

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear GDPS Community,

Another week races past at GDPS; and as usual it has been filled with engaged students and dedicated staff. Thank you to the families who made it to the annual Family Welcome Barbecue; I hope all who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. I really did enjoy and value the opportunity to speak to mums, dad, nans, brothers and sisters; the intension was for a casual relaxed setting where school and home could 'catch up' – and I think that was achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Erica Judkins and Tricia King for coordinating and leading the event – it does take quite a bit of thought, time, and running around to pull something like that together (whilst also teaching



our students), so thank you. I would also like to prompt the many people who commented on the coleslaw to continue reading the newsletter as I have asked Tricia to put the recipe in this week's edition.



## GDPS Vision

Thank you for the feedback regarding our reviewed and revised GDPS Vision; as you know the greater community's input is imperative to developing it. At this stage, the proposed vision below will be on the next GDPS School Council Meeting agenda for approval and endorsement.

***Gormandale and District Primary School fosters a community learning environment in which each and every member is nurtured to become a confident lifelong learner.***

Term 1	<u>WEEKS AHEAD</u>	Term 1	<u>WEEKS AHEAD</u>
Wed 16th Feb	No Preps	Wed 23rd Feb	No Preps, & Hot Lunch Orders
Wed 2nd March	No Preps & Hot Lunch Orders	Wed 9th March	No Preps & Hot Lunch Orders

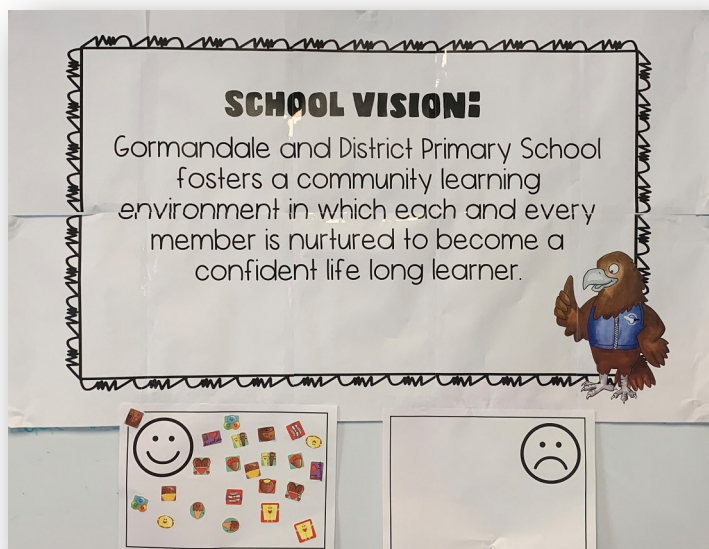
As you can see by the below photo, the community members who attended Tuesday night's Family Welcome Barbecue approved of the proposed version.

The GDPS Vision will continue to be complemented by our GDPS Values:

***Be a Learner***

***Be Safe***

***Be Respectful***



### **Whole School Athletics Carnival**

Last year the GDPS School Council approved an exciting community building event to occur in the form of a GDPS whole school athletics carnival. Kurnai College Certificate III VET Sport and Recreation students will organise and run the whole day event as part of their course requirements. This is a win/win for Kurnai and GDPS students for obvious reasons. The day is planned to occur on Wednesday the 9th of March, from 10am to 2pm. Please also refer to the attached flyer, which was designed and created by the Kurnai students.

Closer to the date the school will provide families with more specific operational detail via uEducateUs.

### **GDPS Medication Administration Policy**

We have recently reviewed our student medication procedures to ensure we are following safe procedures and compliant with DET regulations. Please note over-the-counter medications (including paracetamol) require a medication authority form, even if the student is carrying or self-administering their medication. A Medication Authority form can be collected from the school office or can emailed to families when required. The preference is for a GP to complete the Medication Authorisation Form for all prescription medication; when completed this can be handed into the office. Students who take medication regularly at school will receive the necessary documents this afternoon.

We do realise how busy families are and getting appointments with your GP can be difficult, however we must ensure that we administer all medications as per directions of the medical practitioner for the safety and wellbeing of our students.





## Get Active at GDPS Program

The Tuesday afternoon 'Get Active' tabloid sports has started in a really engaging and positive way. Teacher In Charge, Kim Coulthard, has reported impressive engagement levels by all students. I was especially impressed with the leadership skills our Yr6 students demonstrated when planning for their tabloid event. The Yr6 students will be coached and mentored by staff during the afternoon regarding how to improve their facilitator skills. The students, I think, have developed a new found appreciation for how tricky it can be to get a group of students to follow your instructions—I have no doubt they increase their confidence each week.

The Yr5 students will also have the opportunity to build their Personal & Social Capability skills as they have the responsibility to lead their multi age team. Again, coaching and mentoring from staff will focus on supporting students to contribute to their team by suggesting ideas for improvements and giving praise.



## Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits

Please note that your child/ren will be bringing home another RAT kit early next week (Tuesday). Each kit will be labelled with the child's name and the instructions will be as directed last week. As a reminder,:

- RAT are recommended - NOT MANDATORY, they are strongly encouraged to keep our students and staff safe.
- Twice weekly testing before your child comes to school is strongly recommended. RAT are recommended Monday and Wednesday mornings before school.
- Instructions are included in the RAT Kits detailing how to use the kits, check the results and dispose of the tests safely.

- If your child is positive they will need to isolate for 7 days and not attend school for that period – we will provide remote learning for them.
- Our school will not be recording test results but if your child receives a positive result, you need to let the school know by phone: 5197 7444 or email [Leanne.sinnadurai@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.sinnadurai@education.vic.gov.au)
- You also need to report the positive result through the Department of Health online system or via coronavirus hotline 1800675398.

## GDPS School Leaders

Our 2022 Yr6 students have been very focused on developing their applications for the 2022 Student Leadership roles; this can be an exciting and daunting time for our students. Students have been provided with a GDPS Leadership Booklet that will take them through the various expectations, procedures for election, and future learning that they will participate in during their Leadership journey.

The student leadership roles are listed below:

### Captains

GDPS School Captain

GDPS Vice School Captain



### School Leaders (Yr6 Student)

ICT Leader, Publicity Leader, Transport Leader, Sustainability Leader, Gardening Leader, Fundraising Leader, Sports Leader, Playground Leader, Library Leader, Eagle Team Leader.

### Deputy School Leaders (Yr5 Student)

One Deputy Leader per School Leader.

Our 2022 School Captain, Vice Captain and School Leaders will be announced and presented with their badges at the Week 5 GDPS Assembly.

In future newsletters I look forward to sharing with you some of the exciting activities and opportunities we have in place to develop our 2022 leaders skills, confidence and ability.

## GDPS Outside School Ours Care (OSHC)

Unfortunately, Gumnuts Early Learning Centre has yet to employ a staff member to lead our GDPS OSHC service; however, I would like to stress to you that I am working closely with the DET and Brendon from Gumnuts to put interim staff measures into place to meet the needs of our community. So, if you do want to enrol your children, please contact me directly. The usual process will be to enrol through Gumnuts, however given the circumstances, I would like to be involved initially to ensure we can meet the needs of our families.



Have a great week.

Please update and return ASAP:

Please tick

I can access the newsletter on uEducateUs or the website and do not require a paper copy.

I would like a paper copy of the newsletter this year

Family Name.....Date.....

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**Thank you Thank you  
Thank you**

**Jeff Watson and  
Justice for supplying and  
cooking popcorn and fairy  
floss for our welcome  
BBQ**



## **PARENTS CLUB**

**Welcome to the 2022 school year and term 1, I'm sure you're all just as excited as we are to have the kids back at school, hopefully we have smoother year than the last.**

**For those of you new to the school, Parents Club help with fundraising and special events for the school. If you are interested in jumping on board and want to find out more please reach out to myself or one of the school's lovely staff and they will be able to point in you the right direction.**

**One of the main events Parents Club look after are the schools weekly lunch orders. They will be held on Wednesdays this year and we are in the process of pulling our team together.**

**We are always looking for helpers for lunch orders, without our volunteers We won't be able run lunch orders. The only requirement is a current Working With Children's Check and a willingness to get in and have a go. If you're interested in helping out please let Michelle at the school office know. There will be more information regarding the specific times next week after the Parent Club meet with the school team.**

**We will be holding our first meeting for the year in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for more information. It would be great to see some new faces.**

**Thanks,  
Ellen Sykes, Parents Club**



## **Breakfast Club is BACK!!**

Each morning from 8.40am in the under cover area

GREAT SELECTION INCLUDING: ,

- BAKED BEANS,
- SPAGETTI,
- CEREALS
- FRUIT CUPS
- APPLES
- WHEN AVAILABLE MINI MILKS

Bree & Natalie



### **Tricia's Coleslaw (from school BBQ)**

½ Cabbage finely sliced

½ of small Red & green capsicum finely sliced and diced

Few stalks of Celery finely sliced

2 Grated carrot

Small Can crushed pineapple – drained

Coleslaw dressing to taste

I sometimes add: grated zucchini,  
red cabbage

Enjoy—Tricia King



## **Last Weeks Awards**

**Congratulations to last weeks**

**award winners:**

**Eagle Award: Josh, Vicki & Xavier**

**Principals Award: Xavier**



# FROM THE CLASSROOMS



## Prep/One—Miss Williams



This week, the grade 1's completed their first big write for the year. The students went through the process of planning before writing. Some students practised their public speaking skills by sharing their learning with another class.



The preps learned a new game this week called 'Teddy Bear Race', where they practised their team work skills and number sense.

## Two/Three/Four—Mrs Judkins



This week in grade 2/3/4 we have been learning about Materials in Science—looking at different types of gloves and what material they are made for and for what purpose. The grade 2's have also been busy in maths making numbers with



## Five/Six—Miss Darby

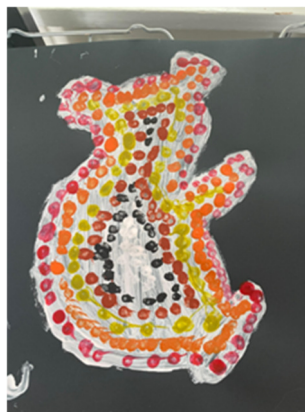
We took our learning outside this week as we explored the process of collecting and representing data using bar graphs.



## ART:

This week in visual art we started our adventure around the globe in Australia. Students viewed Indigenous Australian artwork and were inspired by dream time stories that were told through the art. This gave us inspiration to create our own pieces. Prep / one created bark paintings which included the technique of dotting and weaving. Grade 2 / 3 / 4 have started to create dot art. Within their dot art they are telling their very own dream time story by using Indigenous symbols within their artworks. Grade 5 / 6 have started to create clapping sticks. They are incorporating symbols to create a dream time story. Can't wait to see the finished product!

**Dreamtime story by Bryce:** The Koala climbed a tree to get away from the bush fire. It climbed so high it reached the stars in space.



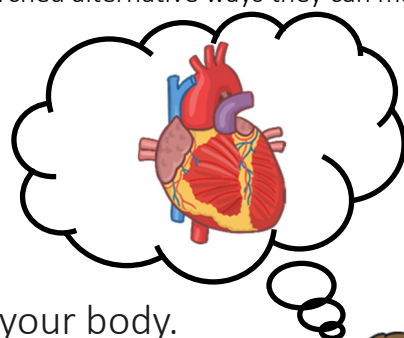
## HEALTH:

Prep / 1 developed their knowledge on hygiene, we looked at different products that we use every day like a toothbrush, toothpaste, and hairbrush etc. As a class we investigated how to use each product correctly and distinguished how often we should be using the products. Students also looked at the impacts, if we don't do these things. 2 / 3 / 4 improved their skill set on safety around the school. They looked at scenarios and worked out if it was safe or unsafe and why? Grade 5 / 6's investigated food and the media. We looked at the positive and negative impacts the media has on us around food. Student also researched alternative ways they can make their favourite snack for example substituting sugar for honey.

### Did you know?

*Exercise makes my heart happy*

Your heart is a muscle that pumps blood around your body. When you exercise your heart pumps even harder and becomes stronger. This means that every time you do exercise your heart becomes stronger and can do a better job of pumping blood round your body all day long.



# Library



## Gormandale Primary School Library Information

Each Grade along with the Kinder will be borrowing from the Library on a Thursday afternoon this year. Students will be able to borrow 2 books and have them for 2 weeks. All books to be returned to the tubs provided in the Library.

## MARC VAN Information

MARC van will be held every Monday afternoon. Children are able to borrow 2 books from MARC and these will be booked out for 2 weeks at a time. Please return books to the tub provided prior to recess each Monday.

## Congratulations

to these awesome Library borrowers this week who remembered to bring along their old books and borrow new ones for this week.



# GORMANDALE KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

**Uniting**

...to inspire people, enliven communities  
and confront injustice.



**FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Dear Families,

Next week we will welcome Janette Mansell to our team as an Additional Assistant.

Today we were to start our fortnightly AUSLAN program with Donna. Unfortunately Donna is unwell but this is due to start soon. We also plan to utilise the school resources and have planned Library borrowing for the children on a fortnightly basis.

This is to start next Thursday afternoon. A big thank-you to Claire Issell (Franklin's Mum) for embroidering all the children's names on their Library / Book Gifting bags for us.

We would also like to Thank Steve Hill (Trey's Grandfather ) for doing some garden maintenance over the holidays and keeping our kinder playground tidy.

Next week we will talk a little bit about what we have been learning in our program.

Have a great weekend.

**Kristy Amos – Kinder Teacher**

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Next Tucker Night 25th February 2022, menu coming soon!

Have you been involved or looking to get involved with the Gormandale football netball club?

If your answer is yes, then we need you at this meeting.

Calling on all past and present, footballers and netballers, committee members, life members, etc etc. Members of the community far and wide.

We as a committee have been working extremely hard to try and future proof our club, and we want you involved.

We are searching for more volunteers to help out in any way possible.

Please join us on the below date.

We will have guest speakers, followed by a bbq lunch, and the bar will be open.

Now is your time to make a difference to our great club



Regards

Daniel Earl

Gormandale Football Netball Club

**We need  
you!**

**Progressive Meeting  
10.30 am Sunday 27 Feb**

What does our future hold, how do  
we get there?



*"Soaring to great heights"*

# Athletics Day

## **Events:**

**Shot Put**

**Discus**

**Long Jump**

**Sprint**

**Long Distance**

**Sack Race**

**Water Balloon Toss**

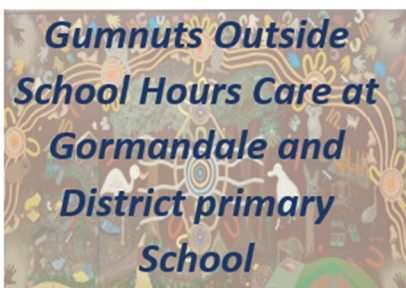
**Food and Drinks  
Provided**



Run by Kurnai college sport  
and recreation team



*'Where every child is an active participant in their individual learning'*



*'After school care (OSHC) is a place of play and leisure for today's neighbourhood children. Where children can learn skills and attitudes for citizenship.'*

### **How do you make a booking?**

To make a booking for BSC and ASC you can do this by emailing or calling the office.

Email: [gumnutselc@netspace.net.au](mailto:gumnutselc@netspace.net.au)

Phone: 5144 6952

**If you have any queries or require assistance, regarding any of this information please don't hesitate to contact the office.**

**Thank you and we hope to see you at our OSHC service in 2022.**

**Gumnuts is committed to child safety**



Gumnuts acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land of where Gumnuts now is. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.

### **What is Gumnuts OSHC?**

Gumnuts Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is a service that provides professional, fun and safe care learning and supervision for your child outside normal school hours.

### **Services Provided by Gumnuts OSHC....**

The services that we provide are **Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.**

#### **Before School Care (BSC)**

Our Before School Care Program's Opening hours are 7am-9am

Cost - \$ 22.00 per child, per session BEFORE the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

When your child arrives, they will be greeted by our experienced educators who have activities set up in the morning to begin their day. Children are then taken to school by 9am.



### **After School Care (ASC)**

Our After School Care Program's Opening hours are 3pm-6pm

Cost - \$ 27.00 per child, per session BEFORE CCS.

Our ASC service begins with your child being collected from school by an educator. The children are then offered afternoon tea before engaging in a variety of activities and play opportunities set for the afternoon. These activities are driven by and resourced for children through their ideas and interests. You are encouraged to pack extra food for hungry after school tummies.



### **Vacation Care**

Our Vacation Care program (To be offered depending on demand)

Opening hours are 8am-6pm

Cost - \$85.00 per child, per session BEFORE CCS.

During the holidays children are offered a variety of activities including local excursions.

#### **Please provide your child with the following items:**

- Ample amounts of food for duration of day
- CLOSED TOE shoes must be worn, spare set of weather appropriate clothing/shoes
- Drink bottle (filled with water only)
- Hat and own sunscreen and mosquito repellent if required

## Student Diaries Coming Soon

The student diaries have been held up by COVID. The manufacturer is working very hard to deliver them to us. All students will be receiving a newly designed GDPS student diary that will contain all of the information below and more to support students and families during the year to stay connected with the school—we know that it is important that school and home have strong communication lines.



## TERM 1 2022 INFORMATION

- Whole school athletics carnival 9th March
- School Assemblies every Friday at 2.30pm
- Newsletter every Friday instead of Tuesday
- Marc van—now Monday afternoons
- Preps rest day each Wednesday from 16th Feb 2022 to 9th March 2022
- Bookclub will continue in 2022 more information will come early in the year. The first catalogues went home today and are due back 16th February.
- Hot lunches will begin week 4 (Always seeking new helpers, please contact us if you can spare some time)
- Breakfast will continue in 2022
- Hats must be worn in Term 1. If families could supply sunscreen we are more than happy to remind the students to apply
- Swimming lessons Week 8 (22nd, 23rd, 24th March) and Week 9 (29th, 30th 31st March)

