GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Newsletter

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CAR PARK AND DRIVING SAFETY

One of my biggest fears is a child being accidently struck by a car at pickup and drop off times. Unfortunately a Sydney family is dealing with the unimaginable loss of their 5 year old daughter. This serves as a reminder that we have to be vigilant while in a school zone. Little students can't be seen from the driver's seat and these students / children don't have the road sense to be looking out for cars. If you drive a big car, pay particular attention when parking as many cars protrude over the path. At no time should parents / guardians accelerate quickly or speed while in a school zone. Our children are far too precious!

Loved ones paid tribute to five-year-old Alannah, who only started primary school weeks ago.

7NEWS.COM.AU
PICTURED: Sydney girl, five, killed on pedestrian crossing...

COVID

As we move into Autumn we know that it is also the beginning of the cold and flu season. We are already seeing an increase in the runny noses and coughing in students. These symptoms spread quickly through school communities.

If staff have any of these symptoms they are required to stay home and be tested which means they are often absent for a number of days, the same applies to students. We ask you to be vigilant in monitoring your child for any of these symptoms before sending them to school to avoid spreading colds and flu.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS will be held Tuesday 23rd March 1:30pm – 6:00pm, they will be booked on Compass via the Parent Portal. Students **will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Tuesday 23rd March,** in order to make teachers available for the interviews**. Supervision is available for children who can't be collected from 1:30 – 3:15pm. After School Care will be open for child care (normal operating hours apply).**

If you are having any problems with logging onto Compass, we encourage you to ring or come into see us so that we can assist you. Compass is an important communication tool; you can:

- See your child's values awards,
- Receive notifications,
- Read the school newsletter,
- Download your child's report in June and December
- Access up to date information on the Compass Newsfeed.

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BUILDING WORKS AT GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL DURING 2021

Our new playground is being enjoyed by all students. We are just about to appoint a contractor to complete the school toilet block refurbishment. I anticipate this build starting in the next few weeks, taking approximately one month to complete. Alternative toileting arrangements for the boys and senior girls will be communicated when these works start.

Our Fencing project is also at the appointment of a contractor stage. All quotes have now been received and the. The Victorian School Building Authority is working with us to manage this project which is funded through a $119,000 grant from the Victorian Government. An 1800mm steel tubular fence will be constructed around the school grounds, with the front picket fence being remaining.

PRACTISE GOOD HYGIENE

All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Staff should direct or supervise young students where required.

Sharing of food is not encouraged at Gordon PS.

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CANBERRA TOUR 2021—Year 5 & 6
Monday 6th September to Friday 10th September 2021

To enable parents to start planning we have been advised that the cost for the tour this year will be $767.00 based on 30 students attending. (The cost will increase significantly if we have less than 30 students $841.00).

Please think about starting a regular payment plan to lessen the burden closer to the tour date.

Year 5 & 6 families received the Tour Itinerary earlier this month. It will be an amazing tour, lots to do and see in our nations capital.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has already dropped items in for the raffle. If you are able to send something in, please drop your donations into the office. Just a reminder to return your raffle tickets and money by Tuesday 30th March. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 1st April, last day of term, and winners will be notified.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Parents are reminded that students should not arrive at school before 8.45 a.m each day.

BIRTHDAYS

I would like to acknowledge students who celebrated their birthdays recently. We will place your birthday bookmarks in your teacher's pigeon hole.

Happy birthday to:

Timothy McDaid, Jett Hatcher, Tyler Smethurst, Isabelle Ferrari, Scarlett Smethurst, Aurora McLean-Haagensen, Matilda Murray, Alana Goss, Dakota Somerville, Connah Storey, Margot Flynn and Skyla Ross.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 23rd March	Parent Teacher Interviews 1.30-6.00p.m.
	Students dismissed at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 26th March	Last day for Bakers Delight Orders and Money
Monday 29th March	**Dental Van Visit**
	Bakers Delight Lunch Order
Thursday 1st April	Last day of Term 1 - **Easter Raffle Draw**
Monday 19th April	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 20th April	**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
Friday 11th June	Student Free Day
Monday 1st November	Student Free Day

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our students of the week:

P/1 H: Ava, Lexi

P/1 C: Riley, Winnie,

Grade 3: McKenzie, Josh, Liam

Grade 4/5 W: Addison, Perry

Grade 4/5 M: Isabelle, Elke

Grade 6: Dallas, Hailey

STEM / PE: Ashton, Dakota, Kael

Independent reading award: Sara

Year 6 students enjoying their sausage rolls, meatballs and apple and cinnamon slice!

Dakota, Dallas and Scarlett

Brooke and Ashton

Milla and Finlay

Angus, Ashton, Finlay and Kai

Isabelle sharing her completed Magical Creatures Project

Year 6 exploring Statistics and Probability

IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Gordon Auskick

Gordon Recreation Reserve

Commencing Friday 23 April 2021

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