News from the Principal’s Desk

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 - Krystal Oelfke
- Naijarrah Morgan

Care for Others - Valentina Elsa Jo
- Shanikwa Allen

Care for your Learning - Anttwon Jones
- Moana Murdoch

Care for your School - Muhammad Ali Alizarda
- Ryan Smith

Reading with your kids
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.

Grade placement for 2015
This time of year is one of the busiest times in the school calendar; we are finalising term four and forward planning for 2015. Very soon will be asking your children to give us the names of three friends that they may like to be in a class with next year; this is also an opportunity for you as parents to do the same.
If you have any requests regarding your children’s friends or good learning partners please put them in writing and give them in person to either Di or myself by Wednesday November 19. As per our grade placement policy we will not take request for teachers. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the policy please come in and see us. Placing children into the right grade is something that involves a lot of work and consideration. We will endeavour to have all children placed in their 2015 grades in time for the state-wide transition day.

Parents and Friends Meeting
A reminder that there is a Parents and Friends meeting tomorrow morning in the staffroom at 9.15am; looking forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Excursion – Melbourne Museum
Our Shared History
During this week all students have or will be visiting the Melbourne Museum to take part in the ‘Our Shared History’ exhibition. This excursion is a culmination of the learning that has been taking place through our language and cultural classes. By all accounts the students and staff from the first two days have had a wonderful time and have consolidated a lot of learning from our cultural and language program. Very big thanks to Eb, Mel and Cherrie for their organisation of the days and to all the other staff for their commitment to giving our children the best possible learning opportunities.

Victorian State Election – Saturday November 29
Gowrie Street BBQ – Raising funds for new take home readers
As you may be aware the Victorian State Election is coming up at the end of November. As we did with the last Federal Election Gowrie Street will be running a BBQ during the day. We are looking for volunteers how can help out for an hour or so on the day turning a few snags and selling drinks. If you are interested in helping us to raise funds for your children’s take home readers please coming and see us at the office or inbox us on Facebook.

Have a great week, Travis
Halloween Disco
A huge thanks to our parent and friends committee for the work that they put in to organise our very first Halloween Disco. The effort that families put into the costumes was fantastic and a great time was had by all who attended.

Chaplain’s Report

November is FOCUS month.
It can be so easy to lose our focus during November because we think the year is nearly over and we will just cruise to the end of the year.
This is not the attitude or thought pattern we need to have. Sometimes we catch ourselves relaxing too much and loosing our focus, particularly when it comes to our precious children.
This is a critical time in the year to focus on completing tasks and and making sure we are caring for our family and friends around us. Lets look at the acronym in FOCUS.
F is for forgiving. To move forward with all our relationships we need to forgive to continue to focus on what’s important to keep us at peace in our minds.
O is for outcomes. We need results in all our activities, completing taks and moving to the next important task. Encouraging your children to have good outcomes and complete tasks.
C is for care for our children. I know you care but make sure they know every day you care by the words you say to them.
U is for unique. Every child has a unique brain that thinks different form anyone else. Get to know how your child thinks by talking with them every day. Don’t have your mind made up as to how your child thinks. Listen intently so you understand how they think and make their own decisions.
S is for support. Yes, focus on supporting your child in all activities they are involved in. Support means to encourage and be helpful, especially during a difficult decision to be made. Listening is critical in supporting and acknowledging our children’s activities.
The message is focus in November, don’t “slacken off” your responsibilities, it’s not over yet!!

Gods Book says: “In the morning O lord you hear my voice. In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation”.

Your children are important to me
Richard Poole
Chaplain

Dates to Remember

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Parking around the school
Last week I received a letter from the City of Greater Shepparton advising of a crackdown on parking around all schools in the Shepparton area. Please be aware that there will be increased presence of council parking inspectors around at drop off and pick up times and if you are not parked in the right spot you will be fined. The safety of our kids is paramount, please park in the correct areas.

Home Reading  P-2
Reading tips – Children could be asked any of the following questions when they have finished reading a book:
- Are there any words you did not know the meaning of?
- Did you come across any unusual words? Can you find them?
- Can you retell what happened in the story?
Home Reading 3-6

Reading tips:

- Discuss the title of the book with your child. Ask your child why they think the author picked that title.
- Give your child specific praise on their reading by saying, “It was great how you ….”
- Every child is different. Don’t force your child to read something they are not interested in.

Preschool, Occasional Care & Playgroup

Belstack Excursion
On Tuesday November 18th we will be taking an excursion to the Belstack Strawberry Farm. The children will be learning about how the strawberries are planted, how they grow and harvested. The children will get the opportunity to pick a punnet of strawberries and later enjoy some delicious strawberry icecream! This excursion fits in well with the sustainability portion of our program and it consolidates what the children have been learning through caring for our own veggie garden.

Halloween Party
A big Thankyou to everyone for their efforts in dressing up and making party food for our Halloween Party. All of the children had a fabulously fun time dressing up in their spooky outfits and eating the frightening food. Lastly a massive thankyou to Stacey Trinder for her time face painting, the little kids and big kids loved it!

Shopping Trip Fundraiser
At the sign in table you will find flyers detailing an upcoming fundraiser. A day shopping in Melbourne is sure to be a fun day and an easy way to get all that Christmas shopping done in one hit!

Shepparton Reading Day
On Tuesday November 25th we will be participating in the Shepparton Reading Day. During the excursion we travel by bus down to the Maude St. Mall where the children are split into two groups, each group visits three local businesses where staff read popular children’s stories to them. The children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We will be requiring at least one parent helper to attend this excursion, please see Melinda if you are able to assist.

Transition
Transition to school is in full swing and the children are full of chatter about school and teachers etc. If your child is attending Gowrie Street Primary School please remember to bring your child’s book bag so that they can change their readers, the children are loving having their own special books and they are establishing great reading habits.

Drink Bottles
As the weather warms up it’s more important than ever to send your child to kinder with a drink bottle filled with clean cold water.

Picture Plates
The plates have arrived!! Please ask Melinda for you order.

Living Safely with Dogs
Today we were visited by Stacey and Hank who educated the children on how to live safely with Dogs. She focused on what children should do when there is a strange dog nearby and how to approach the dog or move away from it safely.

Gowrie Street Remembrance Day Ceremony
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

Stars of the Week

PBS Morning Tea Winners

PBS Class Winners
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

PBS Super Student

PBS Class Winners

Stars of the Week

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