



# Newsletter

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Dear families,

Students today are growing up in a digital world. With COVID-19 this is happening much faster than many parents anticipated. They are increasingly using digital technologies to learn, socialise and communicate. At Gordon Primary School, we recognise that it is essential for our students to be equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to navigate the online world safely. We have full eSmart accreditation at Gordon PS. The eSmart program is an initiative run by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, designed as a cultural change approach to improving Cyber Safety and reducing cyber bullying in schools and homes. We take reasonable steps to protect our students from any harm that may be encountered within the online learning environment, including:

- Holistic policies, processes and programs that reflect the teaching and learning practices of our school, as well as the safe, responsible and respectful use of online and digital technologies.
- Creation of clear processes and practices to manage classroom and online behaviour and response to any incident that may arise.
- Curriculum planning and documentation that explicitly teaches safe, responsible and ethical online behaviours.
- Implementation and awareness of our school's policies, processes and programs throughout the Gordon Primary School community.
- Full eSmart sustained accreditation.
- All students sign an Acceptable Use Agreement and Google Apps for Education consent form, these can be viewed

## What is a Digital Footprint?

At Gordon Primary School, all students learn to protect their own privacy and respect others' privacy. Our digital world is permanent and with each post, students are building a digital footprint. By encouraging our students to reflect, pause and think before posting online, they will consider how what they share online can impact themselves and others.

## PARENT RESOURCES

Below are a list of parent resources that include available suggestions, resources and tips for ensuring a safe, secure and respectful online environment exists within the home environment as well.

Look up the following website names to access the links:

**iParent** - Here you can find guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online.

**Office of the eSafety Commissioner** - The Office is committed to helping young people have safe, positive experiences online and encouraging behavioural change, where a generation of Australian children act responsibly online—just as they would offline.

**Think U Know Australia** - ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Commonwealth Bank, Microsoft and Datacom and delivered in partnership with all State and Territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. The cyber safety presentations sensitively cover a range of topics including sexting, cyber bullying, online child exploitation, online privacy, and importantly what to do when something goes wrong. Presentations are aimed at parents, carers and teachers and young people from grades 3-12.

**Bullying No Way!** - The Bullying No Way! website for Australian schools is managed by the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group which has representatives from all states and territories, including the Catholic and independent schooling sectors.

**The Cyber Safety Project** - this resource allows for you to access tips and resources for assisting your child/ren when online.



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## 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.

**Pie Drive:** Thanks to the numerous families that supported this fundraiser, we well and truly smashed last years orders, well done! A huge thankyou to Ang Burgoyne for her efforts to organise this for the school community.

**Bridge Challenge**—Don't forge the bridge challenge. Designed for families and can be found on Compass. As soon as they are complete, bring them to the office.

## 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](http://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](mailto:gordon.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or dropped into the school office.

## School Photos

We hope will take place 11th September this year. I am in discussions with the studio to see how this will progress given current restrictions.,

## Birthdays

I would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday: Riley H, Sophie M Wyatt H, and Brooke B-G. Have a wonderful Covid-19 birthday! You can collect your birthday book-mark from the office.

Finally, I wish to thanks parents for their continued support and efforts during this hard time. I have no information on a return to school, but will let families know of any developments in this area as soon as I am aware.

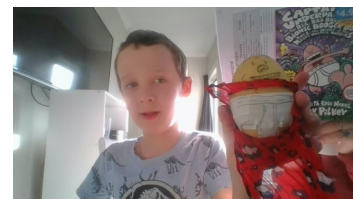
Have a great weekend!

Russel

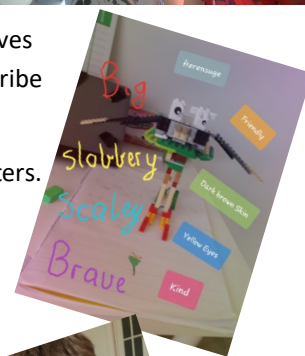
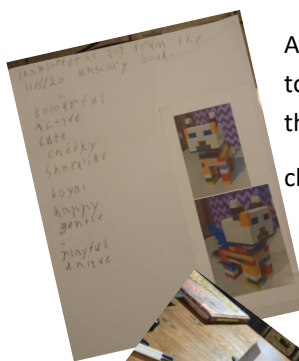


Lily, Alannah and Hailey working away

Grade 2's making their favourite book character using anything around the house



Adjectives to describe their characters.



Tommi, Jax, Charlotte, McKenzie, Liam and Cody



## Grade 3

Chelsea working hard with her special helper!

August						
			13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September								
1		2		3		4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11		12	13	
				School Photos				
14	15	16	17	18		19	20	
				Bridge due				

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