

COVID-19 restrictions

Face masks have become a hot topic for many Victorians and we are seeing some great designs popping up. Below is the latest update regarding face masks in school - please note that teachers and students are not required to wear them at school. However we do appreciate anyone who must visit the office wearing a mask.

Face masks

Anyone living in lock down areas and travelling into regional Victoria for work or care reasons, needs to wear a mask that will need to remain on for the entire time.

If you live in regional Victoria, it is recommended to wear a face covering in your local area and is essential if you visit metro Melbourne or Mitchell Shire.

Teachers do not have to wear a face covering while teaching.

DHHS advise that "face covering" - needs to cover both your nose and mouth. It could be a face mask or shield.

Pop Up Testing sites in Ballarat and COVID 19 information

Ballarat Community Health – Ballarat Senior Citizen's, 16 Little Bridge St, Ballarat 7 days 9am-2pm Appointment only 1800 054 172

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19#should-i-get-tested>
<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

THANKYOU!!

Many families have used the opportunity of no excursions / incursions to pay their fees off. In this difficult time, we thank you for this.



Before and After School Care

We will continue to offer before and after school care in Term 3. We remind all our families who use the service to enter and leave via the staff carpark with an adult. Children are not to enter on their own from the carpark.

Shop Orders and Hot Lunches

Shop orders are now back up and running on Wednesdays and Fridays for the remainder of this term. Orders can be taken at the shop. Hot lunches must be in a foil wrap or container. These will be collected and delivered each day—they must be clearly named!

Breakfast Club

Our junior School Council will be starting up a breakfast club in term three. We have been successful in receiving a grant and our first order will arrive early term three. The JSC will advise of the first date, however, all children will have the opportunity to receive a nutritious breakfast at 8:45am Mon, Wed and Fri.

2021 Preps

If you have a child who is to start Prep at Gordon PS in 2021, we would appreciate you enrolling them ASAP. Enrolment forms can be sent home if you ring the office on 53689223 or you can find one at www.gordonps.vic.edu.au. Please complete the enrolment form, and submit together with a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunisation certificate. They can be emailed to gordon.ps@education.vic.gov.au or dropped into the school office.

School Photos

Will now take place 11th December this year.

Birthdays

I would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday: Alex, Liam, Andy, Rowan, Rhyder, Sage, Edie, Diana, Lily, Riley H, Hudson, Darcy and Perry. You can collect your birthday bookmark from your teacher.

Russel Cowan

GORDON



PRIMARY SCHOOL

"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Newsletter

Principal: Russel Cowan

1 Dicker St, Gordon, 3345

Ph: 5368 9223

Email: gordon.ps@education.vic.gov.au www.gordonps.vic.edu.au

25th June 2020

What's been happening in 5/6 B?

Maths lesson in action!

Congratulations to Kate!

Kate won the "name a windmill competition".

CAPTAIN WHIRLY WOO is the new name. Kate won a voucher for herself and \$1000 for the school. Well done Kate!



July

	24	25	26
	Reports on Compass		

	24	25	26
	Reports on Compass		

	24	25	26
	Reports on Compass		

	24	25	26
	Reports on Compass		

27	28	29	30	31
<p>Parent Teacher In- terviews</p>				

27	28	29	30	31
<p>Parent Teacher In- terviews</p>				

27	28	29	30	31
<p>Parent Teacher In- terviews</p>				

27	28	29	30	31
<p>Parent Teacher In- terviews</p>				

27	28	29	30	31
<p>Parent Teacher In- terviews</p>				

27	28	29	30	31
<p>Parent Teacher In- terviews</p>				

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

Primary Maths Specialists (PMS) News

Welcome to Term 3! We are all very pleased to be back in the classroom, it makes teaching and learning about maths so much easier. All classes are very well resourced with a variety of maths equipment and it enables students to demonstrate their thinking and strategies in a number of ways.

In this newsletter, we will look at the fourth maths proficiency of Fluency.

Fluency

When you think of fluency with respect to reading what comes to mind? A reader who sounds like a storyteller? Someone who can read smoothly, add expression where needed? They can only do this if they have had experience with reading many different texts and using what they have read before for similar characters, settings and genres.

Fluency in maths is not too dissimilar. Like a storyteller, mathematicians will apply what strategies they know to solve new problems. Mathematical fluency is about being flexible, efficient and accurate in how you solve a problem.

Mathematicians who demonstrate this can:

- make reasonable estimates;
- efficiently calculate the correct answer;
- choose appropriate ways of solving a problem;
- recall facts and concepts readily, and
- manipulate expressions and equations to find solutions.

Activities that support developing mathematical fluency:

You might like to try these activities at home with your child (ren). Repeating the activity will support increasing their maths fluency.

Younger Years

If you have ten counters numbered 1 to 10, how many can you put into pairs that add to 10?

Can you use them all?

Say how you got your answer.

What about pairs that add to 11, 12, 13?

Older years

Due to the larger maths curriculum in the older years, finding one task that would suit every age group and be easily printed in this format is difficult. Have a look at this app, Fun Maths. The target number is 24, the player is given 4 numbers to manipulate by +, -, x or \div to reach the target. There are three different levels for your child to find the one that suits them. You might even like to have a go yourself!

Carly Middleton & Pat Withell

PMSS Maths Specialists