

GORDON



PRIMARY SCHOOL

"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

# Newsletter

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**July 27th**

## From the Principal's Desk....

### Concert

Tonight is the night! Our students have worked extremely hard and are ready to perform for the community. We have class performances, school bands playing and even the staff on show. The night will be run entirely by our students, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre, 6:30pm. There is plenty of room for the whole family.

### Kate

I take the opportunity to thank Kate for filling in while the Marc Van team replace Ms Wickson. A new teacher has been appointed, Ms Gordon, a very suitable name for this school. Kate will still be actively involved around the school. We continue to wish Mrs Messy the best as she continues to battle with illness.

### School Lunch Orders

You may be aware that the Gordon Shop has sold. The new owners take over next Tuesday. There may be a few changes to the menu, these will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks. We wish John and Jan the best as they venture into life without the shop. They have provided our school with a great service over the years and we will miss their involvement.

### Canberra Camp

Please note that there will be a Canberra Camp meeting next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 3:30pm. All parents of this year's camp attendees are recommended to attend.

### Service Learning Initiatives

Towards the end of Term Two the children participated in an exciting "Wacky Wednesday". It was great to see the "out there" costumes worn by our kids. Well done to the JSC for their organisation of the day.

## 2018 Enrolments

I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2018 that we are taking enrolments now and that they should be placed as soon as possible.

We also ask that members of our school community assist us by informing any of their neighbours of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form or our school website – [www.gordonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.gordonps.vic.edu.au). School tours are available upon request. Please call the school on 53689223 to book a tour.

## Gordon Community Fair

This is taking place in November. If you are interested in holding a stall site for the day please see the office for further information.

## Woolworth's Earn and Learn

Our school is once again taking part in this program so if you shop at Woolworth's please ensure you collect the Earn and Learn tokens and drop them in the box in the office. These tokens go towards educational resources for our students.

## School Pinafore

If any member of our school community has a size 6 school pinafore that they no longer need please see the office.

## Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Darcy S, Jarra and Perry and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

***Have a great weekend,***

***Russel Cowan***

***Principal***

# Maths Problem For The Week

What **shape** is at the **very top** of a fire hydrant??



**Figure This!** The water control valve on the cover of a fire hydrant has five sides of equal length and five angles of equal measure. Many common household wrenches will not turn these valves. Why not?

**Hint:** Think about an ordinary household wrench. Most wrenches have two parallel sides; that is, the sides are everywhere the same distance apart.

The geometric shapes of many objects relate directly to their usefulness. For example, round tires produce a smooth ride, and airplane wings are designed to provide lift.

Remember – Each week there is a prize for the winning entry.

## Our Prep class made hats with Ms Brew



# July 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25	26	27 School Concert	28	29	30
31 Assembly						

# August 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Canberra Camp Meeting 3.30pm	10 Grade 5 Sovereign Hill School Council Meeting	11	12	13
14 Assembly	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Indonesian for A Day Incursion	22 Futsal Competition 3/4	23 Futsal Competition 5/6	24	25	26	27
28 Assembly	29	30	31 Father's Day Stall			

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



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## Term 3 - Water Rocket Challenge

### RULES

*These rules are intended to keep everyone safe, but not prevent innovative and imaginative solutions.*

#### **The Challenge**

You are required to construct a rocket (or rockets) and launching system to compete against other teams.

The rocket needs to spend a maximum time in the air (longest time wins).

#### **Your Equipment**

All energy given to the rocket must only come from the water/air pressure combination. No other source of energy is allowed. You can only compress air manually, with a foot or bicycle pump.

No external metal parts are allowed on the rocket, but are allowed on the launch mechanism.

You are only allowed to use plastic bottles specifically designed for holding pressure, or that have been pressure tested (for example carbonated drink bottles).

Your launch apparatus must be secure and must be able to robustly control the rocket's flight direction.

#### **The Competition Day**

Your launch apparatus and all rockets will be safety checked before flight.

Eyewear and ear protectors will be used on the day.

Rockets shall be launched from the firing line towards the landing zone.

As soon as your rocket leaves the launcher the judge will start the stopwatch, and will stop the watch when the largest part of the rocket touches the ground.

Several additional prizes will be awarded for

*Best looking rocket, longest distance travelled (requires an angled launcher).*

*Best launcher*



# Exciting reasons to keep saving with School Banking.

Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's great to see School Bankers showing continued saving efforts through the first half of the year.

## Don't miss out on the Grand Prize competition ending this term

To be in the running for a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland, children need to make 15 or more School Banking deposits between 23 January 2017 and the end of Term 3.

## New reward items available in Term 3

After making 10 School Banking deposits, children can now choose to redeem the Smiley Emoji Keyring or the Volt Handball.

## Keep track of savings and tokens with the CommBank Youth app

To help enhance the financial education of children, we've introduced the CommBank Youth app, available on any iOS 9.0+ device from the App Store. This innovative banking app gives kids hands-on experience in learning real-life money skills in a safe and fun digital environment. It also provides a new way for School Bankers to keep track of their Dollarmites tokens.

## PLUS EXCITING GAMES TO PLAY AND PRIZES TO WIN

On Monday 14 August 2017 we will be launching an exciting School Banking competition with prizes to win and an incredible game experience. Your school will receive more details soon, so stay tuned.

More information about CommBank's School Banking program and the CommBank Youth app is available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Competition is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only with parent/guardian permission, who have an active CBA Youthsaver account and participating in CBA's School Banking program. Competition starts 23/1/17 and ends 11.59pm AEST 29/9/17. Max: 1 entry/person. Draw takes place at G3/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12pm AEDT 11/10/17. Winner's details published in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize details: 1 x 3-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/07099; ACT TP16/01759; SA 116/1593.



**OPEN DAY**  
*for all perspective families*  
*for 2018*

**&**

***Three Year old Activity Group***  
***2018 enrolments***

**Enrolments will be accepted**  
**at our Open Day on**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2017**  
**1.00pm – 3.00pm**

**Telephone 5368 1228 or email**  
**[ballan.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:ballan.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)**

**KINDERGARTEN & ACTIVITY GROUP**

Children must be 4 years old by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
for kindergarten and 3 years old by 30<sup>th</sup> April  
2018 to attend Activity Group.

88 Simpson Street, Ballan 3342



# WinterFest

Friday 28 July 2017  
3.30pm - 7.30pm  
Delacombe Stadium

INDOOR

MARKET



## FAMILY FUN!

Arts, crafts, jewellery,  
homewares, baked goods,  
refreshments, plants,  
pre-loved books, toys  
and lots more!



## Entertainment!

School choirs, bands,  
demonstrations, face painting,  
sausage sizzle, carnival  
games, free family activities



## SEE YOU THERE!

WinterFest Market  
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