



Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It was great to see so many students participate in our athletics day last week. The feedback from parents, students and teachers has been excellent. The efforts of our students were fantastic as was their sportsmanship on the day. We have wonderful students who we should all be extremely proud of.

Thankyou to our parent helpers and supporters on the day, they made it such an enjoyable experience for everyone. A special thankyou to Ms Lulu for her brilliant organisation of the day. It ran very smoothly and this is a credit to her organisation skills. Many people work behind the scenes to make these days work. Shana worked closely with the Moorabool Council and the bus companies to ensure our needs were met. Mrs Stasse and Mrs Kim worked tirelessly on the results and were able to calculate the House winner for the day, Dicker House. Our staff ran each event, making it an enjoyable experience for our students. On behalf of the school I would like to thank these people for their efforts.

Congratulations to all of the place getters and our Age Group Champions:

5/6 year olds –	Hamish
7 Year Olds –	Gus
8 Year Olds –	Grace
9 Year Olds –	Jackson
10 year olds –	Fergus
11 Year olds –	Zach
12 / 13 year Olds -	Ava

Arts Open Night

Our children have made some fantastic art this year. This will be on display next term **Tuesday 18th October**. This will be a great opportunity to walk around all classrooms to view the different pieces presented across the school.

2017

We have numerous students joining our community next year, including a class of new preps. If you know of anyone thinking of joining our school community, please encourage them to make a time with me. This will assist us with 2017 planning.

Art Room

Mrs Messy is still after any clean and empty tin cans you may have in your recycling. Please give them to your class room teacher or the office. Please only bring in those that had ring pulls to ensure they have no sharp edges.

Reading

One of the most important things we do as parents is read with our children every night. In the early years this is much easier, however, as they become independent parents often ask how they assist their child at this level. At this stage parents need to ask questions about what they have read to assist with comprehension. Parents should also ask children to read a section of the book out loud to them as this could help with fluency. In your child's reader diary there are excellent strategies for parents. These reader diaries need to be signed by parents every day as this tells the teacher that students are reading effectively at home.

Holiday Care

Last week the term three holiday care program was advertised. Please spread the word that it is on as this provides a great service to our community. Enrolments are through Club 1878 who are our Before and After School care provider.

Life Education

Harold will be visiting us again on Friday. A parent session has been scheduled for 9 – 9.40 this Friday. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the program and pick up some great parenting advice. Please let Shana or myself know if you will be attending this session.

Social Media

Parents need to be aware that there are age restrictions on social media sites, such as, Facebook and Twitter. The Internet can be a dangerous place for adults, let alone students. I ask that parents review the terms and conditions of these sites. If children have to lie about their age to join, then they should not do so.

Information

There are numerous ways that you can keep up to date with what's happening at school.

Tiqbiz – download and register to receive Gordon Primary School news.

Facebook – like us

Our website www.gordonps.vic.edu.au can be used to find previous newsletters and other required school information.

Email- If you would like to be included on the school email distribution list please let the office know.

Computers

We have been looking at ways to purchase computers for our school without passing the cost onto parents. We are holding a major fundraiser on Friday 2nd Dec where every dollar raised will go directly to the purchase of computers for the school. A letter with tickets will be sent home in the near future explaining the event. Your support will be much appreciated.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Gabrielle McCann and Brayden Conroy and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan

Principal

P&C Report for Thursday 1 September 2016

Hot Lunches

Every Friday until the end of term hot lunches will be on to make up for the one missed due to school athletics days. Enjoy your spuds this week!!! Any parents who would like to assist should contact Nicole via SMS on 0425 747 477 :-)

P&C Meeting

Next Wednesday night 7 September at the Gordon Public Hall, starts 7:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend even if you've never been to one before. It is a chance for you to help your kids as we plan upcoming activities. Bring along your ideas for things we could try...

Father's Day

Happy Fathers Day dads!

Nicole Smith 0425 747 477



We're holding a Dahlicious Dress Up Day for Roald Dahl 100.

Celebrating 100 YEARS of the World's No 1 storyteller

Just £1 to Enter

Celebrating ROALD DAHL DAY 2016

When: TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
(Roald Dahl's 100th birthday is on 13th September)

Where: GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOLD COIN DONATION

ROALD DAHL'S Marvellous Children's Charity

Tell the world about your PHIZZ-WHIZZING ROALD DAHL 100 party: #Dahlicious #RoaldDahl100

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September 2016

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

			1 Off This Planet Incursion Father's Day Stall	2 Life Education Incursion Rescheduled Hot Lunch	3	4
5 Life Education Incursion	6 Parent Teacher Interview's	7 P&C Meeting	8 Literacy Trail CFA Visit (PM) Working Bee Induction	9 Hot Lunches SSV Division Athletics	10 SAKG Working Bee	11
12	13 Roald Dahl Day	14	15 P & C Cuppa & Chat	16 Last Day Term 3 Sausage Sizzle Assembly 2.15 Finish	17	18

October 2016

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

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3 First Day Term 4	4	5 P&C Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Grade 2 Sovereign Hill	18 Art Show	19	20 P & C Cuppa & Chat	21	22	23
24 Swimming	25 Swimming	26 Swimming	27 Swimming	28 Swimming	29	30
31 Curriculum Day						

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



Athletics Day



GORDON JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAY!!!



WHEN: FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

**WHERE: GORDON TENNIS CLUB
45 MAIN ST, GORDON**

TIME: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

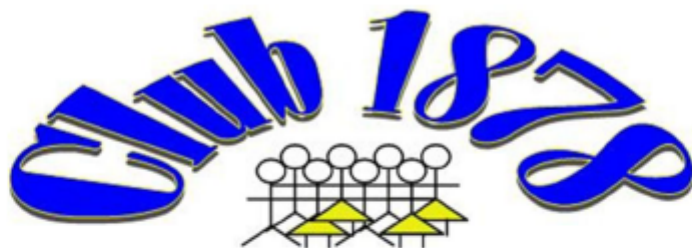
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE + DRINK!!!

ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

**INFO AVAILABLE FOR JUNIOR COACHING AND
COMPETITION**



For more info, please contact Victoria on: 0422 809 808



OUTSIDE-OF-SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Gordon Primary School, 1 Dicker Street, Gordon.

Located in the township of Gordon, two minutes from the centre of town, situated amongst rural homes and an inviting setting with a community persona inviting opportunities for kids to grow and enhance their learning experiences.

Holiday Program Activities Schedule September 2016

*Not specific to children of these schools or that attend OSHC,
but open to all Primary School aged children,*

so spread the word about our excellent service in your community.

Week Beginning Monday 19th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cooking Lunch – Pizza	Tic Tac Toe Game	Sweet Treats	Science Session	Cooking Lunch – Spaghetti
Outdoor Games	Dog Biscuits	Wooden Snakes	Design your own Kite	Money Boxes/ Tea Light holders

Week Beginning Monday 26th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cooking Lunch – Taco's	Bow and Arrows	Sweet Treats	Football Colour's Day	Public Holiday
Bird feeders/ Boxes	Dyed Photo Frame	Wooden Clocks	Hot Lunch Supplied	AFL Day

For a detailed outline of above activities, please see over

Cooking Lunch The children will have the experience of cooking their own lunch with a range of ingredients to create the desired flavoured outcome for each lunch session. Each meal is outlined on the daily schedule

Making Sweet Treats Unfortunately during an after-school afternoon session in Club 1878 we don't get the necessary time to make delightful sweet treats such as slices, they need an appropriate amount of time to refrigerate before consumption. As such, two sessions will be dedicated to children working together in the kitchen to make a Caramel Slice and Mars Bar Chocolate Crackles, these being favourites among many!

Dog Biscuits Children will be provided with the opportunity to engage with the wider community, by baking dog biscuits and donating them to the RSPCA in Ballarat – going above and beyond, helping the disadvantaged and homeless dogs of Ballarat. The RSPCA is constantly in need of donations such as dog and cat food, so instead of the children in Club 1878 making biscuits for themselves to eat we're encouraging children to think of those in need, those who can't make themselves yummy biscuits but would be oh so happy to receive them – dogs! Children will each receive a certificate from the RSPCA, thanking them for their donations. Two sessions will be dedicated to this activity, this activity having been a firm favourite for many throughout term two.

Bird Feeder And Boxes Having a school situated among a large amount of trees and bushes provides the children with a chance to attract new birds and wildlife with bird feeders. We will be creating different shaped bird feeders to hang in tree around the school, created from all natural materials that will blend into the surroundings. Along with making feeders for the school children will also construct and design a bird feeder 12cm x 8cm x 16.5cm for home.

Wooden Clocks Children will have an opportunity to design their own wooden clocks. The clocks are 20cms in diameter, the children can choose to paint or colour in the clock face to any design they choose, once complete the children will construct the mechanics and place the numbers on the clock face.

Dyed Photo Frame Children will be provided with dyes to use to paint onto the canvas photo frames using different colours will create a magical result due to when the colours mix and blend it creates the effect of individual art work. The photo frames are 18cm x 14cm able to store a photo 11.5cm x 7.5cm

Wooden Snakes Children will have an opportunity to design their own wooden snake, the snakes are 30cms in length, the children can choose to paint or colour in the snakes to any design they choose, once complete the children will have fun with the movement of the snake and bring it to life in their imaginary world.

Money Box Or Tea Light Design Each child will choose either an Owl money box or an Owl Tea Light Holder (first choice not always guaranteed) each child can choose to paint the Owl with as little or as much colour as each child wants to express. All porcelain money boxes and tea light holders will be supplied and coloured in with porcelain paints to create a semi-gloss effect.

Football Colours Day Hot Pie lunch will be supplied. The children will be participating in range of ball based activities and games, with the focus on team and confidence building, whilst enjoying the fun of wearing their favourite footy team colours.

Outdoor Games The children will be participating in a range of ball based activities and games, with the focus on team and confidence building.

Tic Tac Toe Game Children will design and construct their own characters for their Tic Tac Toe game. The children will use natural materials supplied and transform each piece to reflect each child's imagination. Once completed the game will encourage hours of fun with family and friends

Bow and Arrows The children will construct a bow made from a Paddle pop stick and design arrows constructed from cotton tips. During this activity the children will learn about resistance of materials while having fun in a creative environment.

Kite Children will have the opportunity to construct and create an individual design using fabric paint for their kites, once dry the kite will create hours of fun to enjoy outside

Science Session During the day children will take part in a range of science experiments. All children will be encouraged to take part with all materials being used for the experiments being based on the kitchen cupboard with safety and wellbeing in mind.

All bookings need to be paid in full prior to commencement as per terms and conditions of Club 1878 OSHC.

Vacation Care Days booking numbers are both minimum and limited; in order for the program to proceed Club 1878 OSHC require a minimum of 15 children per day with a maximum of 24, if you are wanting your child/ren to attend please complete the booking form and return it no later than **Friday 9th September in order for you to be advised if the sessions will proceed. All invoices will be sent out once session dates have been confirmed.**

Any bookings made after this date, you are taking the chance that there will be no positions and or sessions available, so, act now!

If you require any further information, please contact:

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Inclusive | Safe | Engaging



2017 Enrolments

**Enrolments are now being accepted for
our 3 year old Activity Group**

**Application forms available by
telephone 53 68 1228**

or email

ballan.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

www.ballankindergarten.com.au

ACTIVITY GROUP

**Children must be 3 years old by 30th April 2017
to attend Activity Group.**

**88 Simpson Street, Ballan
(please note centre closed 19th Sept – 2nd Oct)**

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GORDON, PARENTS AND FRIENDS
COMMITTEE INVITE YOU ALL TO OUR 2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER



MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES NIGHT JUST LIKE THE TV SHOW! (GOOGLE IT!)

FRIDAY 2nd September - 6:30 pm START at the Gordon Hall

MANY GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON AND FUN TO BE HAD.

\$10 ENTRY FEE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Pre school kids free - Play room available.

HOT FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT.

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL OFFICE

1864 OLD MELBOURNE ROAD, GORDON.

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info@spgordon.catholic.edu.au



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