School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies

Monday morning assembly saw our SWPBS leaders draw out another four students who along with a friend won the privilege of having a special morning tea in the staffroom on Monday. They are:

- **Care for Yourself**
  - Tiaki Murdoch
  - Emily Shaw

- **Care for Others**
  - Nathaniel Fernando
  - Shanikwa Allen

- **Care for your Learning**
  - Elijah Hansen
  - Kaicha Crowe

- **Care for your School**
  - Cody Spark

3 Year Old Fun Group / Kinder

At the moment both sessions of 3 Year Old Fun Group / Kinder are near capacity. We also know that there are always children out there that are turning 3 who may wish to attend a session. We are considering starting another session for term 4. If you are interested in your child attending this great opportunity please call, come into see us or inbox us on Facebook. The running of the new program will depend on the numbers of interested families.

Prep enrolments 2015

A reminder to all prospective parents that now is the time to enrol your child for prep in 2015. Your child must turn 5 before April 30, 2015 to enrol in any school. If you would like a tour of our school and facilities or any further information, please contact us at the office. **Our transition into prep sessions will begin in the coming weeks in term 3;** this is an ideal way to ensure that your child has a seamless start to their prep year.

4 Year Old Kinder enrolment – 2015

Enrolments are still open for 4 year old Kinder for 2015. If you child has turned or will turn 4 before April 30 2015, they are eligible for a funded place in Kinder. If you are intending on enrolling your child at **Gowrie Street Kinder** for next year please ensure that your forms have been filled out and returned to the Shepparton City Council. We need to know this information as soon as possible so that we can ensure your child a spot.

Communication with Parents and Families

There have been a number of notices sent home over the last two weeks. This is just a reminder for all families to check your children’s bag for any communication from the school.

School Concert

Notices have been sent home regarding ticket sales for the concert on Thursday September 4 at Eastbank beginning at 6.00pm. Ticket orders are filling quickly so please don’t leave it until the last minute.

Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall

This is an open invitation to our world renowned Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday September 5 at 8.15am. We would be delighted if you could join us to celebrate Father’s Day with a few pancakes and a cuppa for Breaky.

Saturday Sports Team Thankyou

With all of our Saturday Sport winding up this week I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of our coaches and parents who helped out with our teams this year. Without the help of all parents, opportunities like this do not happen. Our sincere thanks to goes to the following people; Melinda Solomon, Leanne Sangster, Peta Mastin-Lundberg & Marita Eddy – Netball
Kerry Matthews, Amanda Arget, Nic Ficeria & Anthony Poppa – Football
Marc Boyd, Jamie Sowter, Joe Dwyer & all the parent helpers from the under 8’s team - Soccer


School Attendance – Approved Absences
A reminder to Parents that if your child is absent from school for any reason it is your responsibility to contact the school and let us know why. Contact can be made by ringing us at the office, sending a note the next day, sending a text message on 0419 300 523 or inboxing us on Facebook. I thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Chaplain’s Report
One of my important roles as a Chaplain is to re-assure children that they are loved and cared for at school. Recently I spoke with several classes about the importance of doing their best in learning time because it’s preparing them for the future. I explained to them that each one of them has special abilities; each of them has the potential to be anything they aim to be. I encouraged them to dream big as to what they want to do in life. Don’t let anyone tell you you can’t be what your big dream is. Don’t listen to anybody saying your too small or too big or you cant because you live in that street or you have no friends. Right now every child has the capacity and opportunity to succeed in anything they make up their minds to do. Focus and encouragement from us and you as parents is critical for our children’s development and potential. We should never rule out any great dreams that our children have. Simply and specifically encourage; not knowing what the future may turn up. Let us be positive always wanting our kids to be better people than we ever will be. Be prepared to take every opportunity with your children, you never know the valuable words you say to them might be the key that unlocks enormous opportunities for their future.

There’s a song that says: Be careful little eyes what you see; be careful little ears what you hear, be careful little tongue what you say. Yes we do have an influence on our children daily and it is critical to their longevity to cope with all life brings.

Hey; do your best even better push yourself to believe the best for your children. Life is for living, make it a plan to enjoy and stay focused on what you have.

Your children are important to me
Richard Poole
Chaplain

Gowrie Street on Facebook
For all of those Facebook users out there, Gowrie Street has a Facebook page. We are using it to communicate with our community and also to receive feedback about how things are going at the school. So like us to keep up to date with all of the goings on.

Have a great week, Travis

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Dates to Remember
Parents & Friends meeting Aug 21, 2014
Golf Clinic Aug 26, 2014
School Council Aug 27, 2014
Athletics Day Aug 29, 2014
School Concert Sept 4, 2014
Father’s Day Stall Sept 5, 2014
Swimming F-2 Sept 8-12, 2014
Asheletics Sept 10, 2014
Trade Night Sept 12, 2014
Grades 3-6 Aths Week October 7-10, 2014
Grades 3-4 Camp October 22-24, 2014

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Reading with your kids
Each week it is fantastic to see how many children are achieving home reading awards. At Gowrie Street we understand that everyone is busy with work and other commitments within their life. We also know how important it is for school age children to read every day at home. It would be fantastic if all families could find 10mins each night before bed to listen to their kids read and fill out their reader book. By doing this you will be giving your children the very best opportunity to succeed at school. If you have any questions about how to do this with your kids, please see your child’s teacher.

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Home Reading P-2

Reading tips:
- Praise your child’s efforts.
- Talk about the book after reading it.
- Make reading FUN.
- Don’t compare your child’s reading with that of friends or relatives.
**Birthdays**

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**Home Reading 3-6**

**Reading tips:**

- Have a conversation with your child about the story – what did they like/dislike about it? Who were their favourite characters?
- The language your child experiences through books and conversation, the more advantaged they will be, both socially and educationally.
- Reading aloud together, even for 15 minutes a day is a great way to bond with your child.

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**Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup News**

**Pie Drive**

Thankyou to Celina for organising the recent pie drive, hopefully families are enjoying some delicious pies. Through this fundraiser we managed to raise just under $200 which will go towards our shade sail for the sandpit.

**GV Water visit**

Last week we were visited by Kristy from GV Water, Kristy educated the children on the importance of water, waterways and water consumption. This is always a very informative session, I’m sure the children learned a great deal from Kristy’s visit.

**Trade Night**

Our Trade Night will be held on September 12th in the Junior building. This night is a lot of fun and a chance to raise funds for our preschool and support small local businesses. It is also a great opportunity to showcase our great school to the general public. Please invite as many of your friends as you can to make this night a great success. Soon we will be asking for families to help out in various ways, whether it be contributing to the catering or helping set up/pack up or helping on the night – Many hands make light work!

**Visit for GV Health Dental Clinic**

Last week we were visited by Melissa from the GV Health Dental Clinic. Melissa discussed eating well with the children and this week she will visit again to discuss drinking well. The messages Melissa is trying to convey to the children work in partnership with our Lunchbox Legends initiative. It’s great to see the children getting involved in making their lunchboxes and making informed decisions about what they eat and drink. Today we will be going on an excursion to the GV Dental Health Clinic so that children can familiarise themselves with the service and learn about appropriate dental hygiene.

**School Concert**

We will be participating in the Gowrie Street Primary School Concert on Thursday September 4th. Tickets for the concert can be purchased from the school office, preschool children are free but you still need to obtain a ticket so that they are allocated a seat for after their performance. The preschool children will be performing first, after their performance I ask that you meet me in the foyer to collect your child and take them back to their seat. I need one costume made, if anyone can sew let me know, I’m sure for anyone who can sew it would be an easy task.

**Decorated Plate**

All of the children have decorated a plate template – If you would like to purchase a plate with your child’s drawing on it for $25 please see Melinda to place your order. These plates are fantastic keepsakes that also serve a great purpose.
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

PBS Morning Tea Winners

Stars of the Week

PBS Class Winners
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

Stars of the Week

PBS Class Winners

Star of the Week

PBS Super Student

PBS Morning Tea Winners