Why do I now get a phone call when my child is absent?

The Queensland Family and Child Commission report ‘When a child is missing; remembering Tiahleigh – A report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care’ was released on the 11th of July this year.

The report contained 23 recommendations, 3 of which are schools responsibilities to implement and in particular, recommendation 11 which concerns parent and carer notification in the event of student absence. It requires that the Department of Education and Training implement a state wide, same day notification procedure in State, non-state and independent schools (where feasible), advising parents/carers when a child is absent from school'.

As a result we commenced calling all parents where a child is absent without explanation at the beginning of this term.

What to do if your child’s going to be absent from school

If you need to keep your son or daughter home (because they are too ill to attend or have medical appointments, or you have emergent family circumstances that prevent them attending) there are currently several ways for you to advise of the absence and reason.

Telephone the school number 07 40 433 666. You can leave a message after or before office hours.

Email your child’s teacher directly.
Drop into the office
Send a note with another son or daughter

By next newsletter we’ll have a dedicated absence email address you can send a message to and by end of term, and automated SMS system that will send an SMS that you can reply to if your child is absent without notice.
Thankyou to our P&C for supporting the installation of two very large fans in our hall. The hall is cooler every day now, and we all appreciate it. Come summer we’ll be really thankful for the investment. A few details ... Each fan is 3.6 metres in diameter, weighs 150kg and consumes approximately 20 cents per hour worth of electricity. The blades are formed aluminium airfoils – like an aeroplane wing. We start them up in the morning before school and they take about an hour to fully exchange all the air in the hall. There is quite a breeze across the floor. You probably noticed them on Friday night at the disco.

This term we welcome two new staff members. Mrs Vishranthri Hayne-Keon, our new Local relieving teacher and Ms Alice Light our new 5A teacher. Both are finding their way in our school and selling into their new roles with the support of their colleagues.

Parenting Ideas

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: When Things Go Wrong at School.

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.


Regards,
Lloyd Perkins

Deputy’s Desk

Mr Damien Forsyth-Stewart, Deputy Principal

Behaviour Action Summary
Date Range: 11 July 2016 to 20 July 2016

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* Represents the number of unique students involved in the action.

Behaviour Monthly Statistics
Date Range: 1 July 2016 to 31 July 2016

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The above tables reflect a fantastic beginning to term 3 with the vast majority of students continuing to have success as learners in the classroom environment. It is wonderful to acknowledge that our teachers are able to provide positive reinforcement and attention to students making appropriate choices consistently.

The PBL focus lesson for week 4 is “I stay in school grounds” with emphasis around safety and responsibilities of a learner.

In other news, we are able to announce that swimming for years 1-3 will commence this term and for students in years 4-6 will commence in term 4. More information for students in years 1-3 will be distributed shortly. Gala day, a day where our students compete in a variety of sports against teams from other schools is also quickly approaching (September 9), I hope the success our students are finding in their classrooms with regard to their learning carries over to the pool and sporting fields in the coming months.

Regards,
Damien Forsyth-Stewart

HOC News

Mrs Marie Janse, Head of Curriculum

The start of the term has once again been very busy for both the students and teachers. There have been a variety of professional development opportunities and projects that staff are taking part in.

How Language works:

Teachers completed Module 5 of How Language Works which is focused on working with clauses. Teachers focused on identifying a clause and establishing clause boundaries. They then expanded their knowledge of the clause by looking at ways clauses are combined and the types of clauses.

Collaborative Planning using the UDL Planning Process:

Teachers have nominated to be part of a focus group and 5ls project focused on collaboration and the UDL Planning Process.

Through the process we are looking to:

- Identify staff capacity around curriculum implementation
- Explore in depth the Australian curriculum achievement standards and scope and sequence documents
- Analysing data to identify student needs
- Investigate how to implement collaborative planning
- Investigate evidence based practice for collaborative planning and differentiation
- Engage in professional conversations with colleagues and outside agencies

This week’s focus of the meeting was on the “Investigate” stage of the 5ls. As a group we examined the way 4 other schools in the district collaborate and plan. We then analysed the school’s planning and collaboration in terms of their “Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats”. We will continue to “Investigate” and “Imagine” what we think the best options for our school are before a Collaborative Planning Process is implemented.

Regards,
Marie Janse
This term we welcome the following new staff to Gordonvale State School.

Mrs Vishanthri Hayne- Keon – LRT

“I was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Australia at age 14. I lived in Sydney and went to high school at a girl’s school in the inner western suburbs. I went to University in Western Sydney to do my teaching degree and when qualified, I travelled around Australia before I stayed in the Northern Territory for 10 years. Part of this time I was the Principal of 3 different schools. With my husband and 2 sons we then moved to Cairns to live. I worked at the Cairns Early Years Kindergarten before moving to Gordonvale State School.”

Ms Alice Light – 5A Class Teacher

“My name is Alice Light and I just moved to Australia 4 weeks ago. I have 2 children, a 5 year old boy and an 8 year old girl. I have been a teacher for 14 years in Holland and the last 4 years as a Deputy Principal/Head of School in Amsterdam. I am currently teaching year 5A, which is a lovely group of children. I am looking forward to meeting their parents as well soon. The team at GSS has been very warm and welcoming, thank you all. I am looking forward to meeting you at GSS.”
personal bests, some first places, second places and third places. Our team competed so hard that Gordonvale State School finished in **second place** behind Bentley Park College. This has been our best result in a number of years. Well done to our team.

Finn, with three firsts in 100m, Long Jump and relay and a second in 200m, was awarded 2006 Boys Age Champion. Well done Finn.

To compete in the Mulgrave Team at the regional level students had to achieve a qualifying height, time or distance. The following students gained selection in the Mulgrave team to compete at the Peninsula Athletics Carnival on Sunday 14th and Monday 15th August: from year

4/5: Bradan, Talia and Isabella
4B: Oscar
5A: Kalan and Charvarnie
5B: Finn
5C: Amy
6A: Jeremy
6B: Caitlin
6C: Courtney

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**GOTCHA!**

Term 2 saw the arrival of Gotchal Boxes for each prep class. Once Gotchal cards are complete prep students now have full responsibility in making sure their card is signed by the teacher and placed immediately into the Gotchal Box. Students receive a prize and a positive behaviour entry on OneSchool for being safe, respectful learners.

At our next whole school parade we will be drawing two winners (prep-3 and 4-6) from our term 2 entrants, each receiving a school hat and $20 worth of tuckshop vouchers.

It is wonderful to see some many safe, respectful learners in our school.

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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**

**Measurement Scavenger Hunt!**

In the last week of the term, 4C and 4/5 worked together to solve some measurement problems. We worked in teams and completed tasks such as: measuring our height, weighing items up to 2kg and recording the perimeter of a garden using a trundle wheel. We had a great time and even measured capacity using water.

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**Kindest regards,**
**Miss Serifovic**

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**From Mr L’Orange’s Desk!**

During lunch times there will be a new Futsal competition starting for boys, girls or mixed teams. The teams will consist of six people with no more than two subs. The games will go for two five minutes halves and I’m hoping the competition can run all Term. If you are interested in making a team with your friends and joining the competition please see me as soon as possible with your team and team name.

In the coming weeks we will be having some special visitors to our school. A couple of players and coaches from the Northern Pride rugby league team will be coming into the school during lunch to do some special coaching with the kids. Keep an ear out for the dates as it will be a great chance to meet some local sportsmen.

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**Stay Active,**
**Regards,**
**Mr L’Orange**
Healthy

Footy Girls Shine Under Cazalys Lights!

On the night of the 16th July at Cazalys Stadium in Cairns, there was an AFL football match between the Gold Coast Suns and the Western Bulldogs under lights.

At half time in the big match our girls from Gordonvale State School, dressed in our Gold Coast Suns shorts, jumpers and socks (red and gold), ran out onto the ground to play against the Freshwater State School girls who were dressed in the Western Bulldogs colours of red, white and blue.

It was scary at first running out onto the field in front of 8000 football fans but it was so much fun and when the game started we were more worried about the ball. Freshwater won the game by just one point but that didn’t matter because it was just so much fun.

When we ran off the ground at the end of our game, the crowd came down to the fence and high-lived us all the way around the boundary until we ran through the gates and off the field. That was so exciting but we were puffed out. It really was the BEST NIGHT EVER!!

We got changed and went back to our families and ate Daggly Dogs, Candy Floss and Ice-Cream and watched the end of the big match which the Bulldogs won.

Our thanks go to Mr Hull and the AFL for organising the night as well as Miss Blore and Mrs Moffat for helping us on the night.

By,
Caitlin Mather & Talina Hanney Yr6B

Creative

What’s New Pussycat! High School Musical

Students across the school enjoyed a glimpse of the musical “What’s New Pussycat?” being performed this year by Gordonvale State High School students. We were entertained with lots of dancing, crying, and singing and are left with the mystery of what happens next?????

Students were asked what they thought of the musical………

“It was epic” Tristan
“The play was excellent” Ashley
“I loved all the actors” Besanca
“Fantastically awesome” William
“I loved the boy that was a bit crazy” Flynn
“The cat was soooo beautiful” Christopher
“Lovely to see past students from our school up on stage” Mrs Robinson

“What’s New Pussycat?” will be on stage 17th, 18th and 19th August at Gordonvale State High School. Bookings can be made through the school’s office.

Kind regards,
Mrs Houghton

What’s New Pussycat Student Account

A dance came to our school today and people did some singing. I got to cuddle the cat and dance. She had paint on her face and was a girl.

By Lilly-Rose 2/3

Eco

Quality Show Produce!

Congratulations to our Permaculture Gardeners, awarded 1st place in the ‘Garden Produce – Junior’ category at the Cairns Show. Well Done!

Regards,
Mrs Serifovic
P&C News

Gordonvale State School P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th August at 3pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall Computer lab. ALL WELCOME!

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Disco on Friday. The money raised will support the tuck shop which has had extra equipment repair expenses this year.

Gordonvale’s Got Talent has started! Well done to all who are competing, we look forward to seeing your performances.

There will be 2 Working Bees at the school to help with the preparation of Gordonvale State School ‘Cane Train’ for the Cairns Festival Parade. These will be from 9am to noon on Sunday 14th August and Saturday 20th August.

If anyone has time between 10.30 and 11:30am on Fridays, come and help in the permaculture Garden, with Jason, Betty, Ms Charlton and Ms Serifovic. This is educational, fun and you will get to try some of the produce.

We look forward to your support at the School Fete on Friday the 14th October. As well as the Stalls, Rides, and performances there will be Cooking, Art and Short story/poem competitions; so get creative!

Damian Byrnes
P&C President

School Banking Day Reminder!

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

This term we have some amazing prizes. All the dollarmite students need to do is bank 3 times in term 3. If you want to win a playstation 4 pack you need to also register online with your 3 deposits. There is a flyer in the school office.

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

Mathletes of the Week!

Week 3 – Term 3

Ella 2B

Jayden 4C

Attendance Award

Week 3 – Term 3

Lower School Class Grade 2B – 97.5%!
Upper School Class Grade 5B – 96.3%!

Admin News

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.

Two regional procedures in State Schools have been updated to require same day notification for unexplained absences:

- The Managing Student Absence and Enforcing Enrolment and
- Attendance at State Schools and Roll Marking

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.

Dates to Remember

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Father’s Day Stroll  1st & 2nd
Full School Parade  Friday 2nd
School Bank  Wednesday 7th
Gala Day  Friday 9th
Gordonvale’s Got Talent Finals  12th, 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th
School Bank  Wednesday 14th
Last Day Term 2  Friday 18th

**Community Notices**

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**Netball Queensland**

Please find attached information on an upcoming umpiring workshop with Clare McCabe and coach workshop with Paula Stuart.

**Our Cairns Community Survey**

Cairns Regional Council is conducting a wide-ranging community survey called Our Cairns. This is your opportunity to tell Council what sort of Cairns you want to live in and what’s important to you. Go online to www.cairns.qld.gov.au/ourcairns and fill out the survey. You can also go into the draw to win some prizes if you leave your name and email address. The survey will be available from 1 – 31 August. Be Heard! Do the Survey!

**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 jcudah4@eq.edu.au.

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