



# Newsletter

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Dear Families

**Respect** - As parents we have the ability to shape children's attitudes and behaviours to all situations, particularly how they relate to and treat other people. Respect is the core value in every healthy, functioning relationship. What can we do as parents to develop our children in this area?

## LOOK AND LISTEN

Watch your children interact with each other. Challenge negative and disrespectful attitudes, but also be mindful that your children's attitudes may mirror those of people they respect, which can be confronting when you don't like what you hear.

## TEACH THEM TO TREAT OTHERS WELL

Sometimes it's not what we say, but what we don't say that makes all the difference. Focus on the behaviour, not the person – when they speak to each other. It is important that we don't let disrespectful behaviour go unchallenged.

## DON'T ACCEPT EXCUSES

If a child tries to control a situation by being aggressive or abusive, don't excuse the behaviour as just him "being a boy", "just a teenager", typical girl" etc. Our job as parents is to teach children to handle their frustration in socially acceptable and respectful ways. This could include giving them the words to verbalise feelings.

## PROVIDE KIDS WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS

Develop a voice in your children where they can communicate their feelings constructively, fairly and assertively. Don't shy away from conversations about relationships and consent – these build trust and will assist your child form healthy relationships

## TALK UP RESPECT

Parents set the benchmark for behaviour! The more you talk about and model respectful behaviours, the more your kids are likely to adopt those attitudes. Challenge poor behaviour or disrespectful attitudes.

## BILLY CART RACE

It's on again! 16<sup>th</sup> December starting from 1pm. All children will get to have a go, but unfortunately I am unable to have parents onsite. I ask that carts can be brought to the school Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

I think Santa will be making a COVID-19 safe appearance on this day!

## REPORTS

End of year reports are being finalised by teachers over the next week and will be available to download on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. An announcement will be put out via Compass when they are available. If you are having any issues

accessing Compass this is a good time to ring the office so we can assist.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS** will take place on Tuesday 15th December, prep families who wish to discuss their child's report can contact me through the school office.

## Term 4 COVID-19 update

Some restrictions have been lifted on our schools. Gordon Primary School will continue to operate the existing timetable and organisation for drop off and pickups until the end of the year.

### Visitor and parent access:

There are still limits on the number of visitors the school can have on site at any one time so to ensure we are compliant, any access to the school should be by appointment. For early pick up of your child please ring first and the office will advise you of the process. If numbers permit you can then come into the office to collect and sign your child out.

Changes we will implement straight away include:

- Opening up the drinking fountains for student use after they have been flushed
- Our prep transition on the 8th December will go ahead

## \$119,000 Grant for Minor Capital works for Gordon Primary School

I am so pleased to announce that we were successful in a grant application to upgrade our fences. In the application we proposed new boundary fences for students safety. The scope of the works is still to be finalised, however it is expected to start in early 2021. These grants have been made possible by the State Government through Minor Capital works funding.

### End of year

Our **last day of school will be Friday 18th December** and school will **finish at 1:30pm**. OHSC will not operate for the after school session on this day.

### Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 graduation will now be held on **Wednesday 9th December**. **Mrs Middleton has provided information for the event. I look forward to seeing everyone there.**

### Birthdays

I would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday:

**Olivia T, Levi, Kyla R, Ava B, Aidan, Finn M and Sophie B-G**

### Wood Raffle

We are raffling off 3 – 4 cubic meters of wood. We are asking families to sell three tickets for each child at the school. Money raised will go towards new computers in our classrooms. Letters with tickets will be sent home shortly with instructions. The raffle will be drawn on 18th December at 1:00pm. Thank you! :)

Have a great weekend!

*Russel Cowan*





LADY NORTHCOTE CAMP 2020  
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# December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>ORIENTATION DAY</b>	9 <b>Year 6 Graduation</b>	10	11 <b>Student Reports available on Compass</b>	12	13
14 <b>Billy carts dropped off at school</b>	15 <b>PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>	16 <b>BILLY CART RACE DAY</b>	17	18 <b>Last day of term 4 1.30 finish Wood Raffle Drawn</b>		

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

