

November 30th

From the Principal's Desk....



Resilience – What is it?

Imagine you have each end of a piece of elastic in your hands.

Pull your hands apart and the elastic stretches.

Let go of one end and the elastic bounces back to its original size. That's resilience.

For people resilience means that whatever bad times you go through you can always bounce back again and be yourself.

What can you do to become more resilient?

- Positive self-talk.
- Make good choices.
- Be a positive person. Compliment others and they will compliment you.
- Make friends and work at being a good friend.
- Join in – hang out with positive people (scouts, sports and other community groups)
- When something is difficult, say "I can't do thisyet!"
- Exercise, play sport, learn skills, be active.

- Get involved in pleasant things like art, music, drama.
- Give yourself time to think!
- Have a go at new things!
- Get lots of sleep – 10 hours a night for primary school children.

Transition

The Transition to School Information Night was held recently. This was an opportunity for all of our Foundation 2018 families to learn more about the transition to school for Foundation students, prior to the programs commencement. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Ms Irvin (Foundation teacher) who has spent a considerable amount of time over the course of the last semester and this term, meeting individually with students and their parents, liaising with kindergartens and implementing the transition program that will support our new students in this first, significant step, in their educational journey. We have 18 lovely foundation students for next year and many new families joining our school community. "It takes a village...."

School commencement 2018

All government schools are mandated four Curriculum or 'Pupil Free' days per year for staff professional learning. On these days, children do not attend school. The first day of the year is always assigned with staff returning to duty one day prior to the commencement of the official school year. Next year, school for students will commence on 30th January with our Preps / Foundation starting on 1st Feb. The additional student free days will be on:

Tuesday 13th March

Friday 31st August

Monday 5th November

In addition to this, teachers across Victoria will now be provided with one additional planning day per term. On these days replacement arrangements will be made for your child's class.

New Staff

We welcome Ms Moser to our school community as a teacher next year. Ms Moser has overseas and local teaching experience. Currently working as an intervention teacher for all learning needs, she is very excited about bringing her wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to Gordon PS. Ms Moser will be teaching in the grade 3 / 4 area and will be here on the state wide transition day, 12th December.

Petibalds

It's time to put the finishing touches on your pet portrait. Once completed, please bring them to the school where they will be safely stored. All portraits will be displayed and judged at the presentation evening, Tuesday 19th December.

Art Prize

Well done Hamish on winning the colouring competition at the Ballarat Show. What a great achievement!

Earth Ed

Next Thursday our grade three students are attending Earth Ed. Please ensure all forms are returned to Mr

School Captains 2018

Congratulations to all candidates this year, their speeches were very well presented at the last assembly. The school have held the election and Chloe and Lily have been appointed as the 2018 School Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. Both girls will do a fantastic job in running the Junior School Council and I look forward to seeing the many things they accomplish over the year.

Concert DVDs

DVDs of this year's school concert are available for preorder at the office. It is \$20 for a DVD. All orders must be placed by Thursday 7th December.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Jasper, Tom and Mackenzie 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!

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

January 2018

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

29	30 First Day of School	31				
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February 2018

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

			1 First Day for Prep	2	3	4
5	6	7 Preps Off	8	9	10	11

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

Students of the Week



Prep	Chelsea and Lily S
One	Sarah and Indya
Two	Alanah and Dallas
Four/ Five	Jackson and Alyssa
Five/ Six	Bailey M and Rohan
Indonesian	Lily S and Alistar
Open Reader	Jarra
Super Speller	Alistar, Alanah, Kaiden, Bryan, Alyssa and Carly

Grade One and Four / Five Projects



Grade One Tie Dye

