14 September 2016

From the Principal

Mr Lloyd Perkins
Principal

It is the final week of term, before the children take a well-earned break. For some children, the holidays will be a chance to revitalise and relax away from the pressures of school and to be with family, while others will miss friends and the daily routine. Regardless of which end your child’s on they’ll enjoy the two weeks off. A mum once commented to me that she loves the school holidays because she misses her children when they’re at school. The break will be a chance for you to spend time with your children, enjoy them. Here’s wishing for a safe and happy holiday for everyone.

Cane Train

Our Cane Train won third place in the schools section of the Cairns Festival Grand parade. Big congratulations to the team that put the float together and the riders who propelled it down the Esplanade on Saturday 27th. Members of the riding team were presented the certificate on Friday afternoon at a special ceremony at the Botanical gardens. Pictured, George and Carterina, Flynn, Hunter and Amy, Ella, Jayda and Mia.

Outside School Hours Care service

After 18 months of investigating and organising, we’re commencing a OSHC program here, before and after school. The Police Citizens Youth Club will run the service and is excited about getting started. We anticipate the service will be operating by mid November.

The service will operate out of our school hall and provide children with a quality program, 5 days a week and on school holidays. PCYC already operate the successful Edmonton OHSC and are dedicated to supporting families and communities. They have direct connections to the local Gordonvale police who our children know and have fun with thorough sport and other activities. We’re delighted to have PCYC on board.

School Fete

Our P&C are working on the Fete – Friday 14th October. Put it in your calendar! We’re looking forward to the fete being as big a success as last time, with stalls, entertainment and food. The fete will be a significant community gathering, a chance to catch up with friends you see irregularly and those you see daily. Invite all of your family along!
We’ll have performances from our students showcasing their dancing, drama and singing talents and you’ll be able to see the winning entries in the poetry and cooking competitions.

We’re looking forward to working with the parents who’ve put up their hands to help out on stalls or coordinate them. The children get a buzz out of helping too.

**Gordonvale’s Got talent**

Well done to all the finalists in the Gordonvale’s Got Talent competition. After auditions and final, and then many lunch hours of practice the young performers treated us to a wonderful show last Thursday. One particular performer received a rousing round of applause and laughter. Congratulations Vince Torissi who took out first place in the competition with a performance of “Old McDonald’s Farm” complete with animal props. You’ll have a chance to see the finalists at the fete, 14th October. Read more in the feature article inside.

**Prep Enrolments**

We’re open to take enrolment for children commencing prep in 2017. Drop into the office and collect an information pack that includes the enrolment application forms. We can let you know about interviews, fun days and parent information evenings.

We’re hosting a Prep Fun Day, this Friday 16th September from 9:30-10:50 for children eligible to enrol in 2017 and their parents so that you can see a little of what Prep is about. On October 17th, our Prep teachers have time to meet with you to discuss your child’s needs and enrolment and on November 3rd, we’ll hold a Prep information evening here at school.

**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: Parenting the Family Underdog.

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


**Regards, Mr Perkins**

**HOC News**

**Universal Design for Learning**

On Saturday 3rd September 11 Teachers attended a Professional Development to be trained as facilitators in Universal Design for Learning (UDL). UDL focuses on planning for all, most and some of the students in the class. It uses the Australian Curriculum to differentiate learning for individuals and groups of students.

Staff were taken through the 11 steps for differentiating an English unit.

**The 11 steps include:**

- Analyse the data to know the learners
- Explore the unit
- Map the Achievement standards
- Unpack the assessment
- Explore the content descriptions
- Map the content descriptions
- Develop a differentiated task
- Identify what the students need to know, understand and do
- Create a progression line
- Identify the focus lessons
- Develop learning episodes

Differentiating for students within the class provides students with the tools needed to be successful learners and be more engaged in learning.

**Regard,**

**Mrs Janse**

**Master Teacher News**

This week I attended the Queensland Master Teacher conference where I met up with hundreds of other master teachers from around the state. The highlight was finding out about many other teaching and learning projects, which are in place in other schools to create the highest achievement for students. I returned to school with lots of ideas about new ways to help teachers and students achieve the best possible results in our school.

**Answer to Last Week’s Teaser**

For those people who had a go at the elephant teaser from last week, the order of elephants from the leader is Ears, Wrinkles, Bobo, Stumble and then Raj. This can be worked out using a process of elimination.
Former GSS student Brianna Coop is on her way to the Olympics!

Brianna was named on the Australian Paralympic team, to compete in the 100m and 200m T35 events. Brianna began her athletics career after being spotted and encouraged by our former HPE teacher Mrs Landgren. Brianna, now 18, will be cheered on by all her Gordonvale State School family. Good Luck and Congratulations to Brianna!

Please see below her timetable.

**Chaplain News**

**Farewell!**

It has been an amazing privilege for the last three years to have been the School Chaplain of GSS. I’ve been so fortunate to have been able and allowed to support, guide, love and care for our wonderful students and school community. I’m so thankful for this great school and all that it has brought to my life and I am really going to miss being here after I finish up at the end of this term. I will most definitely still be around in the community through my involvement at Alive Community Church.

There is one last word of wisdom I would like to leave all of my students in particular with. It is to remember that we are human beings, not human doings. I believe we were created to BE more than we were to DO. We were made to BE kind, loving, generous, caring, supportive and encouraging of others, to BE in positive relationships with one another. Being the special and unique person we were each made to be is so important because there will only ever be one of us in this lifetime and everyone else is already taken. So be yourself, love what’s special about who you are and be kind and loving to others!

Believing the very best for each and every one of you!

Warm regards,

Amy Meehan

**Instrumental Music News**

I hope the kids had a great Gala Day. As per the timetable there is no lesson on Monday due to music camp. However, as an update due to the on/off nature of lessons this term, there will be a **band rehearsal on Wednesday Morning from 9 to 9:45am**. All of Mr Perger’s instrumental music students are to attend the Band Lesson on Wednesday from 9 to 9:45. Can you please remind the students to bring their instruments on WEDNESDAY.

**News from the Library:**

Another week, another book!

The end of term is fast approaching; keep your eye open for overdue Library books or Home readers.

All books are to be returned by Friday 9th September.
Happy Reading!
Miss Reichardt and Mrs Curcuruto

Sports News

Rugby League

Last Tuesday our school played St Michaels in a friendly game of Rugby league at Alley Park. The team consisted of boys and girls with a range of skill sets, some of which had never played a game of rugby league before. Our team only had three training sessions to get ready for the game unlike St Michaels who had been training all term. The players were able to overcome all of this and come out winners, beating St Michaels 14-4. Well done to all the players in that team especially the girls who held their own against the boys. Thank you to John for helping out with the coaching and all the parents who came down to watch the team.

Northern Pride Visit

Sticking with rugby league, our school was lucky enough to have representatives of the Northern Pride come into our school on Thursday and do some coaching lessons with the students at lunch time. Head coach Joe O’Callaghan and Jack Brock put the players through their paces. It was great having the best in the region teach the students some skills.

Futsal Competition

Our Gordonvale Futsal competition is heating up with only a few more games to go. At this stage it is looking like the Term 3 competition might run into the first week of Term 4 as everyone needs a chance to play one another. If students are interested in joining next term’s competition or would like to re-enter their team again the due date for entries is in week 2 of Term 4.

Gala Day

On Friday our school participated in Gala day with other schools from around the district. A big thank you to all the teachers and helpers who coordinated the sports and it was a great day. Well done to all the students who participated.

Hats

I say it every week but students are still coming to school without a hat. Term 4 marks the start of the hot weather so it is vital that every student has a hat when they play outside. Stay active Gordonvale,

Regards,
Mr L’Orange

Class News!

Prep

The Prep Fun Day is on Friday 16th September and the Prep Interviews will be conducted on the Pupil Free day is the 17th October. Please see the attachments.

Warm regards,
Mrs Poglio

Grade 1B

Grandparents Welcomed Back To School

On Thursday morning, 1B was delighted that five grandparents were able to visit their classroom. They were interviewed about their life as a six year old. These questions included their Year 1 school days, family life, jobs they had around the home and games they played. The students found out much information about these topics.

Danton learnt that Mr Doolan rode his horse to school every day. Nakaya learnt that Mrs Atkinson’s family paid cash for everything because they did not have a credit card. Tanna found out that her nana had a blackboard and not a whiteboard in her classroom. Kelsie found out that Mr Moller didn’t have to wear shoes to school and Emily learnt that the only toy Mrs Doolan had was her doll.
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:

Creative

Gordonvale’s Got Talent!

Yesterday afternoon in the multipurpose hall the whole school anxiously watched the six final acts perform on the stage. At the end three winners were announced. In third place was Zehn who played the keyboard. In second place was the Yellow Polka Dot Bikini Girls. And in first place was farmer Vince from 1B who sang Old MacDonald. Congratulations to all of these entertainers. What a fabulous effort!

By Class 1B,

P&C News

The Father’s Day stall was a great success. Thank you to Kate Gosper and all the volunteers. Many fathers enjoyed wonderful gifts that students lovingly bought at the stall.

Gordonvale’s Got Talent has reached a successful conclusion with Vince winning a terrific final. Well done to all who competed, for your talented performances.

Thank you to everyone who helped on ‘The Gordonvale Cane Train’ for the Cairns Festival Parade. Special thanks to Tony, Janet, Craig, Yvette, Stephen, Peter, Yvonne, Tamara, Toni, Lloyd, Dave and everyone who contributed to the Cane Train success.

If anyone has time between 10.30 and 11:30am on Fridays, come and help in the permaculture garden, with Jason, Betty, and Miss Serifovic.

Wow, the Fete is almost here! We look forward to your support on Friday the 14th October from 5:00pm till 9:00pm. Thank you to all organising and helping on the stalls. We look forward to a great night.

Mathletes of the Week!

Week 8 – Term 3

Lower School
1. Johnathon 3C
2. Jasper 3B
3. Caden 2C
Week 9 – Term 3

Lower School

1. Charlie 1A
2. Jackson 1B
3. Zenuwon 3B

Upper School

1. Jaxon 4B
2. Jayden 4C
3. Anastasia 4C

Week 8 – Term 3

Lower School Class Grade 1B – 96.2%

Upper School Class Grade 4C – 97.5%

Student awards go too...

Term 3 Week 8&9

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Attendance Award

Week 8 – Term 3

Lower School Class Grade – 1D 96.4%

Upper School Class Grade – 4C 98.3%
Thank You!

On Tuesday afternoon of this week the Prep and Year 1 classes were entertained by four stories dramatized by Year 9 students from the Gordonvale State High School. The stories included Fox in Sox and Green Eggs and Ham. A huge thank you must be extended to Mr Provis for enabling this event to happen.

Cleaners – Expression of Interest Relief Pool

We are seeking expressions of interest from people interested in Relief or short-term Cleaning positions at Gordonvale State School. Relief work can arise on a daily basis (for a part day, a full day or sometimes a number of days) when a staff member is away from work. If you are interested in applying please submit your resume to the front office.

Uniform Donations Required

Please consider donating any second hand uniforms to the school office for use by those less fortunate or to accommodate students in unforeseen circumstances. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Loves Bus Service P1810 AND P286

Please be advised that commencing 4th October, 2016 – (Term 4) we will be the new operator for the Little Mulgrave and Crystalbrook Service from your school.

Our first pick up will be at 7.30am in Appaloosa Street and we will continue via Little Mulgrave, Gallet, Vico, Alphen, Petri, Corcoran and Dempsey Streets.

We will now commence afternoon pickups from your school at about 3.05pm after St. Michaels.

This bus then drops in Pyramid Estate and then continues in the reverse order of the morning run.

Students who presently travel to Warner Road and Maitland Road will now need to catch P286 both mornings and afternoons. Pick up time in the morning will be 7.30am.

Community Notices

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Help Wanted!

To organise Animal Education Day

April 22nd 2017
Norman Park, Gordonvale
Learn event creating skills, develop confidence, have fun and help create a wonderful experience for your children or grandchildren!
Training for returning to work parents

Advice for funded training which will become available in the Cairns area very shortly and may be of interest to parents, carers or local residents and families:

The funding available will be for persons over 18 years of age who are unemployed, underemployed, Indigenous or on disability income support and returning to work parents, and will be offered as below:

- Certificate III in Health Service Assistance (15 weeks)
- Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance (15 weeks)
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care (20 weeks)

Classes will be held in a convenient location close to public transport in Cairns, and will run between 9am and 2.30pm 3 days per week outside of school and public holidays. All students will have the opportunity for 1 on 1 mentoring around the course content, to complete assessments, assistance with personal barriers affecting course completion, job ready skills, interview skills, resume creation and updating among many other forms of assistance we believe are crucial for successful completion of the qualification and empowering students for employment.

Health Industry Training specialise in delivering Nationally recognised education in the Health and Community services sector and have been delivering to students, public and private organisations for several years. We have a strong reputation for successful delivery with high outcomes. Please see below for more information.

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.

Advertising in the SCHOME

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.