We have had a great start to the 2016 school year and all students, staff and families are settling in to new routines and experiences.

One of our long standing routines is the short fruit break for all students at approx. 10am everyday. This is a chance for all students to re-fuel their bodies and minds with a healthy fruit/vegetable or cheese snack. This snack must be cut up in to bite size pieces and sent in a small container or ziplock bag. Please do not send a whole piece of fruit (apple, orange etc.) as we don’t have time to cut these up at this short break time. If this is sent it will be saved for the lunch or recess break. We also have a small drink of water as well.

Our first P&C Meeting will be held THIS WEEK – Wednesday 10th February at 7pm in the Infants Classroom. This is also the Annual General Meeting when all office bearers are updated for the P&C for the coming year.

We again invite parents to make an annual voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing all textbooks, stationery, equipment and online registrations used for the children’s education. The amount per student will remain the same as last year - $40 per student, 2 x children total $60 or a family of 3 children total $90. Please send this to school in a sealed envelope with your family name clearly written on the outside.

Scholastic Bookclub is available for all students. The format has changed a bit this year with all levels combined in to one set with the order form in the centre page. Payment can be made to school or online by credit card. Please return orders and payment or online receipt to school by Thursday 18th February.

Attached to the newsletter today are our annual permission notes. These are for the SRE class, Published work and our local area excursions. Please sign and return these forms to the black mailbox at the office window.

Please keep in mind, and on your calendar, our 150th Year celebrations this year. This is known as a Sesquicentenary! Dates will be confirmed at the P&C Meeting and published on the newsletter next week. All of our Collector community groups will be invited to participate in our celebrations and the students are already preparing and planning for this amazing celebration.
Dental Check-up
The team from the School Dental Unit will be here on Monday for the annual dental check-up. Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school by Friday this week.

Before and After School
As all students and their families are aware, there are a couple of rules that are in place to ensure the safety of everyone.
There is no supervision available for the students before 8.30am and we ask that you do not arrive/drop off/or allow students to ride or walk to school before this time. All staff are engaged in meetings, planning or preparation for the day until this time.
No one is to be in any of the classrooms or buildings before 8.30am unless it has been pre-arranged to meet a teacher there before this time.
Students are asked to ride or walk to school in a safe and responsible manner. All bikes are to be left in the area allocated at the front of the library building.
At the beginning of the day students are to remain in the covered central area and are asked to not chase, run or jump around during this time.
At the end of the day ALL students make their way to the silver seats and remain there until their parents are ready to leave. If students are riding bikes home they have permission to depart immediately as they are not usually waiting for a parent/car. Please don’t make the children wait too long before you depart as they are ready to go home and the mozzies can be quite nasty at this time of year.
Your child’s teacher is always happy to talk to you and they are more than willing to make a mutually agreeable time to meet if you have specific issues to discuss. Please call to speak to them or contact them via email to make these arrangements.
eloise.dews@det.nsw.edu.au
sarah.walsh9@det.nsw.edu.au (Mrs Coloe)

www.skoolbo.com.au
Be savvy and do yourselves a big favour and do at least 3 sessions a week on Skoolbo and you too will notice a big difference in how much easier things like spelling, recall of times tables, identifying English words and using them will become.
All students will have a login name and password. Please see Mrs Dews for this information.

GOULBURN & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
2016 Season Netball Registrations 10am - 12pm
* Saturday 5th March @ Carr Confoy Netball Courts, Eastgrove
* Saturday 12th March @ Goulburn Plaza (near K-mart)
  • NetSetGo! (5-10 years)
  • Junior Division (10-12 years)
  • Intermediate Division (Aged Up to 15 years)
  • Cadets Division
  • Senior Division (Played Monday Nights)
Season starts Saturday, 2nd April, 2016 and Seniors on Monday 4th April, 2016
Enquiries: secretary.gdna@hotmail.com or Mareeca 0439 400 129

Scripture / Sacraments
Families that wish to initiate Catholic sacraments have two options.
1. Mrs Drew, our SRE teacher, has information on the Sacramental Program being run through the Goulburn Parish. Please call her on 4848 0017.
2. The Catholic Parish of St Francis Xavier, Gunning, invite children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for their First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please contact Maryanne Hannan on 4844 2247 to register your interest.

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ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to attend our first Assembly last Friday. We will have an Assembly every second week on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. Please check the newsletter for the reminder.

Congratulations to last week’s award recipients.

Principal’s Award: Owen Smithers
K-2C Class Awards: Bronwyn Smithers and Connor Kruger
3-6D Class Awards: Chloe Lisonbee and Evelyn Smithers
Music Awards: Rachael Granger and Elijah Taylor
Gold Cards: Bronwyn Smithers, Evelyn Smithers and Zac Zeller
Raffle Winners: Erin, Elijah, Owen, Chelsea, Nadia and Lachlan