



# Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

I came across this article by Amy McCreedy who shared some ideas on how to parent for better behavior.

**Invest in one-on-one time with kids daily.** By far, the best thing you can do to improve your children's behavior is spending time with them individually every day, giving them the positive attention and emotional connection they're hard-wired to need.

**Get serious about sleep.** Think of how you feel when you're overtired – cranky, irritable, your head and stomach hurt. It's the same for kids, and most toddlers up to teens get far less sleep than their growing bodies need. Teens even need more sleep than some younger kids – so consult your family physician about the hours of sleep your kids need by age.

**Focus on routines.** Kids thrive with a routine, so set clearly defined routines for the most challenging times of the day, like mornings, after school, mealtimes and bedtimes.

**Everyone pitches in.** For better behavior, kids need to understand that everyone needs to contribute to make a household run smoothly. All kids, from toddlers to teens, should have "family contributions" (not "chores!") they do daily.

**Simplify family rules and be firm.** Determine a consequence for each rule, make it clear to kids ahead of time of both the rules and consequences, and don't give in.

**6. Don't worry, be happy.** Be the example you want your kids to see. Think about how your kids might describe you to their friends – would they say you're fun and lighthearted, or that you're stressed and bossy?

**Don't ignore the source of misbehavior.** Misbehavior is always a symptom of a deeper issue, and when we can find what causes it, we can use the right strategies to correct it. In the midst of misbehavior, stay calm and ask yourself what might be causing it.

## Art Show

Next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we are holding an Art Show across the school. All classrooms will be open for families to view the wonderful Art produced this year. Times are 3:30 – 5:30pm with a BBQ provided. \$2.00 for a drink and sausage.

## Presentation Night

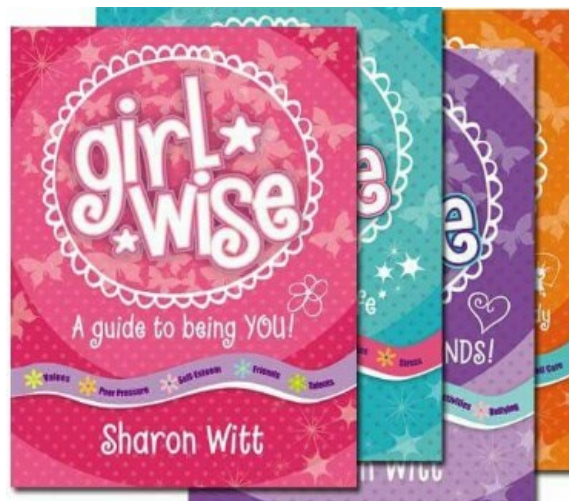
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is our Presentation Night. This year, after receiving parent feedback, we are holding the evening at the "**Wendouree Performing Arts Centre**". This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success of our exiting grade 6 students. The evening will commence at 6pm and all Gordon PS students will be performing on the evening. More details will come in regards to this in the coming weeks. Entry will be \$10.00 family, \$5.00 single. This event allows us to have extended family attend in comfort.

## Parent Survey

Thankyou to all the parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey on our school. This survey showed us that parents are extremely satisfied with student safety, classroom behaviour, student learning and our school staff. One area that popped up this year was in regards to communication. Currently we have many ways of communicating with families, with the most common being a written format through the newsletter, tiqbiz, diaries, Social Media or letters / notes home. If you have ideas on how to further improve our communication between school and home please send them to [gordon.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gordon.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## Girl Wise

This week I came across a great resource for parents of girls. The set of books, "Girl Wise" by Sharon Witt is brilliant for girls as they navigate their way towards adolescence and beyond. There are 4 books in the series that are ideal for ages 7 – 12.



### **Support**

As you are all aware there was a recent tragedy in our school community. Many people have asked me if they can assist in anyway. I have spoken to the family involved and they wish for me to pass on their appreciation for the wonderful support they have received from this community. They are overwhelmed by the generosity of the Gordon community.

There are two official fundraisers underway for the family:

The CWA are running a fundraiser and I encourage you to contact them for more information.

There is a "Go Fund Me Page" that you can donate to, please visit the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/2szfcj9u>.

Both of these have been arranged with the full knowledge of the family involved and are the only fundraisers that they have any knowledge of. Feel free to contact me for any further information.

### **Families**

We have a number of parents going in for surgery over the next few weeks. We wish them all the best for a speedy recovery.

### **New strain of Norovirus and Hand Hygiene Policy**

A new strain of Norovirus, which may lead to Gastroenteritis, has been detected in Victoria. Please remind your children of the importance of using good hand hygiene in order to prevent the spread of disease.

### **Christmas Fundraiser**

A big thankyou to those who have returned their sold tickets for this event. Seats are selling very fast, so if you are planning to come along please hand your attending tickets into the school office so we can secure your seats.

The school is also offering a child minding service on the night for all enrolled Gordon Primary School students. This will be a small fee of \$10 per family. Please see Shana at the office to book your childrens spot.

This will be a wonderful, fun event for all parents, teachers and friends!

### **Loreto College**

An Information Evening for Year 7 2018 applicants will be held at Loreto College on the evening of Monday, 24 October 2016, commencing at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity for families to meet staff and students and to have a tour of the College. All families are welcome to come along.

### **Ballarat Show**

Our students have been invited to take part in the Children's Cookery and Craft Section at this year's Ballarat Show. Written entries for the Children's section close on 31/10/2016. You will need to enter via [www.showdayonline.com](http://www.showdayonline.com) or [www.ballaratshow.org.au](http://www.ballaratshow.org.au) and follow the steps.

All entries must be delivered to the Craft Pavilion at the Showgrounds between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on Tuesday 8th November or between 8.00am and 11.00am on Wednesday 9th November 2016.

Entry fees for every section is \$1.00. Prizes: First \$5.00 Second \$3.00.

Good luck to all our Cooks and Crafters!

### **Sovereign Hill**

Next Monday is the Annual Grade 2 Sovereign Hill excursion. Please ensure you read all information sent home as it has the dress and meeting point requirements for the day. This is often the highlight for students (and teachers) of the year.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Indigo (grade 5) on winning a scooter and show bag in the Central Highlands Water Wise competition. A great effort, well done.

### **Thankyou**

Paula Hayes (relative of Ryan in grade 4) has kindly donated her book "Lilly in the Mirror" to our school library. The book is about Lilly who finds a magic mirror in a locked room. A dream come true. Or is it... On behalf of the school community I thank Paula and Ryan's family for this donation.

### **Happy Birthday**

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Annabelle McDaid, Jack Murden, Sage Blizzard and Madeleine O'Day and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

**Have a great weekend,**

***Russel Cowan***  
***Principal***

# October 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Book Fair School Council Meeting	14	15 Market Day	16
17 Grade 2 Sovereign Hill	18 Art Show	19	20 P & C Cuppa & Chat	21 Assembly 2.45pm	22	23
24 Swimming	25 Swimming	26 Swimming	27 Swimming	28 Swimming	29	30
31 Curriculum Day						

# November 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	2 Junior Camp 5/6 Camp	3 5/6 Camp	4 5/6 Camp	5	6
7 Assembly 2.45pm	8	9 Narmbool Excursion	10 Narmbool Excursion	11 Ballarat Show Day (Normal School Day)	12	13
14	15	16 3/4 Camp	17 3/4 Camp P & C Cuppa & Chat	18 3/4 Camp	19	20
21 Assembly 2.45pm	22 9-12.45 2017 Prep Transition	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 2017 Prep Parent Info Night				

# Students of the Week



Grade Prep Foundation– Alana Goss and Charlee Johnson

Grade One– Kristian Agius and Kael Stone

Grade Two– Grace Collis and Sebastijan Redfearn

Grade Three– Alkira O’ Day and Jarra Blizzard

Grade Four/Five– Tharaa Hendricks and Alyssa Tegg

Grade Five/Six – Rory Cullen and Rohan Tegg

Super Spellers–Sean Weigall and Rohan Tegg

Multilit–Angus Redfearn

Open Readers- Kate Bonar, Hailey Burgoyne and Milla Robson

Mathletics Gold- Fergus McCausland

Mathletics Silver- Asher Brooks

Mathletics Bronze– Jessica James

# Clifford Visits Our Book Fair



# We're running to help Stamp Out SIDS

## Help us raise \$1000



Xav and Josh have been training hard for their 1km run on October 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of Run Ballarat 2016.

They are running to help raise funds for River's Gift – Australia's largest SIDS research funding organisation! Your generous donation will contribute in our pursuit to help SOS – Stamp Out SIDS!

**To donate go to: [give.everydayhero.com/au/erin-jade-run](http://give.everydayhero.com/au/erin-jade-run)  
or see Shana at the front office**

River's Gift  
Stamp Out SIDS



everydayhero

ADROIT INSURANCE GROUP  
FOUNDATION  
COTTON ON  
RUN BALLARAT



 Gordon Primary School   
2016 Xmas Fundraiser

# \$1000 DRAW

Special guest Bobby Macumber - MC/Comedian

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER  
**2nd**

**EAT,  
DRINK,  
DANCE  
& BE  
MERRY**



**\$30 per person  
Adults only event**

**DRINKS AT  
BAR PRICES**



**Includes 3 course meal & your chance to win the MONEY!  
Plus many other prizes on the night.**

Child minding  
facilities offered  
through the  
school.



**LIMITED SEATING  
AVAILABLE, SO  
BOOK YOUR SEAT  
TODAY!**



All money raised  
will go towards  
new computers for  
the school.

Contact Ally or Sam to purchase  
your tickets – 0411 568 014

# MARKET DAY

**Saturday 15 Oct. 2016**

**Gordon Public Hall**

**Main Street, Gordon**

Table Inside: \$10  
Outside Space: \$5  
Book NOW call  
Robyn on:  
0409 825 813

**9am to  
2pm**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

Art, Craft, New goods, Old  
things, Café, car boot sale,  
Raffle and loads more!!!!

**Further info via  
Gordon Public Hall  
Facebook page**

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