Principal’s Message

Thankyou to everyone for supporting our presentation night on Tuesday. The school has received great feedback regarding the event. The staff put a great deal of work into making sure this was a special occasion for all students, but in particular our departing grade 6’s. The performances were outstanding and congratulations to all students for the way they entertained the audience.

Congratulations to Ava on being awarded the Gertrude Dicker Award for 2016. A well-deserved recipient.

Gabrielle and Brayden are also to be congratulated on receiving the citizenship awards from the CWA and Rotary.

We were able to recognise the efforts of Nicole Smith for our community. Nicole was presented with the Catherine King award for outstanding service to our community. In my time at Gordon PS Nicole has been directly related to numerous fundraisers whether it be organising or participating. This has resulted in raised funds of close to $40,000. Thankyou Nicole and congratulations.

The biggest congratulations must go to our grade 6 students. They are an amazing group of young people who I am sure will go on to succeed in the years to come. We have a number of families who are now leaving us as this is their last child to leave primary school. Thankyou for everything you have done for the school and we wish you all the best for the future.

Departing Staff

The staff have been amazing in 2016. Our results are once again outstanding and this is largely due to the efforts of staff and the support they receive from home. Unfortunately we now say goodbye to Ms Wickson. She has been amazing for our school and an asset to our staff. Her ability to get to know each child and teach to their point of need has been very pleasing to watch. I’m sure the community join with me in wishing Ms Wickson all the best and we hope that she is able to join our team again in the future.

Thankyou

We have many volunteers that assist our school every week. The SAKG program relies on volunteer parents and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kahlia, Kim and Belinda for their support of Nicki and Melissa this year. This is a favourite of many kids and your efforts in running this program have been amazing. There are numerous other parents who have come into the school to remove wood, do general gardening, paint, stock the library and many other tasks. Thankyou to all of these parents, this greatly assists the school in maintaining our lovely site.

SSV Swimming

The interschool swimming competition will take place early in Term 1 2017. Students who took part this year really enjoyed the experience. I will be calling for entrants at the start of next year.
**Welfare**

We have some very generous community members who go out of their way to assist our students in need. I know these families do not wish to be named, but thankyou. This year $8000 was donated to families in need through our voluntary contributions and other extended efforts. Another amazing community effort. Thankyou.

**Next week**

We will be holding our final assembly at 2:30pm on Monday afternoon. This will be part of our Fun day celebrations where all families are invited from 1pm to join in. Parents are reminded that they need to be responsible for non-enrolled 2016 students. Tuesday will be clean up and moving day for staff. For students who attend there will be activities provided until end of school at 1:30pm.

Finally I would like to wish the community a very safe and happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Feb 1st (preps Feb 2nd), a well-earned break for all.

**Happy Birthday**

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Daniel Weigall, Tyler Wood, Lauren Spiteri, Sebastijan Redfearn, Conor Grimes, Kael Stone, Stellan Porter, Finlay Cullen and Sarah Shi and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day over the break.

*Have a great holiday,*
*Russel Cowan*
*Principal*

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- 1 pm Family Fun Day
- 2:30 pm Final Assembly
- Reports Home
- Adventure Park—Gr 6
- Last Day Term 4
- 1:30pm Finish

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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.

We hope to see you there.
Junior School Council

Disco
Presentation Evening
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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