October 27th 2016

Principal’s Message

School Values

Our Junior School Council, under the leadership of our school captains, were given the task of identifying the school values for Gordon Primary School. After a strong consultation process they have come up with the new school values:

Resilience – Recovering quickly from difficulties. “Get knocked down seven times and get up eight”.

Respect – Considerate of others and respecting another person’s point of view.

Responsibility – Accountable for own actions and belongings. Resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways.

The JSC have done an outstanding job and I congratulate them on their efforts.

Excursions

Before the start of each year we send out a fee letter outlining expected excursions / incursions and camp costs throughout the year. This terms excursion to Narmbool was slightly higher than expected and I apologise for this. On balance, our excursions and incursions have come in under prices outlined in the 2016 fee letter. However, I understand the difficulties that families face at this time of year and encourage anyone having difficulty with this payment to contact the office.

Fees

2017 fee letters will be sent home in the near future. Please note that payment needs to be made by January 30th for the start of the school year. Parents are welcome to pay this term if they wish to. Every effort has been made to keep the cost down, but parents may choose to provide or purchase some items themselves. If you do choose to provide the items yourself you must consult with the office by 4th November, prior to the order being placed with our suppliers, so that surplus items are not ordered and to ensure that your child has the right items. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself.

Camps

We have two school camps going ahead next week. Our junior school are off to their day camp in Myrniong and the senior students are off to Anglesea. Our Facebook page will have some updates on how the students are going on camp. Parents are asked to review camp forms for pickup and drop off times.

Swimming

Our students have been participating in the school swimming program this week. I have been very impressed with the abilities of our students this year, particularly with the improvement shown. Many parents have enrolled their child in regular swimming lessons and this is very noticeable. I believe every Australian should learn to swim in a safe and friendly environment. Swimming skills among children are fundamental to their safety and overall motor skill development. Ballarat has Mark Stahll, Shayne Reece, Swim and Survival and the Ballarat Aquatic Centre to choose from when selecting a swim school for your child.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Joshua Stone and Rohan Tegg 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.*
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
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

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
LIFE EDUCATION BALLARAT & DISTRICT INC
Empowering our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH, 2016
7.00PM FOR 7.30PM START
BALLARAT EAST BOWLING CLUB,
300 Bradshaw St, Golden Point
Hosted by Alan Peach & Trivia with a Twist

Bookings and information
Clare 0439 652 325
E:bennett@ncable.net.au
Zoey 0448 299 093
E:zpage@lifeeducation.org.au

$20.00 a head
Drinks at bar prices. BYO nibbles

Funds raised from this event supports our Mobile Learning Centre to build resilience in young people by challenging their values and attitudes and expanding their knowledge and skills in relation to drug and health education.
Help us reach more kids in our region.

FOR A SAFER, SMARTER LIFE.