Newsletter

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GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Respect Resilience Responsibility

February 16th

From the Principal's Desk....

"Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world" (Nelson Mandela)

This may be no surprise, but the above statement is my favourite educational quote and one that has stuck with me since my early university days. Why? You may ask. The answer is quite simple and the reason as to why most educators are so proud of their work - because we are educating tomorrow's leaders.

Some of our world's current leaders and role models are expressing polarising views, using aggressive tactics to push their agenda. Because of this, it is now more than ever that we need to develop our school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience in our students.

Our junior school council elections will take place next week. This year our JSC will work extremely hard to install a culture based around our school values. Staff will assist them to do this in an appropriate way that we hope will shape them well for their future.

I encourage each family to discuss our school values within their homes and how, once developed, they will impact your children's lives.

Swimming

It is so exciting that close to 20 students have entered the Midlands Swimming Competition this term. I look forward to watching them compete for our school. Well done to our many grade 6 students who are leading by example by "having a go". This great example is the reason that so many younger students have followed suit.

Music

Thank you to the many families who have returned their music forms. Timetables will be developed this week, with lessons starting on Friday. If you have not already done so, please return your forms to the office.

School Council

If you would like to nominate for the 2017 school council, forms are available from the front office. We have three two year positions to fill in 2017.

Nomination forms need to be submitted before 28th Feb, 2017.

Secondary School

I know it's scary, but families with students in grade 5 and 6... it's time to start looking into secondary schooling. Numerous information nights will take place in the near future, but I also suggest making the time to take a tour of the school as this is the best way to look at the culture. I am more than happy to discuss further schooling with anyone. If you would like this please contact the office to make a time.

Consent forms

Student consent forms and student enrolment data updates were sent home last week. Please ensure that they are completed and returned to the office.

Office Hours

Monday	9.00am—3.30pm
Tuesday	8.30am—4.30pm
Wednesday	9.00am—3.30pm
Thursday	8.30am—4.30pm
Friday	Office unattended

If you require assistance when the office is unattended please ring the bell or see a classroom.

Parenting

It's a tough job and a number of parents have asked me to organise a parenting program / session to assist them / give them ideas on how to further develop their parenting skills. I have a facilitator willing to run a worthwhile program if there are enough people interested. If you would like to participate in a program like this please let me know.

Student Banking

School Banking started again this week. If you are interested in starting your child in the Dollarmites program please see Shana at the office. The theme for 2017 is "Future Savers" and there are some great rewards to be earned.

After School

Just a reminder that are staff are only on duty in the afternoons until 3.30pm. Students that are on school grounds after this time are expected to be under the supervision of a parent or to be placed into after school care.

Peanut and Nut Free School

Please be aware that members of our school community suffer from severe food allergies. Please do not pack any peanut or nut products in your child's lunchbox. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our school safe for all members of our community.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF) is a payment of $125 per year towards these expenses for the benefit of eligible students. If you are a health care card or pensioner concession card holder and you would like to apply for CSEF please see the office for an application form.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Charlie H and Lily H and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan

Principal

GORDON FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.

Junior Registration Night

20th February 2017

5.00pm

at Gordon Recreation Reserve

WESTERN BULLDOGS

Western Bulldogs players will be attending on the night

For further info please contact:

Kristian Young: 0439 307 317

Ana Anderson: 0418 124 696

February 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 No Preps SSV Tennis (Boys)	16 SSV Tennis (Girls) School Council Meeting	17	18	19
20 Assembly	21	22 No Preps P & C Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 SSV Swimming	4	5
6 Assembly	7	8 SSV Swimming	9	10	11	12
13 Labour Day	14 SSV Basketball	15	16	17	18	19 Ballan Autumn Festival
20 Assembly	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Swimming	28 Swimming	29 Swimming	30 Swimming	31 Swimming Last Day Term 1		

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

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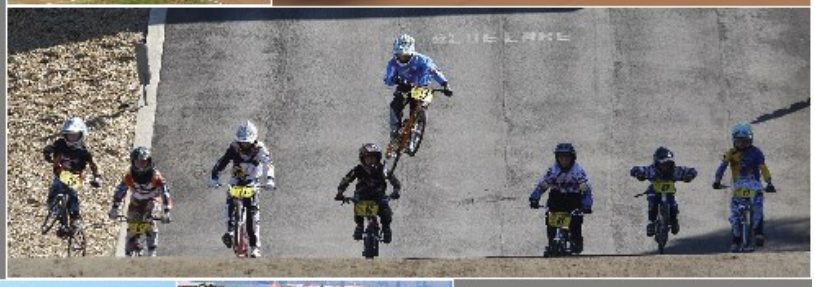

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS

Ballarat Sebastopol BMX Club

TRACK LOCATION

Marty Busch Reserve
Enter via Burnett St, Sebastopol

DATE TO COME & TRY

Sunday February 19th
11am—12pm

CONTACT

Email: bmxballarat@gmail.com
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HAVE YOUR SAY!

On a modern multi-function Scouts facility

Scouts Victoria and 1st Ballan Scout Group are excited to lead community consultation on a new Scout facility, in Ballan.

1st Ballan Scout Group is seeking community input as to how development may also service broader community needs in the region, in keeping with the values of the scouting movement.

- **Primary needs** — 1st Ballan Scout Group current and future needs
- **Secondary needs** — Youth in Ballan and surrounds
- **Tertiary needs** — Community needs in Ballan and surrounds (for example, meeting rooms to service business, education, health, sports, social and cultural activities)

The results will inform an architectural brief for the form and function of the building.

You are invited to submit your views as to how this development may best fit your needs.

Submissions can be made in the following formats:

Online Survey - https://surveyhero.com/c/25f3d3c

Written submission on the flip side can be mailed to PO Box 39 Ballan

More detailed written submissions can be emailed to: john@fabreplus.com.au

Come to a public meeting
27th February 2017 at 7pm
Ballan Mechanics Hall

PREPARE FOR ADVENTURE
PREPARE FOR LIFE

Submissions close: 20th March 2017

Name _____ Organisation ☐ (✓) Individual ☐ (✓)

About your interest or your organisation (✓)

Health		Social		Other (please describe)
Business		Cultural		
Sports		Recreational		
Education		Community Service		

What would you or your organisation use the new multi-function youth facility for?

Health & Well Being events		Social Gathering		Other (please describe)
Business Meetings		Cultural Activities		
Sporting Activities		Recreational Activities		
Educational Events		Community Service Activities		

How important are the following features for the new multi-function youth facility? (on a scale of 1 to 5 (✓))

Features	1 Not important	2 Somewhat unimportant	3 Indifferent	4 Somewhat important	5 Extremely Important
Changing Rooms					
Commercial Catering Kitchen					
Heating / Cooling					
Storage areas					
Activities / Recreational area within the facility					
Multi-function meeting rooms					
Tables + Chairs (50+ people)					
Outdoor spaces for social interaction					
Internet / Wi-Fi access					
Sound system for public gathering					
Large screen and data projector					
Whiteboard in meeting rooms					
Stage for performing arts					
Other (please describe)					

How important is a community based youth multi-function facility to our region? (please circle)	1 Not important		2 Somewhat unimportant		3 Indifferent		4 Somewhat important		5 Extremely Important	

How many people from your organisation do you anticipate could use the facility? Min: _____ Max: _____

How often would you use the facility? (✓)

Daily		Weekly		Fortnightly		Monthly		Quarterly		Yearly		Ad-hoc	

Name of your town: _____ **Postcode:** _____

We value your comments and are grateful for your interest.
For help in submitting a more detailed submission please call John Fabre – 0400 879 486

This Information is used for research purposes to determine the function and features of the new facility and when collated will be part of a brief for architectural design. Once completed gathered information will be destroyed to protect privacy.