

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Transition Day

Transition Day was a success at GDPS today; I am sure there will be lots of discussions around the table tonight regarding new teachers, new desk locations and new friendships made. It is such a 'big deal' to move into a new grade when you are just 9 years old! Please ensure you keep communicating with your child's teacher regarding how we can best support the transition process. I just had to share the below photo of our current Yr 1 students lining up to go into their 'new Yr 2 classroom'; they were super excited!



Yr6 Graduation

This Wednesday is the Yr6 Graduation; the hall is looking festive, and the staff are busy adding the last few special touches to ensure our Yr6 Graduates feel very special as they leave GDPS and embark on the next stage of their schooling years. As a new member of the GDPS community I have enjoyed learning about the many traditions of the school; I especially like the symbolism of the rose garden that is made up of roses that were planted by each graduating student. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and guardians of our Yr6 graduates; thank you for working with us over these past years to raise such valuable community members – we have no doubt they will continue to grow and learn in such positive ways.

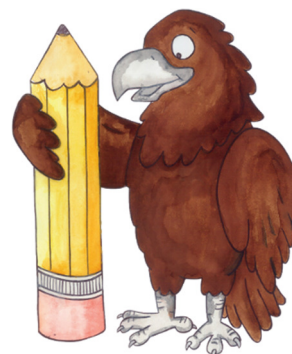
Donation

A couple of weeks ago when I popped into the Gormandale Store for my morning coffee, the store owner Steve handed over a cheque for GDPS. I'm not sure if you have noticed the red money box on the counter when you visit the store; however, the money box is there for customers to make a donation or when a customer tells the store to "keep the change" Steve or Paula also add those funds to the GDPS money box. This year, the Gormandale Store has donated over \$260 to our school and on behalf of the school community I would like to thank Steve and Paula of the

Term 4	<u>Coming Up</u>	Term 4	<u>Coming Up</u>
8th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation	14th	Hot Lunch—NO CHOCOLATE MILK or HOT DOGS
9th Dec	Whole School Excursion to Inflatable World	15th	Xmas Concert—6.15 Students Arrive 6.30 Families
13th Dec	Whole School Free Dress & Class Parties—bring a pre-packaged plate to share	17th Dec	Last Day of School—1.30pm Finish



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Wheel-a-Thon

Thank you to the Parent Club for organising a very successful Wheel-a-Thon last week. Not only did all students (and staff) enjoy the afternoon activity and exercise, but our students also raised over \$900! This is an outstanding amount of funds that will go towards our school sandpit repairs and other school projects in 2022. The Parent Club is made up of volunteers who continue to put their community spirit ahead of other personal tasks and we thank you. You are noticed and we do appreciate your time and commitment to the greater community of our school. Should you wish to be a part of this dynamic and tireless club, please contact the school and we will pass on your details.

Our Local Stars

You may have seen a film crew recently at GDPS. A couple of weeks ago, the Department of Education (DET) requested the support of Ms Darby and Ms Williams to be interviewed regarding their experience participating in a project called 'Transforming the First years of the Teaching Career'. The program is aimed at transforming the first two years of teaching by ensuring graduate teachers develop the expertise they need early in their career. The success of the program at GDPS has allowed for Ms Darby to work closely with Ms Williams as an experienced teacher and the DET want to share this success through the production of a digital resource that other graduates and mentors can refer to. Well done, Ms Darby and Ms Williams.



Have a great week. Leanne Sinnadurai, Acting Principal

STILL LOST

Please check your GIRLS school polo shirts at home. A size 10 brand new shirt was mistakenly taken home by another student during swimming. It was replaced by a size 6 polo. IT DID NOT HAVE A NAME ON IT.



PARENTS CLUB

We have run out of CHOCOLATE MILKS and HOT DOGS for the next weeks lunch orders. Other items are running low as well. We will check with your child before we replace any items we don't have in stock.

Thanks to all those who donated and participated in the Wheel-a-Thon. The school raised \$953 which is an amazing effort by all and will be used to upgrade our sand pit.

Thanks Elle, Parents Club President

.....ICY POLES.....ICY POLES.....ICY POLES.....

Every Friday the Grade 6 fundraising team will be selling Icy Poles. They are \$1 each.

Meet Xsara or Cooper at the black couch before school to order yours for lunchtime collection.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Dorrie & Leeanne for running breakfast club each morning

Bel & Jeff for collating & preparing hot lunches today

Sarah, Bel, Peta, Elle, Clinton, Dorrie & Carly who volunteered their time to help with Wheel-a-Thon



State Wide Transition Day





Last Weeks Awards

Congratulations to last weeks award winners:

Eagle Award: Heidi

Principals Award: Thomas

Reading 300 Nights: Masie

Reading 250 Nights: Hollyanne

Reading 200 Nights: Owen, Hollie

Reading 150 Nights: Emily S

Reading 100 Nights: Reece

**Eagle Team Shoutout!: Hunter R,
Erica**

**Wheel-A-Thon: Jeremiah,
Natalie, Jakson, Vicki**



The use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record-keeping is mandatory in all schools to enable contact tracing of any COVID –19

	Need to check in	Do not need to check in
Visitors and volunteers working on school site (including contractors, external department staff and building and maintenance staff)	✓	
Parents who enter school buildings when on school site	✓	
Staff		✓
Students		✓
Parents who come onto school grounds for drop-off or pick-up, but do not enter buildings		✓



Time: Children dropped off at 6:15pm to get ready for a 6:30pm start

Where: Gormandale Hall

Please note: Due to COVID Restrictions all attendees must check in and COVID Vaccination Certificate must be sighted. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

This is an alcohol free event.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

JUNIOR ROOM

We are super excited for Christmas in our class! Last week, we read the story book '12 Sleighs of Christmas' and designed our very own sleigh.



MIDDLE ROOM

We have been learning about maps, following directions and giving directions in maths. Students played a big grid game following directions and drawing maps of Santa's village.



New grade 2/3/4s settled in well with transition today. We did Smartie maths and created a



SENIOR ROOM

The students have been researching the process of how a volcano erupts for our explanation text writing. We made volcanoes in the sandpit and combined bicarb soda and vinegar. The students were excited to watch them erupt!



TUCKER NIGHT

FRIDAY 10th December

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

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Carvery Roast — Slow cooked beef, lamb, pork with crackle, garlic potatoes, pumpkin, a delicious vegetable medley and gravy. **\$20.00**

Chicken Caesar Wrap — crumbed chicken, bacon, Cos lettuce, parmesan cheese, home made Caesar dressing and chips. **\$12.00**

Flathead Chips & Slaw **\$16.00**

Seafood Basket **\$17.00**

Chicken Schnitzel Chips & Slaw **\$15.00**

Chicken Parma Chips & Slaw **\$17.00**

Wilsons Parma - Snitz topped with bacon, avocado, hollandaise sauce & cheese. Chips & Slaw **\$18.00**

1/2 size Meals \$11.00
Schnitzel, Flathead, Roast

Kids Meals -\$5.00

Fish & Chips Nuggets (5) & Chips
Roast & Veg Mini Dim Sims (5) & Chips

Gluten Free— available
Chocolate Mousse
\$3.00

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who supported Tucker Night this year. Up until tonight we have raised \$5,063 which has gone directly back into the community. Since 2017 we have raised \$28,333. From all of us who volunteer at Tucker Night we wish you a happy Christmas, a safe New Year and look forward to seeing you when we resume early 2022.

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

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STRICTLY NO ENTRY TO THE CLUBROOMS

GORMANDALE RECREATION RESERVE

STRICTLY NO EATING IN THE CLUBROOMS