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GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Respect

One of our three new values is Respect. How can we show respect at school?

1. Show gratitude.
Show respect by saying thanks. Even if there's not an obvious occasion for thanks, showing it regularly will mean a lot to people. This includes:

Parents
Siblings
Classmates
Friends
Teachers
Neighbors

2. Compliment the achievements of others.

- When others are successful, draw attention to it and celebrate their ability and their achievement. Take them aside and do it in private, so your compliments will seem genuine.
- Instead of making your first reaction, "Why didn't that happen to me?" try saying "That's so great for them!" A positive attitude goes a long way.
- Make an extra effort to compliment those who might be struggling to achieve. Try focusing on their effort, attitude, or other positive attributes.

3. Be sincere.
While it's important to thank people and praise others, most people don't usually respect brown-nosing. Be genuine in your thanks and in showing your respect to other people's effort. Speak from the heart.

- Even something as simple as "It's always good to see you" can mean a lot and show lots of respect.

4. Do what you say you'll do…
Being reliable shows respect for people's time. Respect other people's efforts by being on time, being prepared, and being enthusiastic.

Always come to school, or sports practice ready to go. Have your materials in order and complete all the necessary work ahead of time. You'll show respect for others by not wasting their time.

Long Weekend

I trust that everyone enjoyed their long weekend and the horse race that went with it. The term is certainly flying by. Please make sure that you keep up to date on Tiqbiz, Facebook and the newsletter.

School Fundraiser

Only 4 weeks until the Christmas Fundraiser. Your efforts in selling the tickets to enter the draw are much appreciated. We hope to purchase a class set of computers for our school with the money raised. All money raised will be put towards computers.

Orange for Orangutans

On Monday 7th November we will be encouraging all students and staff to wear orange to raise awareness of the "Don't Palm Us Off" campaign. No donation is required.

Remembrance Day

We have poppies for sale in the school office for Remembrance Day.

Crazy Camel Fundraising

Once again we will be taking part in the Crazy Camel Fundraiser where you will be able to purchase calendars, cards and other items with your child's artwork on them. Look out for the order forms coming home in the next couple of weeks.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Milla Robson, Kate Bonar and Cameron Watters and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan

Principal

November 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3 5/6 Camp	4 5/6 Camp	5	6
7 Assembly 2.45pm Turning Orange for Orangatan Day	8 Lal Lal Falls Prize	9 Narmbool Excursion Prep/One/Two	10 Narmbool Excursion 3/4/5/6	11 Ballarat Show Day (Normal School Day)	12	13
14	15 Grade 6 Photos	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				

December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 $1000 Draw	3	4
5	6	7 P&C Meeting	8 Statewide Transition Day JSC Disco	9 Grade 6 Speech Night	10	11
12	13 Presentation Night	14	15 Adventure Park—Gr 6	16 Final Assembly	17	18
19	20 Last Day Term 4	21	22	23	24	25

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

On Monday 7th November wear Orange for Orangutans.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear orange on Monday 7th November to raise awareness of the orangutans plight.

Food manufacturers are still allowed to include palm oil as a vegetable oil on their labels.

By buying these products you may be contributing to the deaths of over 1,000 orangutans a year as their habitat is destroyed through unsustainable palm oil production.

On November 25 selected ministers will meet to vote whether Australia and New Zealand will label palm oil on food products.

If you would like to find out how to tell these Ministers that you want them to vote "Yes" go to:

http://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/act-for-wildlife/dont-palm-us-off

Gordon Primary School
2016 Xmas Fundraiser

$1000 DRAW

Special guest Bobby Macumber – MC/Comedian

FRIDAY DECEMBER **2nd**

EAT, DRINK, DANCE & BE MERRY

6.30pm till late

Donegans Farm
Butterfactory rd, Gordon

$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

PLANNING FOR BUSHFIRE CAN BE TOUGH, SO WHY DO IT ALONE?

> *Having trouble getting started?*

> *Not sure if your plan is as good as it can be?*

> *Just need to update your plan?*

Whether you've got a bushfire survival plan already or yet to get started, this workshop will help you put together a plan that ticks all the right boxes.

In a small group setting, you'll work through your plan step-by-step, with guidance from a CFA specialist.

What: **FREE Bushfire Planning Workshop**
Plan for bushfire step-by-step in a small group setting.

Where: Gordon Public Hall, 64 Main St, GORDON

When: 7.00pm- 9.00pm Tuesday 15th November 2016.

Contact: West Regional Office on 53295510 to find out more or refer to the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au for details of other meetings in your area.

Please bring along a pen.

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.
FireReady Victoria

cfa.vic.gov.au/workshops

CFA Open Day

CFA Open Day is a chance for you to meet your local CFA brigade and find out more about what we do.

When: Sunday the 13th of November
10am – 2pm

Where: Gordon Fire Station

What: Fire Safety,
Recruitment,
Free Sausage Sizzle

Come and meet your local brigade!