

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 10, and the last week of Term 1! Term 2 is looking like an exciting and busy term with classroom teachers planning interesting units and the beginning of our Tutor program. Before we all enjoy a well earned break, we still have an exciting week ahead!

Last day of Term 1

We have organised some fun activities for the students. They will be in groups and rotate through the events. Then at 1pm we will begin the Assembly, Easter Parade and Raffle Draws. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

Term 2

Photos

We are using a local photographer again this year, John Ansell. He is attending the school on the 20th of April (day 2). Envelopes were given to students last week. If you require family photos forms, these are available at the office, or by calling the school to send home. Please return your envelopes before the day with the correct payment for processing.

Excursion

Permission Forms will be sent home tomorrow for our trip to the Da Vinci Exhibition at Latrobe Regional Gallery on the 21st April. We plan to leave school 11:15am and have some hot chips for a school wide picnic, before the exhibition. Please send lunch with your child if they do not like hot chips. The school will provide the hot chips, families will only be required to pay for the bus, and the excursion is provided by the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Grade 3/4 Camp

This camp will be in Week 2 of Term 2. There will be an information session offered prior to the camp to answer questions and provide families with all information needed for this camp. It is exciting to be able to offer camps again this year, but it also means that all campers are first time campers and we want all families to feel prepared and confident about our camp.

Attendance

On the 30th April our school is having an attendance audit. This will be conducted by the Department of Education and completed remotely. It is a timely reminder to make sure our students get at least 8 hours sleep a night to enable them to get to school on time and ready to learn. The Department of Education and Training requires reasons be provided for all absences and we appreciate your efforts with this so far this year.

NAPLAN

On the 11th - 13th of May students in Grade 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN Testing. This is a National testing program that is conducted in all schools. As this style of testing can be stressful to students, we will be ensuring classes have practise tests to learn how they look and feel. If any family is feeling concerned, or would like additional home preparation, please see me and I am happy to provide you with some resources. We do not want to teach "to" the test, but we must teach "how to" do the tests if we are to see an accurate representation of our students.

TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 2 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
Wed 31st	Easter Raffle Tickets Due Back	Mon 19th	1st Day of Term 2
Thurs April 1st	Last Day of Term 1 & Assembly start 12.45pm Easter Raffle Drawn Finish 1.30pm	Tues 20th	School Photos
Fri April 2nd to Sun 19th April	School Holidays	Wed 21st	Excursion to Latrobe Art Gallery—De Vinci Exhibition

Gardener

We are still looking to employ an energetic person with a passion for the environment for 3 hours a fortnight to work in our gardens. If you know anyone who would be interested please let them know and get them to contact us.

Archiving

Michelle is very excited to have an archiving team attend our school in late May. The team, who specialise in school systems, will help correctly archive our schools historical documents and school records.

Trees

Over the Easter break we are having some more trees removed as part of the Bushfire Preparedness Program. These trees, while beautiful, are considered a danger to the school buildings due to uneven branches and proximity to the buildings. We will be replacing these trees with smaller, more suitable native gums and a garden.

Keep a look out for notice of a working bee next term, and please feel free to provide us with any ideas or input you may have!

Blinds

We have had half of the old blinds replaced and some new ones installed. This replacement serves to provide a more energy efficient school by blocking heat and cold, as well as to provide security to the buildings in the case of a lockdown or other emergency situation. The remainder of this project will be completed before 2022.

Lastly, on behalf of all the staff here at GDPS I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter break and hope you all enjoy the time with your families and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Tamara Halket, Principal

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The ANZAC Day commemorative service will be held at 10am on Sunday 25th April at the Gormandale Cenotaph. We are looking for anyone with family ties returned veterans/ service people from the Gormandale area that would like to be involved with our ANZAC day service. Could they please contact the school and we will pass your contact details on to the ANZAC committee.

PARENTS CLUB

Please note our new price and updated menu starting Term 2.

Cocktail franks will be added 4 for \$2 and will only be sold in 4s.

Hot dogs now \$3
Nuggets now 5 for \$2.50
Dim Sims 2 for \$1.50
Party Pies \$1ea
Popcorn 50c per bag

Large Meat pie will be removed from the menu

Term 2 fundraising Mothers Day stall on the 7th May. Items priced from 50c to \$10.

Wood raffle. Trailer load of wood donated by the Jennings family.
Thanks Kerry Scott

**Thank you Thank you
Thank you**

Elle, Kerrie, Jan & Jeff collating or preparing hot lunches today.

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

Thank you to Jan and Alyshia for helping with reading in the Junior Room

Thank you to Sharon Taylor again for your recent donations:)

Thank you Sharon McWatters for donating a whole Easter Egg hamper for our raffle!! We love your work!

Thank you Thank you

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Room

Fun Motor Friday!! Last week, we had our first session of fun motor Friday. During this time, the students rotate through different activities to practise their fine motor skills. The class favourites were catching the ping pong balls and using funky scissors.



MIDDLE ROOM

Kids have been busy making Easter Hats in class today. They had fun with an Easter Egg hunt today and will be making some Easter baskets in the hope Easter Bunny visits.



SENIOR ROOM

The student leadership posters are now on display outside of the 5/6 room! They have worked together with their leadership team to create their posters and write a description of their role. The students have been working hard to contribute to their roles and will be writing what they have been doing in their role on sticky notes which will be added to the display. It is great to see them so passionate about having important responsibilities.



Eagles of the week

**Heidi,
Bella and
Grace**



Reminders

Easter Eggs - Donations for Raffle

Thank you to those families who have already donated Easter Eggs and returned their raffle tickets. Lets make this years raffle a great one :)

Art Room

The art room is seeking donations of clean plastic containers (eg. ice cream tubs, yoghurt containers etc.)

BOOK BOOKS BOOKS

Over the holidays, it's a great time to check for books....look under the beds, behind the cupboards, under the couch and in the dog kennel for any school book. We are missing library book and MARC van books and readers.

Bread Tags

Keep collecting bread tags for wheel-chairs. We have a few already

Prep Parents

Please keep a look out for your CSEF Prep Package application form, available to all families who are eligible for CSEF. Application forms are due back 18th April. Also your letter from the school nurse has been sent home today.

IN THE GARDEN

Check out our Sweet Pea Tee-Pee! Last week we had a lot of fun (in between rain showers) with the help of Billy-Rose, Emily and Carmelena we planted and constructed our Tee-Pee.

We cant wait to see the Sweet Peas grow and cover our structure. It should be a beautiful spring display. Keep an eye out for two more of these structures going up soon.....Michelle



Hot chocolates are back in 2021

Starting in term 2 every Friday!

Meet Xsara + Cooper in the library in the morning.

\$1 for one hot chocolate with marshmallows

Everyone can have one you just need \$1

From the fundraising captains Cooper and Xsara



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tip: Raising adventurous kids

Term 1 has really flown and I hope the time has been positive and productive for you and your children. I thought with holidays coming up, and hopefully some wonderful weather as well, this article from the Fathering Project might be a source of some inspiration:

".. Being adventurous in childhood, and adulthood, helps us continue learning and growing. It's important for children to learn that adventuring can be fun, rewarding and safe.

Encourage this by setting an example to your children: try new things, learn new skills and visit new places.

Teach your kids how to identify and manage risks, so they learn how to confidently challenge themselves.

Kids and toddlers are often tougher than you think – so don't leave it too long to start taking children camping and on other outdoor adventures like walks and exploring trips.

Model confidence to your children by showing interest in the world around you, there's always more to learn, so explore with them.

Try visiting a place near home that you've never been to – a local park, beach, wildlife reserve, playground – even a cafe, library or other indoor spaces can be made into an adventure!

Another way to adventure is trying something you've never done before! Half of the fun can be brainstorming this with your children..."

(Source: www.thefatheringproject.org)

Also, just a reminder that if you would like your child to participate in the Chaplaincy Program, for those who haven't done so yet, parents/guardians will need to sign and return the permission slip to the office at your earliest convenience.

The role of the chaplain is to provide pastoral care to children and parents, while they are journeying through their primary school years at Gormandale Primary. I am available at the school every Tuesday and every Second Wednesday should you wish to catch up with me to let me know how you think I can help make it a pleasant time and relaxed time for your child.

Brian Heath
School Chaplain.
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