



# Newsletter

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## November 16th

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

This morning, the Australian Bureau of Statistics announced the result of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. The majority of respondents voted in favour of the law being changed to allow same-sex couples to marry. I am aware that this may be a day of heightened emotion and celebration for people in our school community.

I am extremely proud of the safe and inclusive environment our school community provides for students, staff and parents. I remain confident in the care, support and leadership that our school will continue to display to the whole school community.

### School Camp

I have received fantastic feedback in regards to our junior and middle camp last week. It was lovely to sit down as preps – fours for a meal together on the Wednesday night. The camp staff were amazed at how well our prep and one students were cared for by our middle school students. Students visited the Discovery Centre, went Boogie Boarding, rode the train to Queenscliff, cooked pizzas and much more. Camps do not happen without the support of staff who give up their own time to ensure our students receive this opportunity. If you have not already done so, please take the time to thank staff who attended your child's camp.

### Lioness BBQ

This takes place this Saturday. Currently we only have two volunteers to assist on the day. If you can donate some time, particularly between 9-12 please contact Tanya Bostock to let her know.

### BBQ

The Junior School Council will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November (this week). Cost is a gold coin donation for a bread and sausage. Thank you to Sage (Art leader) and Zach (Sports leader) for organising the event.

### Grade 6 Photos

Don't forget that the Grade 6 students are having their graduation photos taken tomorrow (Thursday).

### Teeth On Wheels

Smiley paid us a visit on Tuesday to promote "Teeth on Wheels". I have never seen so many children excited about going to the dentist.

### Presentation Night

This year we will be holding our presentation night at school on the outside basketball court (weather permitting). This night will be combined with a family picnic around the grounds and include a visit from Santa and student performances. This night will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Gordon Fair

Wow, what a great day for the community. Thank you to the many families who attended the day, it was great to see our families enjoying the many activities on offer. If you would like to provide feedback for the day please email the school as this will enable us to make the necessary improvements for 2018. Mrs Brooks put an enormous amount of work in to make this day a success. On behalf of the school I would like to thank her for those efforts.

### Petibalds

This term's family challenge is to create a portrait of a family pet. The gallery opening will take place at the school presentation night on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. I encourage all families to get involved and look forward to turning the Gordatorium into an art gallery.

### Ballan Farmers Market Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Asher for taking out first prize in the art competition for the Ballan Farmers market. Asher's picture is now on their brochure and she will receive a prize at an upcoming ceremony, well done!

### Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Families of grade 6 students will be provided with information regarding the grade six graduation dinner. This is a very exciting time for these students and a lovely way to celebrate their achievements at Gordon Primary School. This dinner will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that the grade six fun day will take place on the same day.

### Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Leah, Maya and Wilson and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

*Have a great weekend,*

*Russel Cowan*

*Principal*

## Term 4 Challenge

### “The Petibalds”

We all know about the Archibald Prize, awarded annually to the best portrait.

We are running the “**Petibald Prize**”. Each family is invited to submit a painting, drawing or print of either their own pet, a pet they know or perhaps even a famous pet. All entries must be the original work of the family made this term.

We will display all works and nominate a winner at our end of year function which is sure to be a great event. The more entries, the better the event!

# November 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
13	14	15	16 Grade 6 Graduation Photo 2018 Prep Info Session School Council	17 2018 Prep Transition Morning  JSC BBQ	18 Lioness BBQ	19
20 Teeth on Wheels	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Assembly	28	29	30			

# December 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 2018 Prep Transition	2	3
4	5	6	7 Gr 3 Earth Ed	8	9	10
11 Assembly Grade 6 Day Grade 6 Presentation Dinner	12 Statewide Transition Day	13	14 School Council	15	16	17
18	19 Presentation Evening and Petibalds	20 Whole School Movie Excursion	21 JSC Disco	22 Last Day of Term 4	23	24

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

# Students of the Week



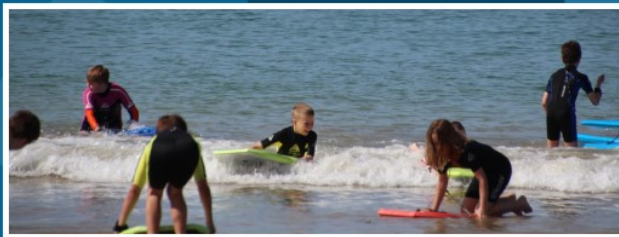
Prep	Zara and Ruby
One	Hamish and Katya
Two	Matilda and Kael
Three	Rhyder and Grace
Four/Five	Jack and Bailey B
Five/Six	Kieran and Bailey S

Super Spellers	Tharaa, Madison, Lachlan, Zeb, Lily H, Tom, Cooper, Bailey B, Sid, Hailey, Milla, Kate, Asher, Rowan, Chloe, Rhyder, Wes, Lilly T
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# Junior Camp



## FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER WITH AVER & LINE. children's photography specialists



### Wallace & District Kinder Family Portrait Fundraiser

The easiest way to have boutique portraits, book now to secure your session!

WHEN: Sunday 19th of November  
WHERE: Outdoors at the Kinder  
TO BOOK: head to [www.averandline.com.au/book](http://www.averandline.com.au/book)  
enter the password **hooray2** and select your kinder + session time  
then pay your \$15 online  
BOOK BY: Monday the 13th of November  
CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Jo on 0407 805 760



### BOOK TO RECEIVE for \$15

- 20 minute portrait session
  - 20 minute viewing / selection session
  - 8"x12" print
  - Glass bottle frame + print of your choice
  - Complimentary retouching (Remove unwanted dribble or bumps!)
  - Opportunity to purchase the BEST value packages & lowest cost options!
- We also have the best value digital files available!