19 July 2016

From the Principal

What a difference a fortnight makes. Our children have returned fresh, revitalized and ready to learn. We've also recorded some of the best attendance this year! It's terrific to see happy play, concentration in class and children enjoying one another's company. The Department of Education has launched a new video promoting attendance every day. The fun 2 minute, animated clip features the voices of footy stars, Sam Thaiday, Greg Inglis, Jamie Soward and Will Chambers.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m23HBYjceT0

SOS

We'd appreciate your feedback. The Annual School Opinion Survey opened this term and we have until the 29th of July to gather as many responses as we can. The survey is open to every family and we also survey a random sample of students in years 5 and 6. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be posted with your eldest child’s report card on Friday 15th July. Look out for the blue letter with two codes on it. You need both to commence the survey and can only use them once.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. We've bookmarked the survey on school computers and iPads that will be available before and after school and on Friday morning during parade. You can drop into our school library, or we have iPads available in the office. Just remember to bring your blue instruction sheet with you. Taking a photo of it with your phone would be an easy way to have it available.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Mrs Joanne Cuda on telephone 40433666 or email jcuda4@eq.edu.au. Survey link below.

https://websurvey.eq.edu.au/efm/se.ashx?s=0B87A62B3826D179

Report Cards

Look out for your children’s report cards arriving by post next week. In each envelope you’ll find your son or daughter’s report and a factsheet giving an overview of the English and Mathematics curriculum studied during the semester. At the end of the report card you child’s teacher indicates how important they think it is that you meet for a parent teacher interview. Interview times will be advertised shortly.

Feedback

We really want some feedback about the new communication options we’ve implemented this year. I’d appreciate you taking the time to click on the link below and answering 5 simple questions about SCHOME – our fortnightly newsletter.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7DRHF8

Parenting Ideas

Each week we add an article from Australia’s foremost parenting writer, Michael Grose. Michael is the author of 9 parenting books, including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It. His popular parenting columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia. He appears regularly on television.
including Channel 10’s The Project, and is a popular & entertaining speaker.

Michael has an education background and holds a Master of Educational Studies with research into what makes healthy families tick. He has conducted over 1,500 parenting seminars over the last two decades. Michael is married with three adult children who have all successfully flown the parent nest.

Michael’s website, Parenting Ideas, offers articles, blogs and short videos that might help with something you’ve got a question about. There are lots of free options.

Each SCHOME I add a short article I hope you’ll find of interest. This fortnight, Michael Grose, our Parenting writer has provided us an article titled: Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child’s success.

Regards,
Lloyd Perkins

News from the Chaplain

Welcome back to School for Term 3!

I would like to start by saying a big THANK YOU to all who helped provide and support our Election Day Chaplaincy BBQ and Cake Stall Fundraiser! We raised over $1000 for our Local Chaplaincy Committee!

On August 13th we have our 5km Pyramid Race Charity event which we once again would love to invite all school, staff and community members to join our “Hearts Of Gold” team with 100% of your $20 registration fee going towards raising money for Gordonvale Chaplaincy. You can register online at the link provided below, or before the race begins at 11am on the day, hope to see you all there for a great day of fun!

https://gprcfa.wufoo.eu/forms/2016-5km-charity-run/

In Terms 3/4 I will be facilitating some social and emotional wellbeing programs at GSS. Firstly, I will be running Seasons For Growth - a program for children who may be experiencing grief, loss or change in their lives. Secondly, Relationships Australia will also be coming in Term 4 to facilitate their Poppers Program for children in grades Prep-3 experiencing parental separation or divorce.

If you would like your child/ren to partake in either of these programs or would like more information please contact me at ameeh17@eq.edu.au or 4043 3666 on Monday/Tuesday preferably. Looking forward to a great term with you all!!

Regards,
Amy Meehan

Special Needs News

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual data collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students with disability in Australia. This information helps teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to participate in school on the same basis as students without disability.

From 2015, all schools must now collect information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them. Every school in Australia are required to use the same method to collect this information. This means that a government school in Sydney will collect data in the same way as a Catholic school in Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory. This information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and programme improvement for students with disability.

If you do not want your child to be included in the national data collection, can you please contact Michelle Messina on 40 433 666 before 29th July 2016. For further information about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability, you can visit:


Regards,
Michelle Messina

School Bell Times

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This term we welcome the following new and returning staff to Gordonvale State School.

**Ms Leoni Robinson – Master Teacher**

“I am delighted to re-introduce myself to the school community. Many of you will recognise me after seeing me working here at Gordonvale State School for seven years, half of which as acting Deputy Principal. I departed to Bellenden Ker State School at the beginning of this year for a semester as acting Principal. During that time I missed the hustle and bustle of Gordonvale and decided to return here as Master Teacher, supporting mathematics teaching and learning across school. I am looking forward to reconnecting with the Gordonvale State School community. I am very excited to have the opportunity to be working with the amazing teaching staff at Gordonvale State School and hope that we can work together to provide positive, inclusive learning environments for all students. In case some of you are unfamiliar with my role in the school, I am here to oversee the SEP and Learning Support programs provided which assist student access and progress. At present I am revising current practices and working closely with all SWD and STL&N teaching staff to ensure positive, focused support is continued within your classrooms.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and working alongside you. If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me or come and see me over in the SEU unit.”

**Mr Patrick L’Orange – Upper School PE Teacher**

“Hello Gordonvale, My name is Pat L’Orange and I am the new senior HPE teacher for Term 3 and 4. I was previously the HPE/classroom teacher at Machans Beach State School. I am very excited to join the team here at Gordonvale and get to know the students, parents and wider community. I teach from Monday to Wednesday and look forward to bringing my passion for a physical and healthy life to the children at Gordonvale State School.”

**News from the Library**

Another week, another book!

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a great break. There have been a lot of new books going on the shelves during the past couple of terms. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have
taken the time to cover books in the Library on a Friday morning.

We have a long week end coming up, so if you are off to the show have fun and enjoy the delights only experienced at the show. Don’t forget to check out the exhibit halls. The school doesn’t have a display in the school displays this year, but make the time to check out what other schools are doing and report back to the Library the fascinating items and displays you saw.

Library monitors: we are still looking for monitors for this semester. Drop in and see Mrs Curcuruto if you are interested.

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Happy Reading!
Miss Reichardt and Mrs Curcuruto

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Instrumental Music News

Welcome back to all Instrumental Music Students to Term 3. This Term we are looking forward to putting the band together and starting to play as a group. Each Friday will be band day. If you’re interested in finding out more about the program, do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Kelly Perger,
Instrumental Music Teacher

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Tuckshop Talk

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WHAT’S NEW IN THE TUCKSHOP?

- FRUIT WANDS: $1.00
- YOGHURT POPS: $0.50
- FRO YOS: 2 for $0.50

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Five Citizens

Our school vision is centred on creating active and informed citizens for the 21st century. Our vision identifies five key areas for building the citizenship skill of our students. This week we demonstrate:

Informed Citizen

NAIDOC!

NAIDOC – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day of Celebration.

With the permission of the Local Traditional Elders, the assistance from the School’s P & C Committee, the parent involvement and the help from numerous volunteers, we were able to celebrate NAIDOC at Gordonvale State School. The week was made up of a three day program which was as follows – Monday June 20th – Morning Tea, Wednesday June 22nd - Cultural Expo and Friday June 24th - Cultural entertainment and a luncheon. A number of people have commented that it was worth the time and effort and are hoping that we will be able to again celebrate NAIDOC at GSS next year. Special thanks goes to GSS P&C & Tuckshop, Benevolent Society, Terria Appo, Paul Bong, the dancers all being past students, Babinda Bakery and everyone else involved in the expo.

Kindest regards,
Kerry Barlow

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TERM 3 SPECIALS

HOMEMADE

- SAVOURY MINCE ROLLS: $4.00
- SHEPHERD’S PIE: $4.00

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Healthy

Scholastic Book Club!

Students will be taking home this week Book Club catalogue Issue 5. Ask your child for the catalogue as there filled with great gift ideas at reasonable prices. Thank you to everyone who supported our last issue and books should arrive soon.
There are great reading books featured including the Goosebumps series, National Geographic Animal Books, Primary Grammar Dictionary (great homework helper) and activity books featuring Dory. There are also some parent titles including Raising Girls and Speed Maths for Kids. If you wish to purchase books from Book Club, please place your order online. All orders due Friday 29th July 2016


Regards,
Mrs Poglio & Ms Mueller

Creative
Magical Rainforest!

Miss Newman would like to welcome all visitors to the junior school rainforest art exhibition. Much creative energy and effort went into the making of the various parts of the display and the students are thrilled to see it all come together and excited to share their work with family and friends. The Magical Rainforest can be viewed at the Arts Hall during the following open times:

Thursday 21st July: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 22nd July: 9am – 12pm

Please note:
You are very welcome and encouraged to bring your cameras with you.
As there is limited spacing within the display there may be a wait prior to entry.
Children under prep age will need to be closely supervised.
I would also like to take this opportunity to very much thank the wonderful cleaning staff at our school, I particular Sandy who was so very patient and understanding last term, when faced daily with tables and floor space covered with artworks of drying clay, paint, glue, sequins and a giant indoor fig tree to manoeuvre around. Finally from out of the clutter and chaos the rainforest has emerged.

Regards,
Ms Newman

HERE!! Each act will be scored out of 25 points for the following categories: Stage Presence (5), Costumes/ props (5), Talent Skill level/ Technique (5), Evidence of Rehearsal (5), Entertainment Value (5). Make sure you have checked your act against each of these categories before coming to your first audition! Acts can be individual, in pairs or in a group. We can’t wait to see what this year brings from our talented students!!!
Good Luck and we will see you all next week!

Important dates to remember

Auditions: Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th in the MPH
Announcement will be made Friday 22nd for acts which make the semi - finals.
Semi Finals: Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th of August.
GRAND FINAL: Monday 12th to Friday 16th September.

Kind regards,
Miss Hirsch, Ms Meurer and Ms Smith.

Democratic
Student Council Working Bee!

On Thursday the 16th of June, 2016 our fabulous student council endured blood, sweat and tears (metaphorically speaking of course) to complete their very first Student Council Working Bee. It had been brought to our attention during our formal meetings that the school grounds were looking a little worse for wear and that although fun, avoiding the growing number of pot holes was becoming a problem. Together with Mr Perkins and Miss Hirsch, our very confident and independent young leaders decided that they would like to take ownership of the problem, and boy did they deliver a solution. With the bribe of sugar (all natural fruit, we promise) and maybe the odd juice box and chocolate biscuit (we later regretted this choice ha-ha), 9 of our leaders took on the challenge of filling in pot holes and painting garden beds. It was a wonderfully successful afternoon. Not only did we manage to complete both tasks to an extremely high quality even if I say so myself, but as evidenced in photos: our leaders managed to practise their posing skills, and our teacher’s completed their weights workout for the week (the wheelbarrow full of sand was a little too heavy for the students to push). It was wonderful to see the children working together, delegating each other jobs and discussing the best way in which to complete tasks. I am sure these are skills which will continue to grow and develop over the course of the next 2 terms and throughout their lives. With an event that was such a huge success, this was the first of many working bee’s I hope to be a part of in this school!

Regards Miss Hirsch

Creative
Gordonvale’s Got Talent!

Polish your shoes, warm up your voice and stretch your muscles because…… GORDONVALE’S GOT TALENT IS
School Banking Day Reminder!

Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habit. The class with the most banking deposits for the week is also awarded the Golden Platypus Award. So don’t forget your banking!

Warm regards,
Sue O’Reilly, School Banking Co-ordinator

Mathletes of the Week!

Week 1 – Term 3

Damon 3B  Jayden 4C

Attendance Award

Week 1 – Term 3

Lower School Class Grade Prep B – 95.8%!

Student awards go too...

Student Absence Enforcement to Ensure Student Safety!!!

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government.
Today, the report: When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

The Managing Student Absence and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools and Roll Marking in State Schools procedures have been updated to require same day notification for unexplained absences.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation in advising the school on the same day that your child is absent.

Lost Property

If you are missing any belonging please check the lost property box in the administration office. All unclaimed belongings will be sent to the op shop at the end of the week.

Head lice

Please check your child for head lice regularly and treat accordingly. Re-infestation of students can be frustrating, so we all need to do our part to break the cycle of these little mites.

Year 5 Camp

Letters and invoices have been sent home last week detailing the final costs for Camp. Payments are due by Wednesday 27th July. Payments can be made in full or part payment by cash, cheque or EFT at the front office.

Our School Cleaners

We treasure our school cleaners here at Gordonvale State School. They do such a wonderful job that allows us to work and learn in pleasant, cleanliness surrounds. On World Cleaners Day on the 15th of June, we thanked our cleaners Amanda, Gloria, Naomi, Sandy & Sue by making them breakfast and presenting them with a certificate of thanks.
**School Disco**

**HEY!**

We are halfway through the year

**CELEBRATE!**

YOUR HARD WORK
SO FAR!!!

**LET'S DANCE**

Friday 29th July

Prep to Yr 3 - 6pm to 7pm
Yr 4 to Yr 6 - 7:30pm to 9pm

Entry only $2.00 - receive a free ticket in our lucky door prize, one junior and one senior winner will each receive a $50.00 iTunes gift card.

**Dress:** however you like - if you want to dress up in a costume of your choice, the best junior costume and best senior costume winners will each receive a $25.00 Toyworld voucher.

**Face painting**

**Food & Drink**

Pizza $3, Hot chips $3, Slushies $2, Juice & Water $2.50, Various ice blocks from $0.50, Lolly bags available and other sweet treats.

**Free activities for younger siblings.**

**Cappuccino/Latte/Tea** available for mum & dad.

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**Community Notices**

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Gordonvale’s MSF Great Pyramid Race

This year Gordonvale’s MSF Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair will be happening on the 13th August. The organizing committee is seeking more community involvement to grow the event into something very special including a non-motorised parade and lantern light up in the evening around the Park. If you or your family/friends would like to participate please contact those listed on the flyer below.

TYC Drama Classes for 5yrs+

Looking for fun, creative and educational after-school activities? Then come and tread the boards at The Young Company Theatre this semester! Develop confidence, explore your creativity, make new friends and learn the essentials of stage performance through improvisation, role-play, scripts, musical theatre and characterisation activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!! For more information phone 40414066, email info@theyoungcompany.com.au, visit our website, visit us at 169 Bunda St, Cairns City. Classes across the Cairns region.


We want to hear from you

Your input as parents and carers of Gordonvale State School students is greatly valued. If you have any feedback or ideas on how we can communicate better with the Gordonvale State School community, or have a good news story to share, please contact Jo by email at jcuda4@eq.edu.au.

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If you would like to advertise your business in the SCHOME, please contact Dion Guthrie, Schoolzine Advertising Accounts Manager, on 5450 2710 or email dion.guthrie@schoolzine.com.au.