**Principal’s Message**

National Families week is fast approaching. As part of this week Relationships Australia, and YMCA have formed a partnership to provide a FREE informative session on building children’s resilience and emotional intelligence.

This will be presented by Andrew Fuller on Tuesday 24th May from 4 – 6pm. Andrew Fuller is a very well-known clinical psychologist who works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally. He specialises in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is also the author of eighteen books.

**Athletics Day**

We are not having much luck with the Athletics this year. Our group of schools have decided to wait until late July to have another go. This will still be in time for students to qualify for the zone finals in late August / early September. I would like to thank all the parents for their patience. Please note that money will be credited to your account if the Athletics do not go ahead in July.

**Cross Country**

Good luck to our students competing on Friday. A huge thank you to the parents for their support in transporting their children to the event.

**Silvers Circus**

We have a limited amount of complimentary tickets to Silvers Circus for Wednesday 18th May available at the front office. Please come and see us if you are interested.

**Basketball**

Wow, what an exciting game last week. We were able to defeat Ballarat and Clarendon College in the final seconds of the game thanks to great shooting by Jackson and Gus. Well done to all the students on the team and good luck on Thursday.

**Library**

A big thankyou to Carmen Baldwin and Carly Middleton for helping out in the library.

They have been busy grading books according to the Lexile Framework.

**NAPLAN**

Well done to all students who completed the NAPLAN tests this week. Our students looked very relaxed and comfortable in the test and this is a credit to teachers and parents. Results will be available towards the end of the year.

**Supervision of Children**

It’s great to see so many families playing before and after school. While we want this to continue, we have had a few occasions of unsupervised children disrupting classes like PE when outside.

I ask that parents actively supervise their children at pickup and drop off times to avoid future class disruption.

**Story Telling at Kryal Castle**

Our Preps and Ones were very lucky to attend Kryal Castle for a story telling day. Our students were able to hear many stories and observe puppet shows in a wonderful setting. Thankyou to the staff and volunteers for their efforts in ensuring that this was a successful day for our students. Kryal Castle have also offered 10% off entry for our families. Please find the voucher below.

**School Photos**

Just a reminder that school photos will be taken next Friday 20th May. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform and brings their envelope with them on the day. Family Envelopes are available from the front office if you would like a sibling photograph taken (please note that these are available only to students attending the school).

**Happy Birthday**

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan

Principal
Hello Everyone!

Hot Lunches - yummy! Hope you are looking forward to your pumpkin soup tomorrow. Huge thank you to everyone helping out; from purchasers, to cutters, cooks, servers and dishwashers - fabulous job!

Mother's Day Stall - What an awesome day last week. Thank you for coming along and I hope your mum was as surprised at her wonderful treasures as I was. Thank you to all our helpers on the day (and those leading up to it).

Bush Dance - Saturday 4 June - Currently working out the finer details for the bush dance...tell your friends about it...it is going to be great mate!

Masters BBQ - Looking for helpers on the day. Please fill in your form that was sent home with your child/ren. I realise it is the long weekend but we have waited a whole year for this one; it would be disappointing to have to decline at the last minute.

Join our Facebook page at Gordon Primary School P&C.

Next Cuppa n Chat Thursday 19 May, 9am, school kitchen. Newcomers welcome. Kids free to come along too. It is rather informal so please just come for a quick drink and a catch up on what's happening around school.

Next P&C meeting 7:30pm on Wed 1 June at the Gordon Hall. New members are always welcome to attend!

Nicole Smith - 0425 747 477
Kryal Castle Storytelling
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Term 2  
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Is your child 2, 3 or 4 years old?

Is your child ready for early years education?  
What are the signs of readiness?  
What are your options?

School & Kindergarten Readiness Night
with Dr Shona Bass
17 May 2016 6.30 - 8.00pm
James Young Room, Lerderderg Library
215 Main St, Bacchus Marsh

Free child minding is available, bookings essential
To book please contact Nichole on 5366 7100
or email mchadmin@moorabool.vic.gov.au

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Does your child excel in Science OR Visual Arts?  
Do you want your child to accelerate their learning?

We are currently welcoming applications for the Woodmans Hill Science and Visual Arts Academies for 2017.

Applications close 31st May, 2016.

For more information or application forms please visit
www.ballaratsc.vic.edu.au OR call 03 5336 7264
Building resilience in children

Presented by Andrew Fuller

To celebrate National Families Week 2016, Relationships Australia Victoria in partnership with YMCA invite parents and teachers to attend this free, fun and informative session on building children’s resilience and emotional intelligence.

Topics
- How resilience and emotional intelligence contribute more to career and life success than academic intelligence.
- The active ingredients of resilience.
- How parents can develop these in their children.
- Friendship skills.
- Parenting tricky kids.
- Creating happy kids.
- Building self-esteem and dealing with setbacks.
- How to talk to boys and girls.

A range of activities for children will be provided by YMCA during the presentation.

About the presenter
Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist and author of books including Tricky Kids, Raising Real People and Life: A Guide. He is a co-author of programs on the promotion of resilience and emotional intelligence. Andrew is a Fellow of the University of Melbourne’s Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development.

When 4 - 6pm, Tuesday 24 May 2016
Where Ballarat South Community Hub / Neighbourhood Centre, Tunpen Drive, Sebastapol
Cost Free of charge. Bookings are essential.

Bookings and enquiries
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