Principal’s Message

I’m a parent, and I think the world of my boys, but I have to admit that when it comes to the “It wasn’t my fault” championships they’re gold medallists. Every parent has watched one of their children do something silly and then turn around with a face of angelic innocence and proclaim sincerely “But I didn’t do anything!”. It’s great that parents want to stick up for their children, but if your child comes home from school with an issue I recommend applying the 50 / 50 rule. That is... parents have half of the story and now need to speak politely to the school to get the other half.

If parents mention that they are going to speak to the school to find out its point of view, generally a child will respond with a sentence that opens along the lines of, "Actually"...

If after getting the whole story you are still not satisfied, I ask that you refer to our school “Code of Conduct” as this will assist you in following the appropriate process.

Census Night

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer positions across Victoria.

If you are community-minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. You’ll also earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months.

To do the job you’ll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.

Applications close this Friday 27 May.

To apply or find more information, see: Australian Bureau of Statistics - Careers

Camps

Camp forms have been sent out for a number of camps this year. Our camp program is structured so students develop numerous capabilities that are documented in the Australian Curriculum. For this reason we see them as a necessary component of your child’s schooling. We understand the financial difficulties that some families face and ask that if you need assistance that you contact Shana or myself. This will allow us to work with you for the benefit of your child.

2017 Canberra Camp

Our bi-annual Canberra camp is taking place next year for our grade 5 /6 students in 2017. I am looking to start a parent committee to raise funds for this trip. If you are a parent of this age group next year and would like to assist please contact the office. A meeting will be held early next term.

School Photos

The students and even the staff all scrubbed up well last Friday. It’s a big job, but it went relatively smoothly. Photos will be sent home with your children once we receive them.

Oval

Thankyou to the generous parents who assisted in laying the turf for our new oval and end of basketball court. Sam, Ally, Ange, Carmen, Emma, Scott and Jenny did a tremendous job. On behalf of the school I thank them. We look forward to using this turf in Term 4.

Happy Birthday

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

Have a great weekend,
Russel Cowan
Principal
Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a good week. This week I went to talk to Miss Irvin (Prep’s), they also have been very busy.

The Prep’s have been learning about the letter and the sound ‘e’, also learning about words that begin with ‘e’. As well as that they have been learning sight words – the word of the week is ‘to’.

In maths they have been ordering and representing numbers 0-10 and practicing numbers 10 - 20. The number of the week is ‘10’.

They have been learning all about transport. This week they were learning about tractors and farm machinery, both new and old. As well as that they have been learning about different kinds of families.

See you next week,

Tilly

Captains Corner

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Bush Dance
Saturday 4 June - Tickets are available for purchase at $15 for a family or $8 singles from Shana in the front office. We've got a fabulous local band for the night; Five O'clock Charlie. So come along and bring a plate to share for supper!

Masters BBQ
Monday 13 June - We only have a few confirmed helpers for the day, please let either Mr Cowan, Shana or myself know if you can spare some time to assist on the day. It would be sad to have to cancel it. Please let us know by Tuesday.

Hot Lunches
Tomorrow is pizza wrap day. If you haven't put your order form in yet; it's not too late! Once again, thank you to all our helpers from last time: Hend, Kate, Cindy and Kim.

Next Night Meeting
Wednesday 1 June - it is great to have new members turning up to night meetings. Recently, we've had Hend Porter and Kim Heaton join us.

Next Morning Cuppa n Chat
Next one is Thursday 16 June, mark it in your calendar.
Nicole Smith 0425 747 477
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As a follow up to the Simultaneous Storytime reading of “I Got This Hat” this week, all students are encouraged to wear a hat of their choice with their school uniform on Friday 27th May. No donation is required— this activity is just for fun!

Ballarat Soup Bus

The SoupBus provides an after-dark meal service to Ballarat’s homeless and less fortunate through the cooperation and support of the local community.

If you would like to assist with this fantastic initiative, Gordon Primary School is a designated drop off point for the following items:

- Soups (cans with ring pulls please)
- Just Add Water meals
- Cereals
- Long Life Milk
- Toiletries
- Blankets
- Jumpers, Socks and Jackets
- Back Packs
- Tea/Coffee/Sugar/Honey in takeaway portions

Please drop off items to the office by Wednesday 8th June.
Makers Space – Junior

Biolab – Grade 5/6
U/12 JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 1st June 2016
Venue: Wendoureee Reserve Social Rooms  Start Time: 6:00pm

Topics Covered:
- Clubs interested in starting a team
- How the competition will run
- How players can register
- What registration involved
- What the future is for female football across the region

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Hidden Histories

Learn more about the Aboriginal view of the traditional story through our free display 'Hidden Histories: The Wadawurrung People'.

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