31 May 2016

From the Principal

Mr Lloyd Perkins
Principal

National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. We can all reflect on how tolerance and understanding helps us be a better nation. At school we’re talking and thinking about how being tolerant and understanding and appreciating individual differences helps us get along and helps everyone realize their potential.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Adults reading with their children every night from the earliest age, is recognised as a significant contributor to children’s later literacy success. There is increasing evidence that reading to children from birth is beneficial.

National Simultaneous Storytime is a single event that gets adults reading to children at 11:00am on a single day in May each year. On Wednesday 25th, I read the nominated book, “I Got This Hat” to our Prep children and we had a ball. We all wore newspaper pirate hats as part of the fun.

Story Time with Mr Perkins

As a father of 2 adult children, I can’t recommend enough to you, how much fun reading with your children is. I admit, some nights I fell asleep before they did and sometimes I was a little bored with their choice of books, but overall it’s an experience that should not be missed. I think the last books we read together were the Harry Potter series, at the end of their primary school / beginning of their high school years. Find 10 minutes at bed time to read.

Report cards

Within the next week, teachers will commence the production of report cards for children. These reports are written for you as the audience. They are not a direct communication with your son or daughter. I encourage you to discuss your child’s report with them when it arrives in the mail, at the beginning of next term. I’ve included an article form Michael Grose, our Parenting contributor that will help.

Your son or daughter’s report card will provide an overall grade on a 5 point scale for their achievement in all of the curriculum areas studied. A description of the scale is provided in the report for you. We also add a description of the core English and Mathematics work studied during the semester to refer to when reading the comments.

Classes will be learning and being assessed on new work up until the last week of term. As we want the report card to account for the latest learning, we finalise reports up until the
first week back after the holidays, print them and post them to you for the beginning of the second week of term.

**Chewing gum**

Our school has accumulated over a long period of time a lot of chewing gum spots on the concrete. It is unsightly and very difficult to remove. Chewing gum and bubble gum are banned for students in our school. I’d appreciate you reinforcing this message with your children.

**Mobile phones**

Our policy relating to student mobile phones is that they must be handed in to the office, turned off. It is not necessary for children to have phones at school as our office transfers messages telephoned in by parents to children each day. Particularly in the senior years, phones can cause problems. A phone, in the classroom, was recently the cause of a fight between two students. I am keen to prevent further instances and will appreciate your assistance in ensuring your child’s phone stays home or they comply with our policy.

**Parenting Articles**

Each SCHOME I add a short article I hope you’ll find of interest. The articles come from a publication, Parenting Insights, by Michael Grose.


This fortnight, Michael Grose, our Parenting writer has provided us an article titled: ‘Reading Your Child’s Report’.

*Regards,*

*Lloyd Perkins*

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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**

**Mindup!**

The Prep children have been talking about their feelings.

This week, during our Mindup lesson we talked about feeling angry and what you can do when you feel angry.

We made our Amygdala bottles. We put glitter into the bottles to represent our happy thoughts.

When you feel angry, shake the bottle, breathe deeply 3 times and watch our happy thoughts settle to the bottom.

This will help your mind to clear and help you make the right decisions.

*Regards,*

*Prep A, B & C*

**Scholastic Book Club!**

Reading has never been more fun! Issue 4 is now being handed out to students to take home. Take some time to look through these catalogues as there are some fantastic reading books and loads of activity books, jigsaws and posters available for sale. Keep a store of books at home for birthday gifts or a just a purposeful reward for your child. Many of the items are below what you can buy in our local shops. If you wish to purchase books from Book Club, please place your order via the LOOP method online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or refer to the order form at the back of the catalogue for information. Sorry, but no cash orders will be accepted. **Orders due: Friday 3rd of June 2016**

*Kindest regards,*

*Mrs Jacquelyn Poglio (Co-ordinator Prep-Yr 2)*

*Mrs Anne Meurer (Co-ordinator Yr 3-6)*

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**Healthy**

**Walk Safely to School Day!**

Walk Safely to School Day is a national event that is held each year in May. According to the National Walk Safely to School
Day website, www.walk.com.au, this is the 17th year for the community event. The event encourages primary school-aged children to travel to school in the interest of walking for good health, road safety and the environment by walking or using public transport.

On Friday 20th May 2016, Gordonvale State School participated in the Walk Safely to School Day. One group of students, teachers, parents and volunteers walked from the Gordonvale Council depot and another walked from the corner of Riverstone Road and Swan St.

Our school, with the help of our Healthy Eco Citizen, had approximately 150 students participate, as well as lots of parents and staff. All of these students enjoyed a healthy breakfast made by our great tuckshop when they arrived at school.

In this writer’s opinion, this year’s walk was the best so far.

By Lachlan Salecich
Class 4B Gordonvale State School

Souths Soccer!

This week through, Bev Monaghan, the Year 1 students were given junior soccer nets that were kindly donated by Souths Soccer Club. The Year 1 students are enjoying using them before school and at play times every day.

Kindest regards,
Anna Cavaliere – Classroom Teacher

Creative

Rainforest in the Making!

The lower school art classes have been busy creating a spectacular Rainforest creation under the guidance of our very talented arts teacher Ms Newman. Students in Year 3 have been apply their art skills to create fabulous fairies and their homes along with tribal masks and some frogs too. The Year 2 students have contributed by creating butterflies, snakes and beetles. The Prep’s have also been busy creating rainforest vines, woven branches, Platapi, Possums, Kookaburras, Owls and rainforest berries. Ms Newman has also had some fabulous students volunteer their time during the lunch breaks to create the magnificent tree, the pond and the back drops. Well done to Ms Newman and all her students for their brilliant work. We look forward to seeing the unveiling next term!

Drama Class!

Natalie from Taylor Made Confidence has been working with a select group of students two afternoons a week at Gordonvale State School; Natalie has shared her expertise as an actress and performer. She uses a variety of theatre and acting techniques within a 5 week program to improve the students focus, courage and articulation, among other things. This week they improvised several scenes with three actors – one playing a villain, another the victim and finally the hero. Theatre is an excellent way to teach children that there is nothing to be afraid of when it comes to expressing your creativity and speaking in front of your peers. These classes are helping to lay the foundations for many lifelong skills that students will use every day both in and out of the classroom.

If your child is interested in building their confidence, awakening their imagination or simply love performing, Taylor Made Confidence runs workshops on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s. Contact Natalie on 0466574991 or email natalie@taylormadeconfidence.com.au as Gordonvale State School students receive a 30% discount.

Kind regards,
Natalie Taylor, Taylor Made Confidence

Eco

Chicken Hatchings!

The Prep cohort was invited to The Early Years Centre to be a part of the playgroup’s Chicken Hatchings. We learned about how the 5 needs of living things were met while the chickens were still growing inside the eggs. We were lucky enough to get to hold some newly hatched chicks and observe the egg tooth used to break out of the egg.

Regards,
Chelsie Bridge – Classroom Teacher
Class News!

Grade 4/5

Earths Place in Space!

This term our class 4/5 have been learning about space. We were asked to make an orrery. What is an orrery you ask? It is a 3D model of the solar system, or of just the sun, earth, and moon. I choose to do all of the planets. My Dad assisted me and it took two whole afternoons to make. My Dad and I loved sitting down and working together we had lots of fun.

By
Izabella 4/5

Grade 4C

Poetry!

Grade 4C have been very busy in Science and have created some amazing poetry about native species.

Kind Regards,
Emina Serifovic – Classroom Teacher

Instrumental Music News:

Hi everyone! I am back from Long Service Leave and eager to get the kids playing music again. Please see the updated timetable below that kicked off on Monday.

Mr Kelly Perger,
IM Teacher

News from the Library:

Another week, another book!

NEW: Library will be open to students from 8:15 each morning for Reading and board games only - the computers are generally used each morning by staff. When they see all the lights on they may enter.

As the weather starts to cool, for however long. Take the opportunity to find a good book, settle down on a comfy chair/beanbag/bed and lose yourself in another world/environment or era.

A big thank you to the Greenwood family. We will have many happy readers enjoying your very kind donation.

Happy Reading!
Miss Reichardt and Mrs Curcuruto

Sports News

SAVE THE DATE

| Week 10 | June 16th & 17th | Inter-house Athletics |

Athletics Carnival Trials

Students born 2007-2004 have been participating in trials during HPE and Friday sports for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. All students are encouraged to trial out for the top places in long jump, high jump, discus and shot put for the finals to be held on Carnival day. We have seen so far some outstanding high jumping from TJ, Barachias, Mackenzie and Bailey all jumping 110cm and Amy jumping 105cm. All students participating receive a point for their team which will then be added to the totals on Carnival day 16/17th June.

Parents and family are encouraged to attend on the day.
Reminders

NetFun starts on Thursday 12th May at 3pm in the MPH. This program will run for 7 weeks and is being offered to children aged between 5-10yrs. The program offers an opportunity for children to increase their social and motor skills in a friendly and fun environment. The 1st session is free so come and have a try. More information and the registration forms are located at the office.

FREE Golf Lessons at the Gordonvale Golf Club on Monday afternoons for any primary age student.

Free Golf Lessons @ Gordonvale Golf Club

Held @ the Gordonvale Golf Club
Starts Monday the 18th of April @ 3:15pm
5 Week Program
All equipment is provided
Please register with the school HPE Teacher
For more information please call
Anton Booy on 0401 787 773

Mulgrave Trials

There are a number of Mulgrave Sports trials happening this term. If you would like your child to try out for the team please see the dates below. They will need to see Mr Coombe for the paper work that is required to attend. These trials are for children born in 2006, 2005, & 2004.

Kindest regards
Martin Coombe, HPE Teacher

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 habits. The class with the most banking deposits for the week is also awarded the Golden Platypus Award. So don’t forget your banking!

Banking Blitz Competition!!!

We are running a deposit blitz for students of Gordonvale state School. So make sure you deposit in weeks 6 through to week 9. You then have a chance to win a pack containing Dollarmite prizes. We will be giving more information on assembly.

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

P&C News

Gordonvale State School P&C Meeting will be held on Tomorrow 18th May at 3pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall Computer lab. ALL WELCOME!

Hello everyone, Gordonvale’s Got Talent is coming soon!! So practice, practice, practice!! We are looking forward to amazing performances that showcase your talents in music, acting and dance.

Just a reminder to students and parents the Athletics Carnival is on the 16th and 17th of June. Please come and support all the students in their events. This is a wonderful day not to be missed!
The P&C are excited about our **school FETE**, which is on the **14th of October**. Our fundraising focus this year is to raise money for huge fans for the school hall and book shelves for the library. So your support will be greatly appreciated.

*Kindest regards,*  
*Damian Byrnes, P&C President*

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**Mathletes of the Week!**

**Week 6 – Term 2**

[Images of Charlie Year 1A and Angus Year 5C]

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**Week 7 – Term 2**

[Images of Charlie Year 1A and George Year 6A]

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**Attendance Award**

**Week 6 – Term 2**

[Images of Lower School Grade 2/3 & Prep C with an attendance award]

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**Student awards go too…**

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**Term 2 Week 6**

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Admin News

Before School Procedure!

Students are not to be at school prior to 8.00am and must report to the tuckshop undercover area if arriving prior to 8.15am. Thanking you.

Dental Van

It’s time for your dental check up! Dental notes were sent home last week. Call 1300 300 850 to make an appointment.

ICAS Testing

Letters and invoices have been sent home detailing the final costings for Camp. Payments are due by Friday 10th June. Payments can be made in full or part payment by cash, cheque or EFT at the front office, we also accept direct deposit.
**Dates to Remember**

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**“Girl Guides Biscuits Fundraiser”**

To support the Girl Guides and purchase some of these yummy biscuits please contact Gordonvale Girl Guides Jamie Cannon Ph: 0740676825 or Mobile: 0419668097.

**“Watch Out – Cane Trains About”**

**SAFETY ON THE SUGAR CANE RAILWAY**

The commencement of the 2016 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of the MSF Sugar Limited Safety Program, the Company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

It is of concern that children don’t realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to bins of moving cane trains, play around railway tracks, or riding trail bikes along the cane railway and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Cane railways are no different from any other rail system (e.g. QR) and children should not play on or near railways. While cane trains are well marked and safety systems are in place, they carry large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly. Risk of injury does not only involve children but also applies to locomotive crews and other members of the public.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury to our locomotive crews.

MSF Sugar Limited has an extensive cane railway network and cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season.
Please stay safe and remember:

- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
- Don’t play around railway lines.
- Never walk between cane bins.
- Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.
- Do not ride trail bikes along the cane railway.

MSF Sugar Limited will be promoting its “Cane Train Awareness 2016” program by way of Press Advertising, Highway Billboards and a Radio and TV campaign throughout the 2016 crushing which will extend from June to November.

Regards,
General Manager – North Queensland Operations

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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