From the Principal’s Desk….

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I hope everyone had a terrific Christmas and Happy New Year. We are all looking forward to a great 2017. It has been wonderful to see so many cheery faces coming back for another exciting year at GPS. Teachers have been busy preparing for Term One and beyond with lots of exciting activities planned.

A special warm welcome to our new students and their families. I am sure you will enjoy your time at GPS which is an excellent school with a supportive community and very caring staff.

Please don’t hesitate to make contact with your child’s teacher and my door is also open so come in for a chat anytime.

Teaching Staff for 2017

We welcome back Mrs Thomas for 2017 and look forward to the exciting work she will do with the senior unit.

- **Foundation Teacher** – Ms Ruby Irvin
- **Level 1 Teacher** —Mrs Deb Lambourn
- **Level 2 Teacher** —Ms Lisa Jones
- **Level 3 Teacher** —Mr Derick Micallef
- **Level 4 Teacher** —Mrs Carly Middleton
- **Level 5 Teachers** — Mrs Carly Middleton / Mrs Gladys Thomas
- **Level 6 Teacher** —Mrs Gladys Thomas

Specialist Teachers

- Ms Lulu —PE / Health (Tuesday / Friday)
- Mr Rantall —Beachy’s Shed (Friday)
- Mrs Marozzi—Marc Van (Tuesday)

Music

Music lessons have started for 2017. If you would like your child to join the music program (band or individual) please return a music form to the front office. These will be sent home Thursday 9th Feb 2017.

Swimming

Swimming notes have gone home with students who are interested in competing for the school. Events are for all ages, however, students are discouraged from entering if they can't make the distance (25m for 9yo and lower and 50m for 10yo and higher). This is an entry level competition and I encourage anyone interested to have a go. Please return these forms to me by Friday.

School Council

If you would like to nominate for the 2017 school council, forms are available from the front office. We have three two year positions to fill in 2017. Nomination forms need to be submitted before 28th Feb, 2017.

Tennis

Tennis forms have been sent home with students. Please return these ASAP so that Ms Lulu can make the appropriate arrangements.

Consent forms

Student consent forms and student enrolment data updates will be sent home this week. Once returned all student records will be updated prior to the census.

Office Hours

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If you require assistance when the office is unattended please ring the bell or see a classroom.
Student Banking

School Banking starts again on Monday 13th February so please send those bank books in! If you are interested in starting your child in the Dollarmites program please see Shana at the office. The theme for 2017 is “Future Savers” and there are some great rewards to be earned.

Before School

Just a reminder that are staff are not on duty in the mornings until 8.45am. Students that arrive prior to this time are expected to be under the supervision of a parent or to be placed into before school care. If you are interested in enrolling your child in before school care please see the office for an enrolment package.

Peanut and Nut Free School

Please be aware that members of our school community suffer from severe food allergies. Please do not pack any peanut or nut products in your child’s lunchbox. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our school safe for all members of our community.

Lopees

Our lopee system is in use again for 2017. Please ensure that all notes and cash sent to school with your student are enclosed in the lopee. Lopees are collected at the beginning of each day by the teacher and they are then sent straight to the office.

The lopee system prevents money falling out into school bags, is more friendly to the environment than paper envelopes and is part of our school’s cash handling policy. If you have misplaced your lopee and would like to purchase another please see Shana at the office.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Lily G, Tharaa H, Ashton H, Matilda K, Kayla C and James K and to any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,
Russel Cowan
Principal

Welcome to our 2017 Foundation Students!
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Welcome!!!

Happy new year to everyone and welcome to our new school year from our Committee.
An especially warm welcome to our new parents and new students; not just in prep but throughout the school.
We have lots of exciting activities for 2017 and are in the planning stages now. Our first meeting for this year is Wednesday 22 February held at the Gordon Hall at 7:30pm.

In this newsletter you will find a nomination form for the P&C Committee. If you'd like to nominate please do! After two years in this role I am more than happy to continue on but it is an excellent opportunity for some change of leadership. So pop in your form at the office before our next meeting on Wed 22 and come along on the night.

If anyone has an idea to share please bring it along to one of our meetings or catch up with me around school.

Here is a sample of activities that we have ran in the past:
Hot Lunches (for winter)
Mothers Day Stall
Bunnings BBQ
Fathers Day Stall
Gordon Market Day Cafe & BBQ
Calendar Fundraiser

Enjoy your school year - let's aim to make $10,000 again!

Nicole Smith
President 2015 & 2016
0425 747 477

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Gordon Primary School
Parents and Community Nomination Form

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 forms to the Gordon Primary School Office.

Applications Close
28th February 2017

Nominee Details
First Name: ___________________________ Surname: ___________________________
Nominee’s phone number: ___________________________________________________
Nominee’s email address: ___________________________________________________
Position Nominating For: President / Secretary
Gordon Primary School

P and C NOMINATION FORM

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Send your completed form to:

Gordon Primary School Office

Applications close

30th November 2026

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Position Nominating For (President / Secretary)
First Day of School for our Foundation Students
COME AND EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF BMX RACING FOR FREE

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS
Ballarat Sebastopol BMX Club

TRACK LOCATION
Marty Busch Reserve
Enter via Burnett St, Sebastopol

DATE TO COME & TRY
Sunday February 19th
11am—12pm

CONTACT
Email: bmxballarat@gmail.com
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