of next term, we will be selling Icy Poles !!!

Order at 8-45am in the undercover area Costs \$1.00

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

By Jack & Lachlan Fundraising Leaders



## **DONATIONS WANTED— TRACHOMA PACK**

Hello! This is Shanequa and Bree, we are participating in the Junior Rotary Award. We would like to kindly ask for donations or any spare products

consisting of:

- **Toothpaste**
- **Toothbrush**
- **Face washer & matching hand towel**
- **Soap & travelling container**
- **Deodorant**
- **Water bottle**



These are for our trachoma packs that we will be making to help remote indigenous school students recover from trachoma.

Trachoma is a disease of the eye caused by interaction with bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis.

Please bring donations to the office by the week 1 Term 4. A Collection box is available at the office. Thank you!

## **Thank you Thank you Thank you**

- **Jeff & Justice for collating & preparing hot lunches**
- **To our wonderful parent helpers who helped run the Wheel-a-thon yesterday: Martin, Chloe, Andrew, Linda, Tristian, Dorrie, Alyshia and Clint**
- **To Sarah for organising and co-ordinating the Wheel-s-Thon yesterday as a parent club member and all those who donated to the Wheel-a-thon**
- **To all those fathers and special people who supported the breakfast last Monday**
- **To all those families and staff who supported our Donny's Donut Fundraiser**
- **Troy Judkins from Cool Group of Companies Pty Ltd for donating water bottles for our Wheel-a-Thon & Tree Planting days**

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Gormandale and District Primary School  
is proud to present

# Aladdin

**When:** Thursday the 15th September

**Where:** Gormandale Community Hall

**Time:** Performance is set to start at 6:15  
Children arrive at 5:45 to allow  
time for preparation



*All welcome*

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**Less than one month to go! Keep collecting bread bags, collecting closes 9th September!**

We are sending all our bread tags to Stockdale Road Primary School, Traralgon who are a registered collection point. Please keep collecting! We have a new collection tub in our foyer.



## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please leave your bread tags here. They will be recycled in Robe, SA to fund wheelchairs for the needy, mainly in South Africa.



**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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## Friday Assembly Awards

**Congratulations to the following award winners:**

**Eagle Awards: Beth**