

NEWSLETTER

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2022



Dear GDPS Community,

It is an exciting week this week as we got to send our new GDPS Student Diaries home. I really hope families were as impressed as the staff and students were to finally receive them. As like many things of late, the delivery of our diaries was unfortunately impacted by COVID, however we 'adapted' and planned for a slightly later implementation date! Throughout the year we plan to utilise the diaries to build the students' literacy and numeracy skills; promote home reading routines; strengthen communication lines between home and school; and keep us all informed of the many and various extra curricular activities that have been planned for the year.



Parent Payments

Thank you to those families who have managed to make their Parent Payments this year; this contribution does have a significant impact on our school resourcing. Of course all students are provided with high quality teaching and learning, however the voluntary contribution from families does enable GDPS to purchase resources to further enhance our programs. I realise that our COVID restrictions and Michelle being absent from the office during the first week of school may have made it difficult for families to make a payment in person; however Michelle is back to accept funds now and there is the electronic transfer option also. Should you wish to discuss Parent Payments further, please call me directly via the school number.

School Student Leaders

During the past weeks, the Yr5/6 classroom has been 'buzzing' with our future leaders writing and practicing their applications and speeches. Today several Yr6 students who aspire to be GDPS School Captain pushed their butterflies down and courageously spoke to the school assembly regarding why they

Term 1	<u>WEEKS AHEAD</u>	Term 1	<u>WEEKS AHEAD</u>
Wed 16th Feb	No Preps	Wed 23rd Feb	No Preps
Wed 2nd March	No Preps	Wed 9th March	No Preps & GDPS Athletics day—in school activity

would like to lead our GDPS community. The selection process for the captain roles included voting from all students and the review of written applications by staff. The School Captain and School Vice Captain roles will be announced at next week's assembly. I realise there will be some disappointed students who will miss out on the captaincy; together Ms Darby and I are preparing the students with strategies that will help them overcome that disappointment. Fortunately, GDPS also has School Student Leaders who have specific roles aiming to encourage all students to participate in school learning activities. The School Student Leaders have completed their written application and presented their speeches within the 5/6 class setting this week; through a peer voting process and staff review of applications I am please to announce the 2022 School Student Leaders listed below.

ICT Leader— Bailey
Publicity Leader— Natalie
Gardening Leader— Ethan
Sustainability Leader— Jeremiah
Transport Leader— Xavier
Fundraising Leader— Jack
Sports Leader— Shanequa
Playground Leader— Noah
Library Leader— Breeannah
Eagle Team Leader— Jakson



The School Student Leaders will also receive their official badges during next week's assembly.



Bell Time Adjustments this Year

Families may have noticed the bell times listed within the Student Diaries and noticed that they have been adjusted this year. I wanted to share with you the rational behind that adjustment and also share some of the operations we are implementing to ensure all students are fuelled for optimum learning and wellbeing. With the ultimate goal to increase student outcomes and improve academic growth we have maximised the prime learning periods and increased the face to face learning periods (reflective of DET guidelines). The adjustment also enables our teachers to implement the new instructional model as identified within our new school strategic plan. Research suggests that eating a healthy and nutritious diet can improve mental health, enhance cognitive skills like concentration and memory and improve academic performance; and as such our classrooms are implementing the below:

- Timetabled 'Brain Food' breaks within sessions
- All classrooms have additional healthy snacks for students should they finish their packed food and still be hungry.
- Water bottles are in reach of students throughout their sessions.
- Students are encouraged to eat according to their hunger level (this may mean they eat half their sandwich at first break and half at second break).

- Breakfast Club is promoted and encouraged

Feedback is always welcomed so please contact me to discuss further; I can also share the research our decisions are informed by and some of the schools that have reviewed their eating/play times and experienced positive impacts on student learning and wellbeing as a result.

We are currently working with the Parent Club to see how this timing adjustment will affect the lunch order program once we get it back up and running.



Notes and Consent Forms

Please check you child/children's school bag for the following forms/notes that are being sent home today; thank you in advance for getting them completed and back to school as soon as possible. Prep students may not be required to complete all documents as they were part of your enrolment pack. Please contact the school if you are unsure.

- ◆ Local Excursion Consent
- ◆ Photographing, Filming and Recording Students at GDPS Consent
- ◆ Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form
- ◆ National School Chaplaincy Program me Parent Consent Form

Have a great week.

Leanne Sinnadurai, Acting Principal

REMINDER

Just a reminder to send a clearly named water bottle with your child **each day. It is important to keep the children hydrated especially on Tuesday afternoons when we have our get active @ GDPS program.**



GORMANDALE KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

Uniting

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



FEBRUARY 17th 2022

Dear Families,

As we end our 3rd week at kinder, I am so pleased to report how well the children have settled in. So much learning has been happening in our 'Program' and the children have enjoyed exploring the kinder learning environment. We have had the opportunity to begin to establish new friendships with others and warm and trusting relationships with all staff.

Some of the children have loved the opportunity to paint and learn about mixing our own colours, complete tricky puzzles, read books with the Educators, challenge their gross-motor skills, engage in water play, help friends and explore sea animals. The children have been fascinated to hear that the 'Daddy' Seahorse has the babies and that an 'Octopus' has 3 hearts.

Today we commenced our Library borrowing at the Primary School. A big thanks to Trish for having us and helping us to support the children's literacy skills.

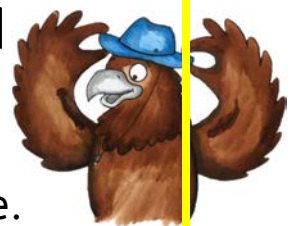
We look forward to continuing to share snippets of our learning with you throughout the Term.

Have a great weekend.
Kristy Amos – Kinder Teacher



TERM 1 2022 INFORMATION

- Whole school athletics carnival 9th March
- School Assembly every Friday at 2.30pm; all welcome. Visitors must check in and be fully vaccinated.
- Preps rest day each Wednesday from 23rd Feb 2022 to 9th March 2022
- Hot lunches will begin in the next few week (Always seeking new helpers, please contact us if you can spare some time)
- Hats must be worn in Term 1. If families could supply sunscreen we are more than happy to remind the students to apply it.



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



Lavalla Catholic College Information Evening

Wednesday 16th March 4-7pm

Year 7 enrolments are open now for 2023

St Pauls Anglican Grammar

Year 7 2023 & 2024 Information Evenings

8th March Warrigul—9th March Traralgon

FOR SALE

Get in quick! We have a few 2022 GDPS student

diaries for sale. They are only \$16.50 inc GST.

We can even personalize it for you. Please contact the office if you would like one.

Last Weeks Awards

**Congratulations to last weeks
award winners:**

Eagle Award: Billy-Rose & Lachlan

Principals Award: Hunter



FROM THE CLASSROOMS



Prep/One—Miss Williams

The Prep students are enjoying practising their pre writing lines in sensory and tactile ways. Here are some pictures of us practising 'sideways to the magic land' and 'Roger the raccoon goes around the moon' The grade 1 students have been practising writing and making multiples of.



Two/Three/Four—Mrs Judkins

This week in grade 2/3/4 we were learning about Aboriginal Dreamtime stories as part of our history unit. We watched a puppet show and listened to the book about Tiddalik, and created some art work. Some students had the opportunity to share their work at assembly.



Five/Six—Miss Darby

In Science we have been learning about natural and processed packaging materials. The students have been working together in groups to compare packaging materials. They have been enjoying having the responsibility of taking on different roles during group work such as the scribe, presenter and a time keeper.

This has also provided students with opportunities to develop their speaking skills as they present their work to the class.



Library

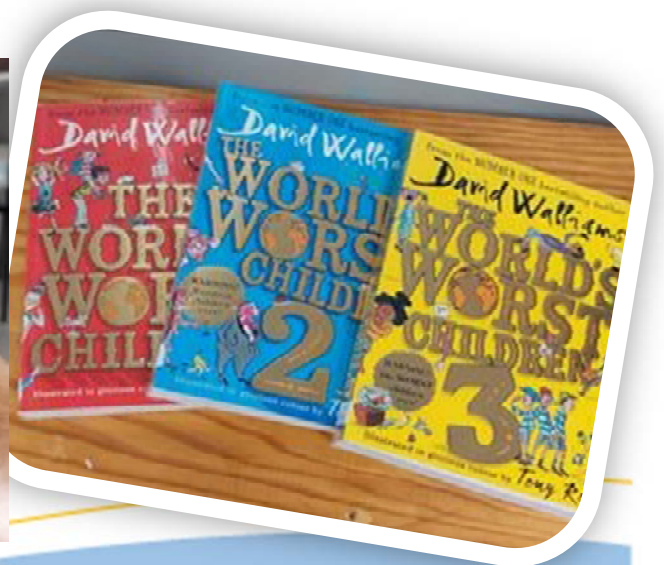


This week the Kinder for the first time ever have been included in our school Library borrowing. The children will be able to borrow books on a Thursday afternoon. It will be great to introduce them to our Library.



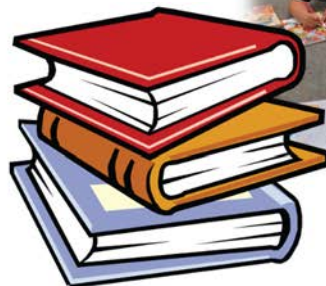
New Books

We have several new books in the Library this term. Just a few are pictured below.



Library borrowing enriches students reading experiences and develops independent reading skills.

MARC VAN MONDAY



Reminders

- **Swimming Permission & Payment Due 18th March**
 - **Chaplaincy permission forms to be returned**
- **2022 Local Excursion Permission ASAP Year (1-6 Only)**
 - **2022 CSEF Application ASAP**
- **2022 Photographing, filming and Recording Students at GDPS ASAP Year (1-6 Only)**
- **Paper or Electronic Newsletter notification due NOW—**
Please note to reduce printing costs and help the planet
we may omit advertising content from printed copies



'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

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

TUCKER NIGHT

FRIDAY 25th February

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

Special Poached Chicken — Yummy seasoned breast cooked to tender, topped with a sundried tomato and onion creamy sauce. **\$20.00**

Baked Spud — Spud topped with bacon, salami, onion, cheese, sour cream and coleslaw **\$12.00**

Flathead Chips & Slaw **\$17.00**

Seafood Basket **\$18.00**

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

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

Beef Outback - Beef Snitz, salami, bacon, mushroom, cheese, outback sauce topped with onion rings Chips & Slaw **\$22.00**

Wilsons Parma - Snitz topped with bacon, avocado, hollandaise sauce & cheese. 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

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

Eftpos is available

STRICTLY NO ENTRY TO THE CLUBROOMS

GORMANDALE RECREATION RESERVE

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

🐱🐱 JNR Tigers 🐱🐱

Is your son or daughter, niece, or nephew between the ages of 5-12?

If you answered yes, then Auskick is coming back to Gormandale and we want you involved.

Commencing around the end of April (dates to be confirmed) and running for approximately 8 weeks.

Auskick will be held at the Gormandale Recreation Reserve.

This is a great opportunity to get your child active and into sport.

If you would like more information, please get in contact with myself on 0447778820

Regards
Daniel Earl
President
Gormandale Football
Netball Club



Come dressed as a fairy or an elf!

Baby's Day Out!

FRIDAY 12 MARCH 2021
11AM - 2PM
AT MEMORIAL PARK, YARRAM

FREE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY INCLUDING A JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON TWISTING, GIPPY COFFEE AND MORE. FOR CHILDREN 0-4 AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS.

Proudly supported by 

For further information regarding Baby's Day Out please contact Wellington Shire Council's Open Space Officer on 1300 366 244.
Please remember to stay COVIDSafe, wear a face mask if you can't physically distance and practice good hand hygiene.


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THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'THE WIGGLES'

Kids Day Out!

WEDNESDAY
9 MARCH

10AM - 1PM

AT YARRAM
MEMORIAL PARK



EMMA WIGGLE
WILL BE MAKING A
SPECIAL APPEARANCE
WITH HER SONG AND DANCE
PERFORMANCE.

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A free, family fun day for children 0-6 years and their parents and carers!

KIDS CAN ENJOY A JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON TWISTING & PETTING ZOO.
WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE WITH LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
& ICE CREAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM AN ICE CREAM VAN ON THE DAY.
ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE 'WIGGLES' CHARACTER.

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THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'FROZEN'

Baby's Day Out!

TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022

10AM - 1PM

AT THE SALE BOTANIC GARDENS



A free, family fun day for children aged 0-4 years and their parents and carers.

KIDS CAN ENJOY A JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON TWISTING AND PETTING ZOO ALONG WITH ACTIVITIES FROM
COUNCIL, UNITING GIPPSLAND AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES. ICE CREAM AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.
THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'FROZEN' WITH ELSA MAKING A SPECIAL APPEARANCE.

Kids are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character.

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