Art Show
Mrs Messy did an amazing job with the students! This was a great community event that provided our students the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their wonderful artistic talent. Thankyou to all those who supported the evening especially Rachel and Cindy for assisting with the BBQ.

Swimming
As you are aware our 2017 program starts next week. Students are encouraged to wear their swimmers to school under their uniform. Please be aware that all children will be getting changed after their swimming lesson. For children who have difficulty in dressing themselves... practice makes perfect! Parents are encouraged to assist them over the weekend.

Water Wise
I had the privilege of attending Indigo’s award presentation for her wonderful artwork at Central Highlands Water this week. Indigo received a scooter and a bag of goodies as her award. Congratulations Indigo, you represented our school community very well.

Fundraiser
It is now time to return any sold tickets to the office. If you think you may be able to sell more please hold onto your unsold tickets. If not, please return them to the office as soon as possible.

Every ticket sold goes toward computers for your children. This fundraiser is School Councils plan to sustain quality ICT devices at Gordon Primary School. It will also be a great night of entertainment, but if you are unable to make it, you can still purchase a ticket for the draw. Your assistance in selling tickets is greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

Art Room
Mrs Messy is after wire coat hangers. If you have any that you can donate please see the office.

Melbourne Cup Weekend
Please ensure that you have added the Melbourne Cup weekend to your calendar. We have a curriculum day on Monday 31st October, followed by the Melbourne Cup holiday on Tuesday 1st November.

Walk To School
Please join us this Friday 21st October for the whole school walk to school day. We will be leaving from the post office at 8.30am. See you there!

School Values
Our current School Captains have organised an art competition. Students have been asked to design a new School Value Logo. Our new school values are: Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. The artwork needs to use our school colours and be presented on A4 paper.

2017 School Captains
I have asked interested students to write letter applying for the School captain position for 2017. The process has been clearly outlined to all students in grade 5. As a school we are very committed to selecting students based on merit and their ability to fulfil the roles. Each year we are very fortunate to have such wonderful leaders who represent the school with great pride and honour. This year however, after some reflection and discussion, the process has been slightly altered.

1. Letter written to principal
2. Interview with leadership panel
3. Staff to form a list of recommended students to the position of School Captain (taking into account panel recommendations)
4. Recommended students present a speech to the whole school
5. Student Vote

Classes for 2017
We are now in the middle of our planning phase for 2017. Student numbers are very important to us as the number of students we have obviously determines how many classes, specialist subjects, classrooms and most importantly, how many teachers we have. If your family is moving from Gordon Primary School for any reason, please contact me to discuss.

At this stage we anticipate running 6 classes again for 2017:

- Foundation (prep) – Ms Irvin
- Grade One – Mrs Lambourn
- Grade Two – Ms Jones
- Grade Three – Mr Micallef
- Grade Four / Five – Mrs Middleton
- Grade Five / Six – Mrs Thomas

These classes may alter if there are a change of circumstances in the school.
New strain of norovirus and hand hygiene policy

The Department of Health and Human Services has identified a new strain of norovirus that may lead to gastroenteritis outbreaks. Norovirus is characterised by acute onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, headaches and muscle aches. Symptoms usually resolve after 48 hours, but if a parent is concerned about their child’s symptoms they should seek medical attention.

Throughout the year it is important to remind staff and students of the importance of good hygiene at school and at home.

To help prevent the spread of norovirus, everyone, including all staff and students, should:

• avoid attending work or school when experiencing gastroenteritis symptoms and advise the school of their illness
• stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours
• maintain strict hand hygiene procedures at all times. Hands must be washed with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food if staff are required to help attend to students with gastroenteritis symptoms, use of personal protective equipment such as aprons or gloves is recommended.

We have a responsibility to provide soap and running water. If running water is temporarily not available, each class has hand sanitiser available. Soap and running water has been clinically shown to be more effective for preventing norovirus transmission than alcohol-based hand sanitisers. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are also not as effective in cleaning hands when hands are visibly dirty or soiled.

Market Day
Thank you to the P and C for their organisation of our Market Day BBQ and Stall. They have once again gone above and beyond for the benefit our students. The stall made $458.

Run Ballarat
This Sunday is the big run. I know that many families have been preparing for this event for weeks now. There is still time to enter with all money raised going towards the Ballarat Hospital. I look forward to seeing many Gordon families pounding the pavement on Sunday morning.

Happy Birthday
We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Xavier Mete, Kai Bellin and Angus Redfearn and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

Russel Cowan
Principal
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Hey everyone,

Hope you had a nice break. This week I went and talked to Miss Wickson (grade 2’s). In writing they have been focusing on persuasive texts, which they really liked doing. Also they debated on whether we should have homework or not. I think no homework won on that one. As well they wrote an advertisement about water.

In maths the grade 2’s have been focusing on time and patterns. Time comes in very handy.

As may parents know our focus this term is on Sustainability, which is really cool. The grade 2’s have been working on pollution.

Thanks for reading.

See you next week,

Tilly

Congratulations to Indigo!
Thank you to our Market Day Volunteers
Gordon Primary School
2016 Xmas Fundraiser

$1000 DRAW

Special guest Bobby Macumber - MC/Comedian

FRIDAY

DECEMBER

2nd

EAT,
DRINK,
DANCE
& BE
MERRY

6.30pm
till late

Donegans Farm
Butterfactory rd, Gordon

$30 per person
Adults only event

DRINKS AT
BAR PRICES

Includes 3 course meal & your chance to win the MONEY!
Plus many other prizes on the night.

Child minding facilities offered through the school.

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE, SO BOOK YOUR SEAT TODAY!

All money raised will go towards new computers for the school.

Contact Ally or Sam to purchase your tickets – 0411 568 014
We’re running to help Stamp Out SIDS

Help us raise $1000

Xav and Josh have been training hard for their 1km run on October 23rd as part of Run Ballarat 2016.

They are running to help raise funds for River’s Gift – Australia’s largest SIDS research funding organisation! Your generous donation will contribute in our pursuit to help SOS – Stamp Out SIDS!

To donate go to: give.everydayhero.com/au/erin-jade-run
or see Shana at the front office
PLANNING FOR BUSHFIRE CAN BE TOUGH, SO WHY DO IT ALONE?

> Having trouble getting started?
> Not sure if your plan is as good as it can be?
> Just need to update your plan?

Whether you’ve got a bushfire survival plan already or yet to get started, this workshop will help you put together a plan that ticks all the right boxes.

In a small group setting, you’ll work through your plan step-by-step, with guidance from a CFA specialist.

What: FREE Bushfire Planning Workshop
Plan for bushfire step-by-step in a small group setting.

Where: Gordon Public Hall, 64 Main St, GORDON

When: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Tuesday 15th November 2016

Contact: West Regional Office on 53295510 to find out more or refer to the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au for details of other meetings in your area.

Please bring along a pen.

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.

cfa.vic.gov.au/workshops
CFA Open Day is a chance for you to meet your local CFA brigade and find out more about what we do.

**When:** Sunday the 13th of November
10am – 2pm

**Where:** Gordon Fire Station

**What:** Fire Safety,
Recruitment,
Free Sausage Sizzle

Come and meet your local brigade!

cfa.vic.gov.au/openday