ENCOURAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT

Our Reward System

- Encourages and acknowledges appropriate student behaviour and actions
- Recognises achievement and improvement in effort and behaviour
- Promotes and communicates a consistent approach that utilises a standard language related to the school’s core values

Upcoming Events

Thursday, 24th March - Last Day of Term 1
Friday, 25th March - Good Friday
Monday, 11th April - First Day of Term 2
Tuesday, 12th & Wednesday, 13th April - QCS Practice
Monday, 18th April - P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 19th April until Thursday, 21st April - NAPLAN Practice
Thursday, 21st April - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Public Tender - Sewing Machine

Gordonvale State High School has eleven sewing machines for sale by Public Tender. The machines will be sold on an ‘as is’ basis. Any delivery charges after purchase are to be borne by the buyer. No warranties are implied or given.

Tenders close at the school office on Friday 15th April 2016 at 3:00pm. Department of Education and Training reserves the right not to accept the tender. Information for the tender of the sewing machines is available on the Gordonvale State High School website.

All written offers are to be in a sealed envelope marked ‘Confidential – Offer for Sewing Machine’. Tenders must be lodged at the school office on or before 3:00pm, Friday 15th April 2016. The Business Services Manager, Gordonvale State High School, PO Box 66, Gordonvale 4865.

Shave for a Cure

Thank you for supporting Mario and his fundraising for the leukemia foundation. He raised just over $300 at the high school and the whole family was involved in raising just over $1,000.00 in total.

From The Principal

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2016 Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival 17th March

Disney Dance

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Finally, a reminder that in Terms 2 and 3, as the weather cools, students may wear a plain black jumper to school or purchase the school’s spray jacket. Our school P&C sell our school uniform through our school tuckshop. Please, consider purchasing school uniforms through our tuckshop when new student uniforms are required. Our supplier of uniforms must provide certification that our uniforms are not made in overseas sweat shops. In addition, our uniforms are made from quality fabric therefore guaranteeing durability. The most important thing to remember is when you purchase a school uniform through our tuckshop, whilst is may be slightly more expensive than local retailers, any small profit made, goes back into the school to be spent on your children.

Thank you for your co-operation with these uniform issues.

The last day for school this term is Thursday, March 24th and school recommences on Monday, April 11.

I wish you all a happy and restful Easter break and I look forward to continuing our learning journey next term.

Jan Carr - Principal
Swimming Carnival

This year’s Swimming Carnival was a huge event, and a huge success thanks to all the students and staff involved.

Wow, what a cracking way to start our major sporting events for 2016 with an epic War Cry-off in the hall, with all houses showcasing some truly fabulous house prides. However, I think Crocs came away with the win as they blew the roof of the hall with their rendition of the new Crocs anthem. Credit must go to our house captains for 2016 and their efforts in spruiking support and having practice sessions in the lead up to the carnival.

Once we had our hearing back, we began the walk down to the pool. Within minutes our freestyle events were underway. From that moment it was non-stop action in the water as all age groups completed in A and B division races for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. We managed to sneak in a couple of novelty events, including the ever popular house relays where students had to swim decked out in a flipper (that’s right… a singular flipper), a life-vest, helmet and other nonsensical items. Always a hoot to see how quickly students can actually get dressed when they are in tight competition with each other. We wrapped the day up with relays, and the most important being the blue-ribbon event – the ‘Teacher versus Student’. Needless to say the teachers won this… again! (so says this journalist anyway).

Students were relentless in their participation all day, and as a result points were tight. However, there must always be a victor, and the Champion house, and age champions, will be announced at parades later this week.

Young Architect of the Year Visit

On Monday 7th we had a visit from the “young Architect of the year” organized by the BLA (Business Liaison Association). Aaron Peters came up from Brisbane to explain and show students what the life of an Architect could be like. He was very informative presenting the information in a very clear and interesting way. The students had the chance to ask lots of questions and engaged after the session with him to get more of their queries answered. Not everyone that signs up for architecture has the same experiences but hearing about billion dollar projects in England and working for Russian crime lords to develop secret cities from the cold war era that never appeared on maps until recently created some interesting images in students’ minds.

The first session, (general outline of Architecture), had students from the Industrial graphics and senior graphics classes. The 2nd session, (which was the specifics of how the design process works and what the Architect did to meet their needs), was attended by the senior graphics students only.

Jake - BMX Champion

Jake Bowe, school vice captain at Gordonvale State High School returns to Cairns after placing 6th in the Australian National BMX series.

It has been an interesting year thus far for local athlete Jake, as he has just competed in the 7th and final round of Australian National BMX series. As other teens relaxed on their school holidays, Jake Bowe utilized this time to begin training for round one and two of the championships which had place on the 1st and 2nd of January. This required Jake to take a trip down to the Gold Coast. Missing out on the finals of round 1, Jake managed to place 2nd in round two, securing himself a 4th position in the series. Round three and four of the series took place here in Cairns. This gave Jake home track advantage as he had raced on the local track numerous times.

Jake finished Round 3 in 5th place, however during Round 4’s second heat Jake’s bike frame snapped causing him to borrow another rider’s bike to complete the 4th Round. Jake stated “I was lucky to have someone lend me their bike, otherwise I would have been unable to compete Round 4, this would have caused me to drop out of the top 8 in the national series”. Following this Jake ventured to Shepparton, Victoria to participate in the 5th and 6th Rounds, unfortunately for Jake he was feeling ill thus underperforming in his races. This resulted in him being unable to compete in any of the rounds finals. Round 7 was held in Bathurst New South Wales, along with the Australian BMX titles. Jake confidently earned his way into the finals where he placed 6th which then gave him an overall finish in the national series for the year. In a final statement, Jake said that “as a first year junior I have learnt and experienced many things to now improve on and hopefully performed better at the states titles down in Brisbane later this year”. If you are interested in following Jake’s journey, you may find him on his Facebook athlete page, or by following his Instagram account.

Written by Hayden, Year 12 Student

Year 8 Boys Rugby League

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys Rugby League team who finished third in the Cairns Schoolboys Rugby League Competition.

The boys have had a great season producing some upset victories and piling on tries at will. Unfortunately Gordonvale will not feature in the Grand final after being defeated by Trinity Bay last Wednesday. The boys tried hard through the season, sometimes taking the field without reserves; so it is a credit to them to show up each week and play their hardest. Thank you to all parents and teachers who were able to attend games and support the team.
What a busy and exciting term it has been in Junior Secondary and as Term 1 quickly draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Gordonvale State High School Junior Secondary Leaders for 2016.

This year at Gordonvale State High School, the junior school were given more of a voice with the election of Core Class Representatives. From the Class Representatives a Year Level Leader was chosen to represent each of the junior secondary year levels at the Student Council meetings. The Junior School also elected 2 Sports Captains and 2 Social Captains who were to work in conjunction with the Senior Leaders with the planning of any sporting and social events.

So without further ado, here they are … Introducing the Leaders of Junior Secondary for 2016.

**Year 7**

- A - Shontaye
- B - Kaitlyn
- C - Hunter
- D - Indy
- E - Isabella
- S - Caitlin
- S - Vang

**Year 8**

- A - Damon
- B - Jessica
- B - Zoe
- C - Tamara
- D - Myesha
- E - Coleby
- S - Will

**Year 9**

**Junior Social Captains**

- A - Jamie-Lynn
- B - Travis
- C - Rory
- D - Jarrod
- S - Romeo
- Ella
- Travis

**Junior Sports Captains**

- Kiara
- Kiante

**PBL Postcards**

As part of our school’s positive behaviours reward system postcards will be sent home every 5 weeks to acknowledge your child’s positive contribution to Gordonvale High's school community.

Keep an eye out in the post, you might have mail.

*Your beliefs don’t make you a better person; your behaviour does …..*

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**Q Parents …. Some questions answered**

**What is Qparents?**

Qparents is another way that parents can connect instantly with the school to access and manage their child’s information.

**What information can parents access?**

You can access and manage information including: attendance and absence details (including the ability to notify the school of an absence); behaviour details; academic report cards; class timetables; invoice details. You can also update student personal details.

**How do I register for Qparents?**

1. The school has emailed an invitation letter with your unique invitation code. If you have not received this email, please contact us.
2. After accepting the terms and conditions of use of QParents, you will be required to verify your identity by completing an online 100 point identification check.
3. You will need to create a Qparents account using an email address as your account name. You may also provide a mobile number You will then need to request access to your child’s information. You will need to know your child’s EQ ID number to do this. You can find this on your child’s student ID card, report card or school invoice. It consists of 10 numbers and one letter.

**What if I don’t have enough ID documents to reach 100 Points?**

Most people can easily reach 70 points with their Driver’s Licence (50 Points) and their Medicare Card (20 points).

If you have at least 60 points of ID online you can still register for Qparents but will need to come to the school with some additional documentation. If you bring one document from Column A or two documents from column B then we can complete your registration.

**Column A**

- Learner Driver Licence
- Adult Proof of Age Card
- Working with Children Check Card (Blue Card)
- Queensland Weapons Licence
- Queensland or Australian Government staff ID card

**Column B**

- Student ID card by an Australian Education institution
- Queensland or Australian Government staff ID card
- Driver’s Licence
- Medicare Card
- Learner Driver Licence
- Adult Proof of Age Card
- Working with Children Check Card (Blue Card)
- Queensland Weapons Licence
- Queensland or Australian Government staff ID card
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**Dream Me Girls Program**

The Dream Me Girls Program has been running now for a full term. Students in the program have been referred by teachers and staff and are from years 8 – 11. The girls cover topics such as: fitness, health, nutrition, personal presentation, goal setting and leadership. This term we have been fortunate enough to gain support from external training services, and local community members including previous students. This has ensured a high standard of knowledge and expertise within the program.

**Dream Me Girls Program**

- Kiara
- Kiante

Drama Workshops. Starting Tuesday the 12th of April and running for 11 weeks with the last class being on Tuesday the 21st of June, 4.15pm - 5.15pm. Normally $18 per class but there is an introductory offer of 50% so just $9 per term. Classes will be held in the Multi Purpose Hall at Gordonvale Primary School. To book or make inquiries please call or email Natalie Taylor 0466074993 natalie@taylormedconfidence.com.au
Senior Secondary News

Introducing our new Chaplain

Hi Everybody!

Allow me to introduce myself: My name is Francesca-Isabella Perez and I have the honour of being the new Chaplain at Gordonvale High School. I will be working together with the fabulous Student Welfare Action Team, to support you in the hard times, and hopefully be able to share in the good ones as well. I'll be here for students to talk to Mondays to Wednesdays, in the room I share with the lovely Youth Health Nurse Cassie, which is located on the top floor of C Block, room C32.

If you would like to book an appointment, just come and see me, or contact Lyndal in G1 to book an appointment and I will be sure to follow up!

How do I log into my learning account?

You need your 10-digit Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and initial password to log into your learning account. This can be found on your Onschool account. Your initial password is your day and month of birth in ddmm format.

For more information, come to B13.

Learning Account Login

LUI: 
Password: 
Need help logging in?
Submit

Introducing our new Chaplain

Has your child been absent?

When your child is absent from school it is important that an explanation is provided as soon as possible. Parents or carers please notify the school by:

- telephone 07 4043 3227 or email the school – admin@gordonvalehigh.eq.edu.au
- signed/dated note sent with the student
- in person to the Deputy Principal’s office or HOD Junior Secondary or HOD Senior Secondary
- Q Parent app

You can find more details about the school Attendance Policy on the school website.

Lions Youth of the Year

Last Thursday night, six talented and impressive senior students from our school were delegates at the Lions Youth of the Year competition. Each student underwent a gruelling thirty minute interview by three adjudicators. Following this, they delivered two impromptu (unprepared) speeches for the duration of two minutes and one five minute prepared speech. Louisa was named the winner of the public speaking for the evening, while our youngest competitor, Year 11 student Charlie Rose was the overall winner. Charlie Rose proudly represented our school at the regional finals and was a very formidable competitor. Our other competitors included Alyssa, Jessica, Sean and Jade and they were also outstanding entrants. The adjudicators repeatedly commended the impressive efforts of the Gordonvale State High School students and they applauded the standard of students’ entry forms, pleasant demeanours and general knowledge.

This year, Team HumBus (Humanities and Business Faculty) members Jessica Williams, Katy Matteo, Jennifer White and Patrice Honnef mentored students and we also welcomed and appreciated the support and assistance of other mentors Callum Troyan and Katherine Hurst. Judy Sturgess also provided public speaking adjudication during some of our rehearsals. Speech topics included: The Changing face of Feminism; Gun Laws; The making of Walt Disney; Domestic Violence Perspectives; Renewable Energy and the story of Holocaust Survivor Lotte Weiss. Our school has a long and impressive association with the Lions Youth of the Year competition. It is open to students in Years 11 and 12 and we would encourage our students to enter again next year.

Disney Dance

On Friday 11th March, we held our first school dance for the year. The Disney Dance! Oh man...a better theme there is not. Students, well the seniors at least, had been talking about their costumes for weeks in the lead up to the dance. With so many amazing Disney characters, how could you choose just one?

Finally the evening came. What a sight the hall was, filled with some of the most memorable characters from film and television history. Mickey, Minnie, Alice in Wonderland, Maleficent, Woody, Aladdin, Pocahontas, Snow White, Elsa...and the list goes on. Even a few of the teachers got in on the act.

On this night, Gordonvale State High truly was the Happiest Place on Earth.