Principal’s Message

With our junior school councillors having looked at resilience over the past few weeks, I have provided you with 5 tips to create resilient children.

1. Make Your Kids Make Their Beds - it’s the first thing they do in the morning, and, after doing it enough, they learn to do it well. If they have a terrible day, then they can come home and find that they did at least one thing right.

2. Let Your Kids Ride / Walk to school - once your child is old enough this is something you should look at. It can start from dropping them a little further away from the gate and ends up leaving from home. Getting themselves to school teaches them responsibility and develops independence.

3. Teach Your Kids To Problem Solve - help them make action plans and lists to assist themselves through problems.

4. Don’t Talk In Catastrophic Terms -this can be problematic. For example, you should try not to say, “It’s really important for you to learn how to swim because it’d be devastating to me if you drowned.” Instead, saying “It’s really important for you to learn how to swim” is enough.

5. Model The Same Resilience You Want To Teach

One of the best ways to learn is by watching an expert. Occasionally, you might lose control of your emotions or have a really tough day that seems like the end of the world but, when a parent fails after attempting a challenge, or continues to find joy in the face of hardship—these are the things that inspire children to do the same. Resilience is something you can encourage and teach, but it’s also something that you can use to inspire.

Sad News

It’s with sadness that I inform you of the death of Phillip Shaw. The Shaw family are valued members of our school community and thoughts and best wishes are with Jenny, Bailey and their family at this difficult time. The Gordon Football and Netball club are running a fundraising campaign for the family at this week’s game.

Athletics Day

Just a reminder of the early start. All students are required at school at 7.30am to allow us to get through the day’s events by 2:30pm.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Nash Urlich and Carly McCausland a very Happy Birthday and also to any members of our community who are also celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan
Principal

From the Office

We will be holding an ANZAC Service this Friday at the school. I have a range of ANZAC badges for sale in the front office. They range in price from $1 - $10 with all proceeds going to the ANZAC appeal. Please come and see me if you would like to purchase a badge.

Also, if any students have used coloured pencils at home that they would like to donate to our art program please bring them in to the office or give them to Mrs Messy on Tuesday.

Shana Brooks
Business Manager
Look at the corn that our students grew in the
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden!

The Boîte Schools Chorus

Gordon Primary is once again taking part in this wonderful project. Last year students performed 'One Africa', this year we will be performing 'Windrush'.

Windrush, lead by Ballarat artists Geoffrey Williams and Stella Savy will take us on a musical journey from the warm tropical songs of the Caribbean to a new sound and culture developing in the Uk as a result of post war migration from the West Indies.

Windrush will not only feature traditional and contemporary songs that we know and love but also original compositions to tell a personal tale of the Williams family making this iconic journey.

Rehearsals will take place at school on Wednesdays during recess, Nicki Stewart is leading the choir.
The concert is on 13th August at Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts.

If your child is interested in taking part in the schools chorus please give their names to Shana. For more information please see Nicki.

Hot Lunches

Looking for people in our school community to help prepare hot lunches for the kids. Please let either Shana or myself know if you are available by Friday. We would like to start next week.

Just to advise new parents that this has been run for a few years and allows all students to eat tasty home cooked meals at lunchtime (instead of lunch orders). A menu is published for the term and your child selects their items of choice. In the past it has been run fortnightly but if we get enough helpers it could run weekly.

Cuppa n Chat

Our next CnC is on Thursday 28 April from 9:15am. We will be meeting at Zest (next door to the butcher) in Ballan.

Bush Dance

Get ready to bring your family along to our school bush dance. Saturday 4 June; more details next month. If you have anything to suggest for this evening please don't hesitate to speak with me.

Mother’s Day Stall - Mums, do not read the following.

The week before Mothers Day we will be holding a stall so kids can shop for a gift for mum. Closer to the day we will advise more details.

Have a wonderful long weekend!
Nicole 0425 747 477 or nicolesmith72@hotmail.com
Hey everybody,

I hope you liked last weeks Captain’s Corner, the grade 5/6’s are learning a lot. So now, this week I went to talk to the 4/5’s.

They have been exploring World War 1, seeing as it is nearly Anzac Day. Also they are doing a PowerPoint on a chosen war hero or to create a war hero poster, they have been doing all that in history. In maths they have been doing multi-digit addition and subtraction. In writing they have been doing persuasive letter writing to persuade their parents for a new pet. Also they have been exploring intensive farming-pros and cons. In reading they are focusing on prediction and questioning. As well as that, choosing “just right” books.

Thank you for reading.

See you next week,

Tilly

Students of the Week

Grade Prep Foundation— Aurora McLean-Haagensen and Hamish Campbell

Grade One— Angus Redfearn and Diana Shi

Grade Two— Maddison Summerfield and Asher Brooks

Grade Three— Allanah Farrugia, Riley McLean-Haagensen, Alkira O’ Day and Jarra Blizzard

Grade Four/Five— Zebedee Nelson

Grade Five/Six— Brayden Conroy and Sage Blizzard
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Wallace and District Kindergarten
55th Annual

Mother's Day Luncheon

FRIDAY 6th MAY 2016 11:30AM-3:00PM

Bungaree Community Centre

Enjoy a day filled with fun, prizes, stalls and not to forget
Our famous spinning wheel and much more

$35 per adult including a 2 course lunch
$5 per child– lunch, icy pole and
Child minding services

Bookings essential by phone, text or email
Leah-0411 859 544 or Sarah-0419 532 915
Wallace.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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@ $25 per seat

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