

GREEN SPOT

O'Leary's Creek Restoration Plan

Excelsior students have commenced implementing the projects that they have developed as part of the O'Leary's Creek Restoration Plan.



Meg Peterson has developed and is co-ordinating an 'Adopt-A-Creek' Program. Last Wednesday Meg along with our very own 'Eco Citizen' launched the program with 1B students.

Next Wednesday Jacob Delaney and Jake Melville will be co-ordinating Stage 2 of the revegetation of O'Leary's Creek with students working alongside Mulgrave Landcare planting 150 trees on the western bank of O'Leary's Creek.

Zach Rains has been researching the feasibility of installing an extra rubbish bin near the pathway close to O'Leary's Creek as well as erecting signage indicating that the creek is called O'Leary's Creek. Zach was impressed with the quick response that he received from Cr Paul Gregory, with Cairns Regional Council installing a bin and two signs at O'Leary's Creek on Sheppard Street last Friday.



FREE Well Women's Clinics

June 2011
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also information on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.
Edmonton Community Health — Monday 6th & Thursday 9th June
Phone 4226 4900
Yarrabah Hospital – Monday 20th June – Phone 4056 0100



CAIRNS CROCS TRIATHLON CLUB AUSTRALIA

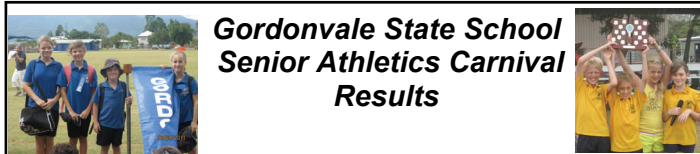
invites you to a
"COME & TRI"

Come and learn the basics of triathlon and then use your new skills in a Splash & Dash Triathlon.

Who: 8-16years of age
Where: Gordonvale Swimming Pool, Sheppard Street
When: 19th June 7.00 -9.00 am
Bring: Bike, Helmet, Goggles, Swimwear, Running Shoes, Sun screen, Water Bottle and Towel
FREE, More details contact Sonya 0431 092 985

Fundraising Garage Sale in support of Gordonvale's Chaplaincy Services

Saturday 4th June 6.00 am to 2.00 pm
Where: Garage Sale is on George Street between IGA and Mobil Service Station.
As well as the garage sale there will be a sausage sizzle and coffee/tea/cakes/scones for sale.
If you would like to help in any way please contact Kay Graham 40565862 or kayg6@bigpond.com



Champion House: GORDON
House Spirit Award: LAWSON

AGE CHAMPIONS

10 YRS GIRLS Tarlia Bassani
10 YRS BOYS Matthew Rogers
11 YRS GIRLS Amelia Bax/Stella Rae Burns
11 YRS BOYS Liam Bassingthwaight
12 YRS GIRLS Shanaya Connolly
12 YRS BOYS Lachlan Smith

Congratulations to all these students.



41 students made up the Gordonvale State School Athletics Team who competed at Johnson Park on Friday 27th May.

Congratulations to all Gordonvale State School students. All performed well.

12 Year Girls Age Champions

Shanika Murgha & Georgia Moor-Tolson

VACANCY

Strong Parents, Strengthening Culture PROJECT PARENT LIASION OFFICER

Are you interested in helping to assist Indigenous parents with their children's education and empowering parents with knowledge and confidence? Want a rewarding job that pays well and is based in Gordonvale while working with the community and the school? Well this job maybe what you are looking for! Contact: Denise Bewert @ Centacare Cairns on 40440130 Applications should be emailed to denise.bewert@centacarecairns.org Applications close: Friday 3rd June, 2011

NATHANS BUILDING BLOG



"I showed Mr Pitt & Mr Houghton around the jobsite last Friday."



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Water Park, Cricket Pitch, Rock Climbing Wall, Bike Track, Live Chickens, Veggie Garden, Play Fort, 3 Sandpits, All Meals & Nappies Included, Great Staff, Educational Programs, Computers, Letterland
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HOC: Nicole Douglas
BSM: Carolyn Neil

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 8:30 - 9:00
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday 8:30 - 9:00
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 8:30 - 9:00

Upcoming Events

2 June Under 8's Day
2 June Year 2 Excursion
3 June Cabinet Meeting
16 June Peninsula Track and Field
22 June Junior Ball Games Carnival
24 June Senior Ball Games Carnival

P & C Association

Meets at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

Next Meeting : 21 June 2011



HEALTHY CITIZEN - a balanced individual with a positive self image who immerses themselves in positive relationships and environments allowing successful participation and contribution to all aspects of personal and community endeavours.

SCHOME

News From School to Home

31st May 2011

Gordonvale's Healthy Initiatives Acknowledged



Students, staff and parents are delighted to receive \$50 000 in acknowledgement of the numerous Healthy Initiatives implemented throughout our school. Gordonvale State School was Highly Commended in the recent Healthy Queensland Awards. The awards recognise, reward and support schools for helping students live healthier lives. The funds received will be used to provide Year 4-7 students with a covered play area with specific outdoor equipment designed to develop physical fitness as well as upper and lower body strength.

Walk Safely to School Day

Over 170 students, parents and community members joined together on Friday 20 May to 'Walk Safely to School'. On arrival at school students enjoyed a healthy breakfast hosted by the school's P & C Association. 'Principal for the Day', Mr Curtis Pitt and the school's very own Healthy Citizen joined in the walk.



AFL and Rugby League Teams

The Gordonvale State School Rugby League and AFL teams have had a very successful start to the football season with strong wins against quality oppositions. Pictured are AFL Coach Matt Allen with captains Khail Walsh and Mitchell Houghton, and Rugby League coach Warren Pitt with captains Lachlan Smith and Josh Norris.



Gordonvale State School Wins Regional Showcase Award

Gordonvale State School's Excelsior: A Whole Community Approach to Sustainability initiative was a worthy recipient of a Regional Showcase Award for Excellence in Innovation. This award acknowledges initiatives that can serve as best practice examples, statewide, nationally or internationally; are "cutting edge" learning activities and are highly innovative approaches to achieve quality outcomes for students. Gordonvale's initiative Excelsior: A Whole Community Approach to Sustainability will now be submitted for judging at the State Level.



ECO CITIZEN - a creative critical thinker who by their everyday actions and interactions seeks to promote the sustainability of the local and global environment, both natural and physical, for present and future generations.

From the Principal's Desk



\$50,000 for New Senior Play Area

As mentioned on the front cover a new senior play area for the Years 4 to 7 students will be built this year. I would like to thank Helen Underwood and her team for their tireless work in promoting healthy and sustainable lifestyles in our community which has led to many major awards and the winning of the \$50,000 for the school. The students for many years to come will enjoy the hard work and dedication of Ms Underwood and her team.

Facilities Upgrade

Besides the school multipurpose hall, there are two major facilities projects in the pipeline. One project involves upgrading the entrance to the school in front of the Administration building. This project involves a new entrance, paved area, garden and school notice board. The plans were endorsed, with some minor modifications, at the P & C Meeting in May. The new entrance will lead directly into the new school multipurpose centre. This project will be finished by the end of June. The second project involves an upgrade to the students with disabilities toilet/shower in the amenities block and is due for completion in late June.

Explicit Instruction Teaching Methodology

Gordonvale State School, along with 18 other Far North Queensland schools, is involved in the Fleming Schools Project. The main focus of the project is to continue to improve our Explicit Instruction teaching and learning processes. John Fleming is an award winning teacher and principal, who is currently the Head of Precinct at the Berwick Campus of Haileybury College. As part of the project John Fleming visits our schools and provides professional development on Explicit Instruction. Teachers from Gordonvale State School will visit Haileybury College during their school holidays to see the Explicit Instruction teaching methodology in action. The Explicit Instruction teaching methodologies compliment our Direct Instruction (Spelling Mastery and Elementary Maths) programs that have been introduced in 2011.

School Sports

School sports, whether it is track and field or the football codes, is in full swing at the moment. Over the last couple of weeks I have visited Gordonvale teams as they have competed in various carnivals around the district. I am impressed by the high level of dedication and sportsmanship that the students have demonstrated during these carnivals. The fact that we have so many students competing and being successful in district sports is due to the dedication of the teachers who often train students at lunchtimes, after school and on weekends.

Parents and Citizens Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month. The June meeting will be held on Tuesday June 21. Meetings are held in the administration block. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Bruce Houghton

Under 8's Day

Date: Thursday 2 June
When: 9 - 11am
Where: Prep Playground Area
Sheppard Street

Morning tea will be on sale

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!!!

*Playdough *Threading *Mobile Making
*Slime *Face Painting *Obstacle Course
*Painting *Bubble Blowing *Kite Making



REMINDER

DON'T FORGET to bring Litter Free Lunches

Throughout Terms 2, 3 and 4 the School Captains will be holding a litter free lunch competition. Please join in and help us keep our school clean and litter free. Prepare a healthy litter free lunch for your chance to win a brand new handball.

2011 ICAS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

ENGLISH
TUESDAY
AUGUST 2ND
Cost: \$7.00

MATHS
TUESDAY
AUGUST 16TH
Cost \$7.00

Parents of children in Years 3-7 who would like their child to participate in the ICAS competitions will need to contact class teachers to receive a letter and nomination form.

All forms and relevant fees must be returned to the school by Friday June 17. No late entries will be accepted.

ADMIN NEWS

The office ladies would like to remind all parents and carers that it is now time to update your child/children's mailing details in readiness for first semester Report Cards to be sent home. If you have changed your address please notify office immediately.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

CLASS AWARDS

PA Callum McIlwraith
PB Trae Kemmerling
1A Brian Daniel
1A Tiffany Reeves
2A Brody Milner
2B Tamale Yeatman
2C Corban Whiting
2C Jack Bedgood
3A Shaun Neal
3A Markeisha Kynuna
3B Wilson Smart
4A Nathan Thurston
4B Caleb Downing
4B Shanja Tomun
4/5 Kelsie Gammie
4/5 Teah Addison
5A Bryan Jones
5A Joshua Hoy
5A Soraya Houghton
5B Wayne Stewart
6B Billy Godwin
6B Casey Whycherly
6C Kelsey Hudson
7A Matthew Daniel
7C Ryan Hoolihan

Improvement Awards

PB Jusray Nona
PB Jaylee Stockdale
1B Ari Allen
1B Talina Hanney
2A Enith Martin
3A Bradley Jones
3A Logan Yeatman
3C Breanna Thomas
3C Telesha Brown

Encouragement Awards

4A Connor O'Reilly
6C Monique Fry

HEALTHY HUSTLE

Every student in the school should now have bought home the new improved Healthy Tuckshop Menu. If you have not received one please call into the tuckshop and pick one up and check out our new tuckshop while you are there.

The new menu follows the term weeks. Eg: We are now in WEEK 6, therefore the Smart Choice for that week is American Week: Chicken Leg and Coleslaw.

Also on sale are Icy Poles / Vanilla Cups \$1.00
Billabongs or Billabong Cup \$1.30
Skinny Cow \$2.00
Grain Wave chips Sweet Chilli /Sour Cream \$1.20
Sakata Chips Cheese flavour \$1.20

Its almost Showtime

2011 Cairns Show Competition Schedules are now ready!

From Fine Arts to Poultry and even Cavies. There is a great variety of competitions to suit all ages and talents.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to enter from the most experienced to the novice beginners.

2011 Crushing Season Cane Train Safety Awareness

"Watch Out - Cane Trains About"



With the crushing season soon to be upon us please ensure that your children are aware of the dangers of playing on the cane railway.

CHAPPY CORNER

Fun Facts Prep-Year 3: Outside of Antarctica, what is the largest desert in the world?

Fun Facts Years 4-7: The shape of DNA is known as?

The first boy and girl from each age group to tell me the answer will receive a prize from the tuckshop.

Words of Wisdom: 'Kindness is a language, which the blind can see and the deaf can hear.'

Thank You: A big thank you to everyone who supported chaplaincy through My Chappy Day at McDonalds. Together we raised over \$750!!! See you at the Garage Sale this Saturday!

