November 17th 2016

Principal’s Message

Responsibility is a great value to teach our children because no one can succeed if they are not responsible. We will be developing responsibility in our students during their time at Gordon PS, but what can parents do at home to further develop their children?

Start Young – Hand out responsibility to children at a young age (think toddler). Otherwise you’ll have a teenager on your hands who expects everything done for them.

Let them help you – Even if this makes the task longer, it is worth doing.

Show them the way - If your child wants an apple, show them how to wash one off. If your child chuck their dirty clothes on the floor, teach them how to find the laundry or place a basket on their floor. Age appropriate tasks are a great way of developing responsibility in our children.

Model Responsibility – Don’t expect kids to be responsible for themselves if their parents are not. A good example of this is at meal time... If you want dishes in the sink or in the dishwasher then this needs to be modelled by the whole household.

Praise Them – When they do something right, tell them how proud you are. This could be for something as simple as putting their bike away.

Manage your expectations – Kids won’t complete tasks as well as you. Make sure you recognise a good effort.

Avoid awards – A reward system does not need to be in place to teach responsibility. Rewards for children should be for when they go above and beyond on a task.

Provide Structure and Routine – Instead of offering rewards to get them to meet responsibilities, set up a morning routine with a positive end result. Eat breakfast, shower, brush teeth and make the bed before watching TV. TV is not a reward, it is just the result of finishing a routine.

Teach consequences – If you asked your child to pack their bag and they forget their sneakers for sport, don’t bring them in for them. They are more likely to be more responsible next time. This goes for putting their mess away at home... The more you enforce the rules, the more likely it is that they will clean up after themselves.

School Camp

Our grade 3 and 4 students are off to Cave Hill Creek this week. For many of these students it is their first overnight camp. The camp itinerary looks fantastic and I am sure that they will have a great time. Our school Facebook page will be updated to provide some information for parents over the three days.

Senior School Meeting

Parents of Senior School students in 2017 are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday 23rd November at 3:15pm. The session will inform parents of which class their children will be placed and how the senior school operates. I will be available to answer any further questions after this session.

Transition Day

Next Tuesday we get to meet our new preps for 2017. They will be attending from 9am – 12:45pm. Our 2017 grade 6 students are looking forward to meeting their little buddies.
Calendar Fundraiser

The P and C are running the calendar fundraiser again. Students are currently completing their artwork. Order forms and artwork will be sent home on Monday so that parents can order their student’s masterpieces as a calendar and other items. Orders must be returned by Wednesday 23rd November so that the items can be delivered to us prior to the end of term.

Whole School Transition

Tuesday 6th December is our whole school transition day. This is a day for students to be introduced to their new classroom and teacher. For some students it is a chance to spend a day at their new school. We have 23 new students enrolled to start at Gordon PS across the school and I am sure that the whole community will make them feel extremely welcome.

P and C Nominations

The Parents and Community Committee are seeking nominations for President and Secretary for 2017. If you are interested in filling one of these positions please complete the nomination form attached to this newsletter and return it to the school office by 30th November.

Book Club

The last issue of book club will be sent home this week. If you would like to place an order for Christmas presents please just place a note on the order that you wish for the order to be kept at the office and not sent home with students.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Wilson Murphy and Harriet Martin Gardner and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,
Russel Cowan
Principal

We ask that all raffle tickets to the Christmas Fundraiser be returned to the school office by this Friday 18th November. Thank you.

Remembrance Day
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All dates were correct at the time of going to print however they may be subject to change.
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How to nominate

Any community member may submit a maximum of two nominations per year. Each nomination must be submitted on a separate form. Incomplete forms may be considered ineligible for assessment.

Send your completed form to:

Gordon Primary School Office

Applications close

30th November 2016

Nominee details

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Nominee’s phone number:

Nominee’s email address:

Position Nominating For (President / Secretary)
Put your dancing shoes on

**Its Disco Time!!**

Get ready to do the boogie, because Gordon Primary School is having a disco night on Thursday the 8\(^{th}\) of December at the Gordon Hall from 6-8:00 pm.

This year’s theme is popstars!!!!

Dress up as your favourite popstar, whether Michael Jackson, Taylor Swift, Katy Perry or Justin Bieber (Mr Cowans favourite). There will be great music and prizes for best dressed and dancers. Some snacks will be provided, however glow sticks and lollies can be purchased on the night.

Entry will be $2 each or $5 for families.

All welcome, come and get your groove on!

*This is a Junior School Council run event.*

*Hope to see you there*
Gordon Primary School 2016 Xmas Fundraiser

$1000 DRAW

Special guest Bobby Macumber - MC/Comedian

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

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