

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 10th March 2021

Dear Families,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by praising all students for their contributions to a positive week, last week. We had a great week of behaviour in the yard, this resulted in the addition of new play equipment being earned.

We also had a large increase in the number of children reading each night! To encourage this, while supporting our student leaders, we will be rewarding children with 5 nights of reading (this can also count if reading is done upon arriving at school). Our student leaders will be running short activities on Friday afternoons to provide opportunities for P-6 interaction, and opportunities for student voice and choice, as per our Annual Implementation Plan targets.

I would also like to thank families for your understanding of our network and internet outage over the last week. Notices that were intended to be provided last week were not able to be provided, and your understanding has been appreciated. We sincerely hope that all families are able to attend our sports and BBQ evening on Monday. Events will include running, bean bag toss, egg and spoon race etc. It is intended as a getting to know you evening with a casual feel. We plan to run a school sports day later in the year to make up for the junior students missing the District Sports. This will also help to prepare our students for the Term 1 District Sports in 2022.

Maths learning:

Teachers have participated in professional learning to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics in each class. Methods and understanding of how to teach maths has changed significantly since I was at school, and even since I entered the Education profession. We will be including some parent information sheets with class previews, starting in the coming weeks.

Reading helpers:

Thank you to the 2 family members that have offered to listen to reading in the mornings, we appreciate your time and willingness to contribute to the success of our school.

Have a great week, please take care of yourselves as the seasons change and our bodies adapt.

Tamara Halket
Principal

TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
Today	Staff PD—Student Free Day	Wed 17th	District Athletics—4/5/6
Fri 12th	Special Lunch Orders, Hot Cross Bun Orders Due & Numbers for BBQ	Fri 19th	Hot Cross Bun Delivery
Mon 15th	NO MARC Van & Family BBQ and Sports 5pm to 6.30pm	Mon 22nd	MARC Van
Tue 16th	Bookclub Orders, 4/5/6 Athletics Permission & 3/4 Camp Expression of Interest Due	Tue 23rd	Hot Lunches

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Keep an eye out for the next Tucker Night on the 19th March

Parents Club

Thanks for supporting special lunch orders. They will go ahead as planned this Friday. Anyone who would like to assist is more than welcome from 12 onwards.

Just a reminder that Hot Cross Bun orders are due this Friday.

Hope to see all families at the welcome BBQ on Monday the 15th.

Easter Raffle books will come home next week. All donations for the Easter Raffle can be left at the Office.

Still seeking helpers for Tuesday lunch orders. If we don't get helpers soon we will be forced to cancel Tuesday hot lunch orders..

Our AGM has been scheduled for next term on 29th April.

Thank you, Elle Sykes, Parents Club President

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Kerry and Elle for collating and preparing hot lunches today.

Gormandale Community House for donating icypoles for all students last Thursday

Thank you Dorrie for co-ordinating Breakfast Club each morning.

Tucker Night for donating fertilizer and plants for our rock garden. Thank you to Lanie who helped plant the seedlings

Thank you Gormandale General Store for giving us the funds from the collection tin, the funds will be put to good use!

Reminders

- **4/5/6 District Athletics forms due 16th March, 3/4 Camp expression of interest due back 16th March**
 - **Chaplaincy permission forms to be returned**
 - **Special Hot Lunch order forms for Friday 12th March**
- **Hot Cross Bun Orders in by 12th March for Delivery 19th March**
 - **Bookclub orders due 16th March**

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are offering the children breakfast in the undercover area most mornings
8.40am

IN THE CLASSROOMS

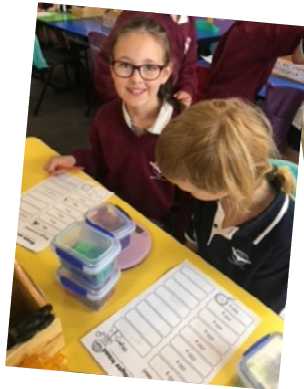
Junior Room

Last week we went on a signs and symbol hunt around the school. We have been learning about why signs and symbols are important and what they mean. It was great to see students make the connection that when signs are yellow it means go slow, and red means stop, just like our emotion zones!



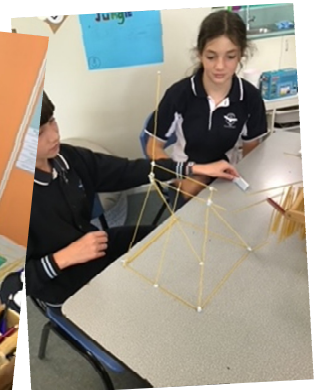
MIDDLE ROOM

We have been busy learning about fractions and equivalent fractions. In STEM we went on a “gram” hunt—having fun weighing objects around the classrooms.



SENIOR ROOM

Stem Challenge! The students participated in a STEM challenge which involved trying to build the tallest tower using just spaghetti sticks and blue tac. They worked in pairs or individually if preferred. The tallest tower was made by Grace and Emily and measured 80cm high.



ART ROOM

P/1: Last week, the Prep/One class created 'stained glass' autumn leaves using tissue paper. These are on display on our front door, and look fabulous when the sun shines through them! This week they are starting an Easter project, which will help to develop and practise their fine motor skills with drawing, tracing, cutting and pasting.

2/3/4: This week, the 2/3/4 class will continue with their autumn inspired landscapes. Their scratch art portraits are now displayed in the hallway for everyone to enjoy.

5/6: The senior class will complete their self portraits this week by adding final details and shading, before mounting them ready for display. The 5/6's will then move onto their autumn pieces which will focus on the art elements 'line', 'shape', 'space' and 'colour'



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Senior students will continue to practise and prepare for their athletics carnival next week (Wednesday 17th March). The whole school will then be participating in 'Tabloid Sports' on Friday afternoons, where students from each year level will be able to interact together in small groups.

-Ms Elrick

Eagles of the week
Emily E, Ava & Hollyanne



**Have you registered for the FREE
Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt at
Community House???**
**Register by 25th March with
numbers and ages...Don't miss**

EASTER PICNIC & EGG HUNT

**TO ENSURE ENOUGH EGGS AND PICNIC FOODS
RSVP BY CALLING 5197 7264 NO LATER THAN
THE 25/03/21 WITH NUMBERS AND AGES PLEASE**

**March 28th
12.00 Sharp**

**Gormandale
Community
House**

PROVIDED

- **Sandwiches, Finger Foods, Fruit & Veggie Snacks, Juice Box or Water, Icy Poles and of course Easter Eggs**

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○ **12.00: EGG HUNT:**

GROUP A / 0 – 5 year old's, in the enclosed back yard

GROUP B / 6 - 8 year old's in the community garden

GROUP C / 9 – 12 year old's in the rec reserve area

All plastic eggs are empty, and the kids will be able to redeem them at the Egg Stand after their lunch.

- **Different colour eggs for different size chocolate eggs, prizes or snacks**

○ **12.30: LUNCH**

○ **1:00: REDEEM YOUR EGGS**

**BRING ALONG A PICNIC BLANKET
AND AN EASTER BASKET**