

GORDON



PRIMARY SCHOOL

"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk....

Respect

We are very lucky at Gordon PS as parents, on the whole, communicate with staff in a respectful manner. Parenting is tough and when it comes to our kids it's important that we set a great example when resolving issues. We live in world where parents are under increasing pressure and this sometimes leads to inappropriate behaviour when dealing with school staff. The majority of these issues stem from only listening to one side of the problem.

We have a school code of conduct and this can be found on the school website. This code is set by school council to ensure that issues are dealt with in a respectful way. I encourage all families to familiarise themselves with this document to further build on the strong relationships between home and school at Gordon PS.

Carpark

I have been advised that works will start in the near future on Dicker Street. This will cause some inconvenience for pickup and drop off. I ask that families adhere to the following arrangements.

If you are able to, walk to school while works are taking place. This could involve parking a distance away from the school and walking the rest of the distance.

Students who are able to ride are encouraged to do so, our bike racks are next to the grade three classroom.

Hopgood Street gates will be open (back of school) for parents to walk in and out of the grounds with their children.

The school carpark is reserved for staff, however, parents wishing to "drop and run" may do this from the car park (senior students).

A small inconvenience for a greater reward. I thank everyone in advance for their cooperation. I will notify families when I am given a start date.

2018 Classes

We will again be running 6 classes in 2018. This allows us to maintain strong teacher student ratios across the school (average of 1 teacher to 18 students). Our set up will be:

Term 4

Prep

Ms Irvin

Grade One

Mrs Lambourn

Grade Two

Mrs Middleton

Grade 3 / 4

Mr Micallef

Grade 3 / 4

Ms Mosser

Grade 5 / 6

Ms Jones

Specialist subjects include:

S.T.E.M

Ms Lulu (includes SAKG and Beachy's Shed)

Music

Mr Cowan

PE / Health

Ms Lulu (2 sessions)

Mrs Thomas

This wonderful teacher is pulling up stumps on her dedicated career. This is disappointing for the school, but at the same time exciting for what the next step is for the Thomas family. I know that Mrs Thomas will still be around as a relief teacher and there is no way that we can keep her out of the garden. A more detailed letter will come out in the near future outlining the fantastic contribution Mrs Thomas has made at Gordon PS over her 30+ year stint. We will be officially acknowledging Mrs Thomas at the end of year presentation night and ask that parents keep an eye out for further information.

BBQ

Thank you to Tanya Bostock for organising the Lioness BBQ on Saturday. We were able to make an amazing \$700. A great effort! Tanya was supported by many volunteers from our parents, on behalf of the school, I thank all involved.

Petibalds

It is not long now until our gallery opening for the Petibalds. It would be great to have all entries at the school by Thursday 14th December to give Nicky (our volunteer curator) time to set up the Gorditorium for the exhibition on Tuesday 19th December.

Book List

Please note that there is free postage on your Office Max booklist if you order before December 3rd. Also, if your child is left handed please ensure that you swap the scissors preselected on the booklist for the same quantity of left handed pairs.

Happy Birthday

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

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan

Principal

Fundraising Group 2018

School Council have decided to form a fundraising group for 2018. We are looking for anyone in the school community that would be interested in being involved in Fundraising for the school in 2018. We will be holding meetings once a term and your involvement can be as little as or as much as you would like to or can commit to. We would also love to hear any ideas you have for fundraising activities. If you would like to be involved with this group or keep up to date with the fundraising that is happening at Gordon Primary please email your details to Jo on goss.jo.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or alternatively leave your details on the fundraising group form at the office.

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
20	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.