



# Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Quitting. Today people are quitting jobs, friendships, sports at a greater rate than previous generations. I see this in kids as well, whether it be teams, music lessons, art classes, scouts or other after school programs. Sometimes it's necessary, but sometimes students tell me they were bored, didn't like the leader or they wanted to play the Xbox.

I think kids need to try many things as everyone has the potential to experience success in at least one thing. I know that a large part of my parenting life is spent driving to and from different activities for my kids in order for them to experience this.

My rule is simple: Try anything that is possible by going once or twice, but once you commit you stick at it until you say that you gave it your best shot. We can all think back to a situation that we wish we had stuck at it in order to succeed. I believe that a quitting attitude can be bred from a young age and as parents we have a role to play in raising children who are resilient and have "stick ability" for life.

If we redevelop this we have children with commitment and loyalty, values that will go a long way in life. Learning to endure something even when it becomes boring or unpleasant, is a strong trait that sets children up for success.

I get the tantrums and miserable practices and screaming scenes where I reminded them that this was something they had said they wanted to do. The upside? They had long, enduring relationships with instructors, coaches and teammates who changed and enriched their lives.

Passions are not like dreams for most of us, we don't wake up one morning and find they have miraculously come to us in the night. They are a result of hard work and dedication, the joy that comes of doing something well.

This Friday we have cross country at Little Bendigo PS. I have heard stories from a few parents and children that they want to quit and not go. I have an issue with this attitude as all students and families have committed to the school and students in particular have been working hard in their classes and at home to prepare for this event. By letting these students not participate are we developing commitment, loyalty and effort?

## Anaphylaxis

All parent volunteers and workers will be asked to attend an anaphylaxis training session at school early term two. This will be held twice a year. This will be free of charge and covers you for working on a school site during the day. If you have submitted your working with children's check to the school then you are deemed as a volunteer.

## Student Free Day

Thank you for your efforts on Friday so staff were able to attend the Moorabool Collegiate Groups Professional Development Day. We had a beneficial day learning a great deal about effective learning strategies for reading. Our staff also attended sessions on Lego Robotics, iPads and "The Big Write".

## Thank you

Once again we have had numerous helpers in the school. You will note that the front foyer has now been painted. Last week I forgot to thank the Heaton family and Rowena Thomson for their efforts in completing this task. Pete has also been at it again with his chain saw and Kate Brew and Nicki Stewart removed the branch that came down this week. Thanks.

## 2017

I can't believe that I am about to ask for this, but... If you have a child who will be enrolling with us in 2017 can you please let the office know. The 2017 prep information night is next term and planning is already underway for 2017.

## Early Departure and Late Arrival

If you are collecting your child early from school or if they arrive late please ensure that you sign them in and out of the office. This procedure is integral to the emergency management of our school.

## AGM

Please note that the school's AGM will be held this evening at Gordon Primary School.

## Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Winter Anderson, Sid Battiston and Darcy Collis a very Happy Birthday and also to any members of our community who are also celebrating their special day.

## Have a great weekend,

*Russel Cowan*

*Principal*

## Weekend Activities

Don't forget to come along on Saturday to the Gordon Market Day. The P&C will be very busy manning the BBQ and running a cake stall so come along and support them.

Also, bring your children along to take part in the Ballan Autumn Festival parade this Sunday at 11am. Each class has a theme—hand outs regarding this were sent home this week.

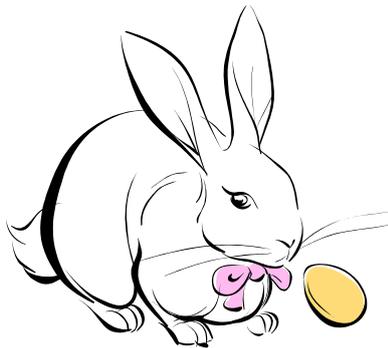
## Newsletter Report

### Parents and Community Committee (P&C)

The P&C is meeting in the staff room from 9am on Thurs 17 March. Please don't hesitate to join in for a chat. Bring a bite to eat if you like ;-)

On Saturday it is the cafe at the Gordon Hall and we need helpers to assist. So far I only have a handful of names pledged. Please help out, even just for an hour. Add your name to classroom list and similarly for baking. At this stage, I have no one for BBQ either....

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Thursday March 23rd  
Junior School

Please bring  
a gold coin!

Council  
Fundraiser

Come along dressed up  
in an Easter Theme!

All funds raised are for the Good Friday Appeal.

Donation Envelopes will be sent home this week.

# March 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 P & C Cuppa & Chat	18 Cross Country	19 Gordon Hall Market Day	20 Autumn Festival
21	22 Parent Teacher Interviews	23	24 Assembly Last Day Term 1 JSC Fundraiser	25 Good Friday	26 Easter Saturday	27 Easter Sunday
28 Easter Monday	29	30	31			

# April 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 First Day Term Two	12	13 P & C Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 Assembly	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 ANZAC Day	26	27 Maldon Train Excursion	28 P & C Cuppa & Chat	29 Athletics Carnival	30	

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

## Captain's Corner



Hi, it's me again. Hopefully you had a nice long weekend. Last week we looked at what the grade 3's were up to and this week I went to talk with the grade 1's. Hopefully I can get to the grade 2's next week.

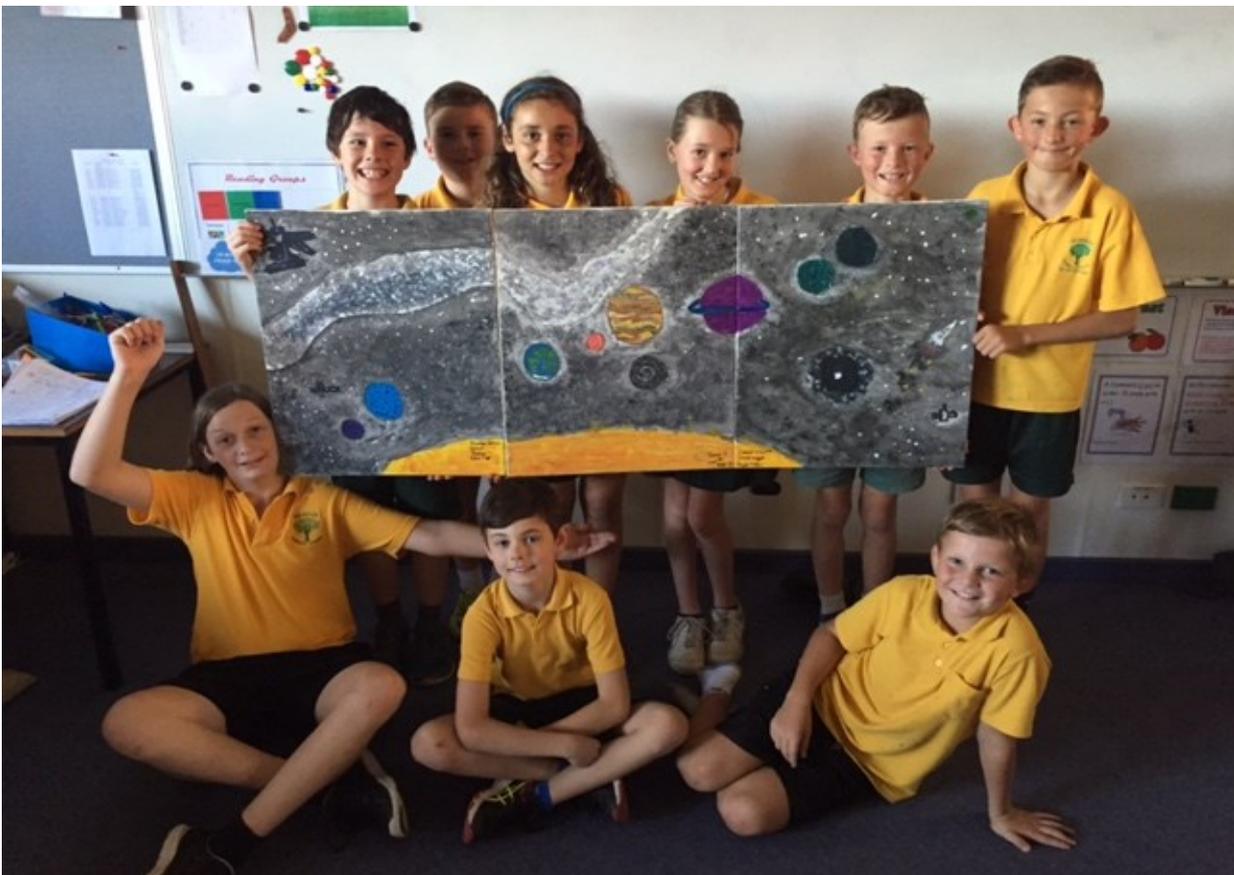
The grade 1's have been working extremely hard, learning a lot about Aboriginal Culture and trying dot painting like the Aboriginal people do, which they think is really fun. I agree. They've also been working with Roman Numerals up to 15, as well as arrays in maths. They've also been working on their writing.

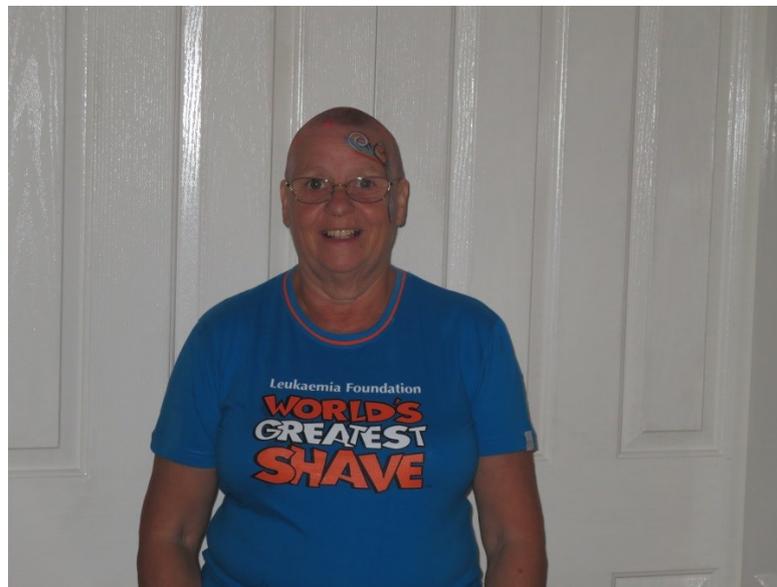
I look forward to writing next week's Captains Corner.

See you next week!

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Our grade 5/6 students were asked enter a price of art for the Ballan Autumn Festival. The theme was 'Intra Stella Space'. A big thank you to Nicki Stewart for overseeing this project.





I would like to send out a big Thank You to all the local community for the support I received on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

I am happy to say that I have passed my goal of raising \$2000 for the Leukaemia Foundation and am able to collect donations until 30<sup>th</sup> June so if you would still like to donate I am leaving a donation pot at school.

If anyone needs a receipt for taxation purposes please let either Shana Brooks or myself know and I will write one out for you.

What a truly amazing community we are lucky to be part of.

Julie



# Gordon

## Market Day

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Gordon Public Hall  
Main Street Gordon  
9am – 2pm



Featuring Gordon Primary Café  
serving drinks and delicious sweets

Bric-a-Brac

Pre-Loved & New Items

Handcrafted Items & Baked Goods

**BOOK YOUR STALL NOW INSIDE \$10 OR OUTSIDE \$5**

Phone Lin on 0438 689 748 or SMS 0425 747 477  
or email [nicolesmith72@hotmail.com](mailto:nicolesmith72@hotmail.com)

Confirmed stall holders are welcome to set up the day before between 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
or alternatively set up on Saturday morning from 7:30am for a 9:00am start 03 5368 9199 or 0425 747 477

Children's Art Stall

Ballan Autumn Festival

March 20th 2016



- MUSIC for Kids
- FRUIT Lucky Dip
- Paint your own BUNNY BANKS!

*Just look for the Best Start Banner,  
Come along, it's all FREE!*

