June 22nd 2016

Principal's Message

Well this term has flown by. Thankyou to everyone who has assisted in making it a great success. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing break and look forward to the return of students on 11th July.

Reports are going home this week. I have read through them and once again I am extremely pleased with the efforts of our students and teachers.

Here are some things to consider when you open your child’s Semester One report:

1. Focus on strengths and praise them.
2. Look at the effort and attitude to learning. If this is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that.
3. Don’t just focus on academic performance, look at their progress as a member of the Gordon PS community. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and wellbeing.
4. Ask your child how they went. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Boeing Presentation

Thankyou to Jason Bonar for his junior school presentation on the construction of planes. Very impressive and informative. Students loved it, especially the videos.

Reading

Well done to all students who have reached 100 nights of reading this year. Reading every night gives your child a huge advantage in the classroom. In your child’s reading diary there is some excellent advice on how to assist them with home reading.

Students who have Read for 100+ Nights

Prep                  Grade Two
Charlee Johnson       Asher Brooks

Grade One           Grade Three
Finlay Cullen        Jarra Blizzard
Tyler Wood           Jackson Jones
Kate Bonar
Hailey Burgoyne
Milla Robson

Grade Four/Five
Milla Robson

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Ryan Thompson, Rowan McCarthy, Bryan Kriegsmann and Rhyder Harrison and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,
Russel Cowan
Principal
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*All dates were correct at the time of going to print however they may be subject to change.*
Hey everyone,

I hope you had a nice weekend. This is our last week of term and we are all very excited for holidays. I went to talk to Mrs Thomas (grade 2’s) this week, it was good because it was the first time Mrs Thomas has had a chance to talk with me.

The grade 2’s loved having a 3 day week, I think Mrs Thomas wants more of them as well. She liked having those two days off to work with her animals.

At the start of the term they made vegie pots, which is out the front of the girl’s toilets if you want to see them, they are very cool.

In maths they have been working on time, they are up to minutes and hours, which is impressive. Also they have been learning about Australian money and how to use it.

In literacy, they have been writing narratives and introducing the plot. They have also been working on their handwriting and making sure that it is neat. For reading, they have been practicing their reading to become open readers.

Thank you for reading, have a wonderful holiday!

See you next term,

Tilly

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BBQ
At the Gordon Hall on Election Day. If you are available to help please let me know by SMS on 0425 747 477. Please have your name to me by Sunday.

HOT LUNCHES
I do hope your children have enjoyed the hot lunches this term. Yes, we will continue into third term with a menu coming out in the first week back. All helpers welcome 😊
The P&C wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.
Nicole Smith

Congratulations to our 4/5/6 boys soccer team with their 3rd place in the SSV Soccer Finals.
SSV Netball

Well done to our Netball team who played in the SSV competition last week. A big thankyou also to their coach Kate Brew.

3/4 Basketball Finals

Congratulations on our Grade 3/4 Basketball Team! They placed second in the finals held last week. Thank you to all of the parents who transported the students to and from games this term.
Beachys Shed Opening
Grade Prep/One SAKG Day

Term Two Specialist Subjects

Sport  Makers  Indonesian
Student Dress Up Day!!!

When: Last day of term!!!

GOLD COIN DONATION

Students will dress up as teachers and teachers will be able to dress up as a student for the day.
“Hey Ki, it’s me! Do you want to come over today? My Grandma has gone to bingo and she won’t be back until 8:00 tonight. I’ve also found something you just have to see so, hurry!” The message was sent. The reason why it’s so urgent is because I’ve found an awfully strange room, which happens to be my Grandmas attic. After what seemed like forever, the doorbell rings. “Finally,” I murmur as I trudged over to the door and reave it open. “What’s taken so long?” “Are you serious?” Ki replied. “I got the message precisely three minutes ago! You don’t have to stress either, it’s only ten o’clock!” he says as he pulls out his phone and waves it in front of me, showing the time. Was it really ten o’clock? “So, what was it that you wanted to show me?”

“Okay,” I say, clasping my hands together. “I was bored so-“ “Alright, this is going to take forever so just get to the point!” Ki cuts me off as he steps inside and shuts the door. “Fine,” I groan as I unclasp my hands and stand up straighter. “Follow me.” I gesture for him to follow as I start heading up the stairs and towards the attic door and pull it down. Dust comes spewing out of the entrance like a tremendous sandstorm, leaving Ki and I coughing and sputtering. “Really? The attic?” Ki cries. “Yes really,” I reply as I motion for him to go up first. He starts heading up, followed along by me.

“What the?” “I know right!” “How does your Grandma have this in her attic?” Ki asks. “Well I don’t know. Why don’t you give her a call and ask her.” “I’m laughing on the inside,” he says in the sarcastic way as he does while taking a look around the place. It seemed like this room must have been some type of surgery room. It had a gurney in the middle with straps on the sides. Dried up blood stained the edges of it, as well as various spots on the floor. Body parts such as eyes, brains, intestines, blood, all in various amounts of jars sitting out on all the shelves to rot. I turned around to see Ki picking up one of the jars, examining it. “Ewwwwww!” I blurt out. “Put it down!” Ki gently puts it back down where it was and turns to me. “What seems to be the problem officer?” “Shut up,” I say as he laughs. As time went by, we were starting to get bored from exploring such a disgusting thing. “You want to leave?” Ki finally says, breaking the silence. “Yes please!” I respond eagerly. We were just about to leave when all the sudden we heard a creaking sound…. It was coming upstairs, towards us.

To be continued

By Georgia Mutimer
Very soon
the Responsible Pet Education Program
is coming to visit you at your school!

My pet dog will be coming
to help teach you how to
be safe around dogs and
how to say hello to dog
with their owners!

There will be lots of
listening, role plays,
singing and some
dancing.

My dog may even
meet you during the visit.