



Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk....

I have had the privilege of attending the Regional leadership conference in Melbourne this week. The focus for our school was about the "excellent – outstanding" thought process and in particular, 2028. This is the date that our current prep students can start looking at a career.

While we need to teach the curriculum explicitly, our children / students also need to be:

- strong citizens (respect)
- communicators (written and orally using a range of digital tools)
- critical thinkers / problem solvers
- collaborators (team work, social networking and empathy)
- creative and imaginative
- strong in character (respectful, responsible and resilient)

There are plenty of opportunities at school for us to continue developing these skills, however, parents can really assist their children getting ahead by assisting them become involved in outside organisations that promote strong values (sports clubs, scouts, leadership programs, camps etc).

Swimming

A big thankyou to Roger for assisting us this week while I was away. He kindly donated his time to drive our students to swimming. It's the support of people like Roger that makes our school so successful. It takes a village!

Trivia Night

Please see the office if you would like a ticket. This is a great opportunity to get together as a community to support the school.

Rocket Challenge

We have postponed the rocket challenge until the start of next term. Please see this newsletter for more information. Once again, we would love to see parents come and support the day.

Movie Day

Please see the school office to purchase tickets to the Incredibles II. June 24th Ballarat Regent Cinemas.



Reading

I often get asked by parents, how can I help my child read? At school there two stages of reading:

1. Learning to read
2. Reading to learn

As a parent it is extremely important that we assist our children through both stages. The early stage (P – 2) requires an intensive one to one effort, developing fluency, accuracy and understanding. The later stage (3 - 6) requires a strategic effort. This involves parents reading a section and asking questions to their child about that section. Why did the author write this? What happened? What was the writer trying to infer here? It is also important to listen to a section of their reading to assist them become more fluent.

The effort put in throughout Primary School will pay off when they reach Secondary levels.

Uniform

I have noticed black vests / jackets being worn of late. I don't want any child to be cold, but I do want them in school uniform. I ask that parents support the school uniform policy and also remind them that jackets can be purchased at the school office.

Learning Tasks

You will notice three learning tasks on your child's compass page. A literacy, numeracy and one other task will be set and graded for parents to view. Parents should feel free to discuss these with their children and teachers (at PT interviews).

Parent Teacher Interviews

Please ensure that you book on the compass page. Teachers will be reporting your child's progress for literacy and numeracy at these interviews.

Attendance

Thankyou to those parents who value the education for their children. I know that attendance at school (including punctuality) = stronger results. We don't want children spreading germs when they are sick, however, most work forces only allow 5 days without certificate throughout a year. This should be the goal of all students / families as well.

Sovereign Hill

It was great to see the happy faces of our grade two students while attending this excursion on Monday. I believe that not one student received the cane! Thankyou to the parents who assisted with transportation on the day.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Riley M and Amelia and any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

*Have a great weekend,
Russel Cowan
Principal*

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising activities so far this year. We have currently raised a total of \$1,500 with lots of fun still to come with our Trivia night being held next Saturday 16th June. Please come along and support the school and there are some fantastic prizes and silent auctions to win on the night. Tickets are \$10 each purchased from the office or \$15 on the night. Get together a table of 8-10 people and come along for a great night. Light snacks are provided but you are more than welcome to bring along some snacks for your own table to share. Drinks are at bar prices and it is an adult only event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jo Goss

Term 2 Family Challenge

We are going back to the Water Rocket Challenge this term. The only rule is that it needs to be a water rocket with a launching mechanism. Students can't hold the rocket while it goes off. I will inspect for safety reasons before hand so please ensure that your child has a safe device. The challenge will take place in early Term 3 with a prize for:

- The furthest distance travelled
- The highest distance reached

Once again parents will be welcome to come and celebrate the day with us.

June 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
11 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	12 Junior Swimming	13 Junior Swimming	14 Junior Swimming	15 Assembly Junior Swimming	16 Trivia Night	17
18	19	20 Hot Lunch	21	22 Senior STEM	23	24 Incredibles 2 Fundraiser
25	26 Parent Teacher Interviews Jump Rope for Heart	27	28 School Photos	29 Assembly Last Day of Term	30	

July 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 First Day Term	17	18	19	20 Assembly	21	22
23 School Concert	24	25	26	27 Junior STEM	28	29
30	31					

August 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		01	02	03 Assembly	04	05
06	07	08	09 School Council	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Assembly	18	19

All dates were correct at the time of going to print however they may be subject to change.

Students of the Week



Prep	Charlotte and Evelyn
One	Zara and Maya
Two	Katya and Hamish
34d	Angus and Diana
34c	Grace and Hailey
56	Alyssa and Riley M
Indonesian	Tommi and Alanah
Sports	Riley H

Grade 2 Sovereign Hill





Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program (beginning in a couple of weeks) and we would love your support!

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child(ren) will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia's leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope team provides us with lots of resources and support to implement the program and in return we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

How to register your child:

Visit: www.jumprope.org.au go to the Kids tab and click on **REGISTER**

Alternatively, you can type in the link below which will take you straight to our Gordon Primary School page:

https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/2018/Gordon_Primary_School_-_GORDON_VIC_-_135798

A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register, and then you are encouraged to share this link with as many people as possible. This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program, during the last week of term (**date yet to be decided**), we will be holding a Jump Off. This is an event to celebrate the conclusion of the Jump Rope program and it's a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be—come along and pick up a rope!

When your child(ren) has/have finished fundraising online let your teacher know and for your own reference you may like to print out a copy of the donations received online.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease and we look forward to getting the whole school jumping!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lulu

Gordon Primary School Jump Rope for Heart School Coordinator



Monday

*Come
Join in on
the Fun!*

Time



\$25 as *Tickets*, Sold in *School Office*
Only!

P.M
1:15

Sunday 24th



Gordon Primary School

Triv?ia? ?NIGHT?

Lucky
door prizes

Get
ready for a
great night

Light snacks
provided

Silent Auction
& games

Adult only
event

**Saturday
June 16th
2018**

Doors open from
6:30pm

Licensed Event
Beer, Wine and Soft
Drink available at bar
prices (No BYO)

Fun games and
prizes on the
night

**Gordon
Town Hall**

TICKET PRICES

\$10 (pre-purchased) OR \$15 (on the night)

Tickets can be pre-purchased from the school office from Term 2.
Tickets prices are per person. Tickets non-refundable. Max 8 per table.





OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 14th of June 2018

***For 2019 prospective families to come along with
their child to see our kinder,
and meet the Educators***

4 year old kindergarten application forms will be available &
Applications to enrol for 2019 Activity Group
will be accepted at our Open Day

**Thursday 14th of June 2018
1.00pm – 3.00pm**

88 Simpson Street, Ballan 3342

Telephone 5368 1228 or email ballan.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
if you have any questions

Children must be 4 years old by 30th April 2019 for kindergarten or
3 years old by 30th April 2019 for Activity Group