Principal’s Message

Presentation Night
Next week, Tuesday 13th Dec we will farewell our grade six students. The night will start at 6:30pm and will be held at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre. Teachers have set aside the following times to run through children’s performances for the night:

Classroom Rehearsal time:
5:30pm - Prep / One
5:40pm - Two / Three
5:50pm – Four/ Five / Six

Music group rehearsal time:
4:50pm - Asher B, Alanah S, Seb R, Angus R, Rhyder H, Jess
5:00pm – Blake, Sid, Carly and Gus
5:10pm – Sage, Zeb, Rueben, Ava, Fergus and Indigo
5:20pm - Riley, Dallas and Fergus

Parking for the night can be found around the venue at Wendouree PS and on Forrest street. We have been asked that families do not park in the Howitt Street Shopping complex.

It will be a great night and I look forward to seeing you there.

School Banking
Next Monday 12th December will be the last school banking day for 2016. We will kick off the program again in 2017.

Our School Banking program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Rewards Program with great activities throughout the year.

If your child is not currently in the school banking program and you would like them to participate in our School Banking program in 2017 please register your interest at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Disco
Get those dancing shoes on kids. Tomorrow night at the local GORDON HALL our special DJ (Mr Beacham’s brother) will be in charge of the music. Congratulations to the Junior School Council for organising this event. It will be a great night for all students.

Monday 19th December
The Junior School Council have been busy organising a fun day for our students and families. From 1pm there will be games, jumping castles, a BBQ available for all students and their families to enjoy. Santa will arrive at 3pm during our final assembly for the year which starts at 2:30pm. Student reports will be sent home on this Monday. Activities will be available until around 4pm.

School Council
The final school council meeting will be held on Thursday night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts throughout 2016. It is a significant commitment for all involved, but well worth the investment for our students. To Jo, Dale, Duane, Jason, Jade and Ms Jones. Thankyou.

Graduation Night
This Friday is our grade six graduation dinner. Mr Micallef has been working extremely hard in recent times to organise this event while also transitioning the grade 6’s off to secondary college. I look forward to hearing each grade six speech and also celebrating the wonderful achievements of this special group of students.
CCTV
School Council have agreed to install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) at Gordon PS. This is in response to new child safety requirements and recent vandalism of school property. CCTV is a proven crime prevention tool that will greatly improve risk management controls and personal safety of students, staff and visitors. CCTV at Gordon Primary School will only be used for detecting and deterring vandalism, unauthorised entry into school buildings, theft and other unwanted activities. Policies will be available to the community once ratified by school council. If you have any questions regarding CCTV at Gordon PS please feel free to see me.

Fencing
You may have noticed some new fencing going up around the school. This is in response to the recent Child Safety requirements placed on schools. Community members are still more than welcome into the school, however, must sign in and out through the front office. Access to the school will be through the Dicker street gates once fencing is complete. Thank you for your support.

Fundraiser
Thank you to all who supported the night. With a great community effort we were able to raise over $6000. This will allow us to purchase a class set of computers. A special thankyou to Ally and Sam who worked tirelessly for the benefit of our students. Well done to Cathy who won the $1000, a well deserved prize.

Also a big thank you to the Bendigo Bank, CWA Gordon & Surrounds Branch, Ballan Farmers Markey and Stockland Wendouree who were of significant support to the event.

Happy Birthday
We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Indigo Harrison, Bailey Bellin, Indya Blizzard and Matilda Cheeseman 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.
Family Fun Day

The Junior School Council have decided to have a whole school fun day! Everyone is invited to come along and have a great time!

Date: Monday, 19\textsuperscript{th} of December.

Time: 1 PM - 4:30 PM

Where: Gordon Primary School

There will be a casual dress and a free BBQ lunch provided. There will be a water fight and lots of other fun and exciting games. Activities will be provided for all age groups and there will be lots of surprises.

Students of the Week

Prep   Aurora McLean and Winter Anderson

Grade 1  Tyler Wood and Dallas Hill

Grade 2  Matilda Kirk

Grade 3  Kayla Cini and Kaiden Grimes

Grade 4/5  Lily Heaton

Indonesian  Matilda Gillespie
Put your dancing shoes on

It's Disco Time!!

Get ready to do the boogie, because Gordon Primary School is having a disco night on Thursday the 8th 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.
OUTSIDE-OF-SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Locations -

Little Bendigo Primary School, 8 Monte Street, Nerrina, Ballarat.
Located five minutes from Central Ballarat, situated on the edge of a tranquil bush setting with an abundance of opportunities for kids to grow and enhance their learning experiences.

Gordon Primary School, 1 Dicker Street, Gordon.
Located in the township of Gordon, two minutes from the centre of town, situated amongst rural homes and an inviting setting with a community persona inviting opportunities for kids to grow and enhance their learning experiences.

Services Include:

- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Vacation Care
- Curriculum Days.

All Vacation Care programs are open to the general public.

If you require any further information, please contact:

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