For Sale by Tender

Gordonvale State High School is offering for sale by public tender an Iseki SZ330 Zero-Turn Mower with 60” deck.

A reserved price will exist and will be sold on an ‘as is’ basis. The present condition is fair. Any delivery charges after the purchase are to be borne by the buyer. No warranties are implied or given. The item can be inspected by appointment by phoning the school on 4043 3222. Tenders close at the school office on Friday 3rd March 2017 at 3:00pm. Department of Education reserves the right not to accept the tender.

All tenders to be in a sealed envelope marked ‘Confidential – Offer for Iseki SZ330’ Attention: The Business Services Manager, Gordonvale State High School, PO Box 66, Gordonvale 4865. All tenders are to include the application form which is available on our website: gordonvalleigh.eq.edu.au.
Congratulations to year 10 student Alexia and maths teacher Ms Olivia Lo Schiavo

Alexia has been selected from across Queensland to participate in the STEM Girl Power Camp which will be held in Brisbane from 21-25 March 2017. The camp aims to provide students with experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Alexia will join other Year 10 girls from around Queensland to experience the World Science Festival, meet STEM role models, undertake STEM activities and visit STEM researchers.

Ms Lo Schiavo together with teachers from the Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology will be regional camp leaders, accompanying the year 10 girls to camp and supervising the many STEM activities in which the students will be involved. The camp will be held during the World Science Festival.

Every day counts at school

The Department of Education and Training has a range of free resources to promote the importance of going to school, every day. Research shows that school attendance leads to positive student outcomes, and can help children to build social and emotional skills. The Every day counts campaign, developed with the input of Solid Pathways students, features popular footy players, including Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday and Greg Inglis. Resources include an animation, comic book, dedicated website and online posters of the footy players.

Check out the resources and see if you can spot some of your favourite NRL footy players — visit the Every day counts website (everydaycounts.eq.edu.au).

Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an Administration of Medication Record Sheet from your school’s office. You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.


Our New TUCKSHOP opens

Say goodbye to waiting in the long queues cramped within a narrow undercover corridor. Our new tuckshop has finally opened — what a great way to start the year. Equipped with the latest stainless steel appliances and self-serve format, the new tuckshop allows students quick and easy access to both the hot and cold food display cabinets. Students can select a cold drink on their way through and pay one of the two cashiers on exit. Fast and efficient!

Mrs Julie Wilson, our new convener, who has many years of experience in the food preparation industry, has certainly afforded our students and staff the opportunity to select from a great variety of hot and cold foods. It is really pleasing to hear from so many students and staff members how impressed they are with our new tuckshop.

Term Dates for 2017 and 2018

Term dates for 2017 and 2018 for your information when planning holidays.

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P & C News

The first P&C meeting of 2017 is Monday, 20th February at 6-00pm. The P&C will meet in the Conference Room in the resource centre (library). All continuing and new members are very welcome. This is a great opportunity to network, meet new people and have a say about your school. A small commitment in time and some fresh ideas are all that is required.

Our AGM will be held March 20th. Any questions, please contact Lyndell Brownlee (President) on: pandc@gordonvalehigh.eq.edu.au

Thanking you—P&C Executive

Congratulations Lara

On Wednesday 1st February, Lara Photos in Year 12 was presented with an award after being chosen as Employee of the Month – School Based Trainees for the Cairns Region. She is undertaking a Certificate II in Retail. Lara received her award from Business Development Manager for Australian School Based Traineeships (ASBT) Jeremy Fisher, who travelled from Brisbane for the occasion. Also present was Kylie Ford from Maximum Achievement, which is a training organisation based in Cairns.

Congratulations Lara on attaining such a significant achievement.

Chappy News

Greetings to all you lovely people!

Francesca here, with a new (and improved!) e-mail address… fpere10@eq.edu.au

Although we mourn the passing of the holidays, I am glad to be back and have already had a lovely time catching up with some of you…

To all of you whom I am already well acquainted with, I’m excited to tell you that I have the honour of seeing your fabulous faces 5 days a week this year! Which is epic and I am looking forward to working with you in more depth.

To those whom I have yet to meet, my name is Francesca Perez and I am your resident part time Chaplain/part time VSC (in conjunction and co-labour with Lily Palmer). I work with students that are in need in any area regarding social, emotional, mental and spiritual (on chappy days) health, as well as implementing programs to encourage students in their personal growth and equip them with communication and coping skills, resilience, relationship skills etc.

As is the case with all of the members of our support team, I receive referrals via SWAT as well as students referring themselves. I share an office with our lovely school based youth health nurse Cassie Carter in A block, Room 5 and my extension number is 211.

All the best and I hope you have a fantastic start to this new school year.

English Department News

Welcome from the English Department. We have had many changes in the English/LOTE and Humanities Departments this year and I would like to introduce our 2017 team who are located in D block staffroom (010).

- Ms Janet Van Rijssen – Head of Department – English/LOTE
- Mr Mike Newman – English/ Humanities
- Ms Jodie McKay – English/ Humanities
- Miss Alexia Tofton - English/ Humanities
- Ms Janelle Morris – Japanese/English
- Mr Paul Kennedy – English
- Miss Cody-lee Parsons – English
- Mrs Erica Rusch (formerly Seeger) English/ Humanities/Art
- Miss Amanda Coutts - English/ Humanities/Drama

Our school improvement plan for 2017 is focused on the systematic teaching of reading and writing across all subject areas. The introduction of 70 minute lessons allows adequate time for students to engage in reading, writing, focused literacy activities as well as cover the Australian Curriculum.

Classes have settled into their routines nicely and quality teaching and learning is well underway. Please remind students to return signed SRS forms so they can access textbooks. Every junior student in years 7 to 10, that has returned their signed form, has been issued ‘The Complete Guide to English Usage for Australian Students’ as well as a class novel. These texts will be used in the classroom and at home, so the onus is on the student to be organised and bring the right equipment every lesson. The English and Humanities teachers will be actively using this grammar companion (‘The Complete Guide to English Usage for Australian Students’) to assist with genre writing and grammatical accuracy.

We look forward to a successful year working on improving the outcomes of all students at Gordonvale SHS.
Welcome from the Humanities Department

The Humillus team are excited about the year ahead. We are looking forward to working with students and parents in 2017 to maximise learning for all students. A large majority of the Humillus team also teach English and both subjects share a passion for developing students reading and writing skills. The following humanities teachers are located in F block staffroom: Mr Lyle Frederiksen (Head of Department), Mrs Janine Faulkner, Mr Nathan Haydon, Mrs Katy Matteo, Miss Jennifer White and Mrs Jessica Williams. If you have any questions or concerns staff can be directly contacted via email or on 4043 3258. Located in D block staffroom and contactable on 4043 3264 are the following staff: Miss Amanda Coutts, Mr Paul Kennedy, Ms Jodie McKay, Mr Mike Newman, Miss Tamika Sanderson (Q block), Miss Alexa Toffolo and Ms Andrea Watters (C block).

Having visited several classes over the first two weeks I have been immensely impressed with the enthusiasm that students have returned to school with. Students are actively participating in a range of interesting units across history with year 8s learning about the changes that occurred from the Ancient period to the Middle Ages, while year 9s explore the ingenuity of the Industrial Revolution which has shaped the world we live in today. Year 10s are exploring the significance of World War II and what it means to Australians. Water in the world (there are plenty of water the past week!) is the beginning unit for year 7s while year 8s discover how landscapes and ecosystems are created and year 9s have commenced biomes. A key focus across the humanities is the development of student skills: It is not just a case of recalling a specific event but more about analysing the significance of an event, explain the cause and effect of this event while also considering the reliability of the sources used.

All humanities staff extend a warm welcome to new and returning students. We look forward to a successful year with all students enjoying learning and achieving to the best of their ability.

Mr Lyle Frederiksen
Head of Department—Humanities & Business

Junior Secondary News

Well hello 2017 and all the fresh new Year 7 faces, and of course the returning Junior Secondary students who are now in Year 8 and Year 9. I hope you have had a relaxing and break and are as eager as I am to jump into the new school year.

Speaking of the new school year, hasn’t it been a busy first 2 weeks? On the first day, the freshly-faced Year 7’s and ‘not so small anymore’ Year 9 students attended a formal parade. From here it was off to their new classes and new teachers. It was lovely to see new friendships being made as well, almost immediately. Tuesday then saw Year 9 attend their first day of school for 2017. For the next couple of days saw the all the students across all of the year levels completing the Orientation Program. For many of the students, this was just a kind of reminder of all the rules, processes and expectations of school, however for our new Year 7 students it was all new and at times, a lot to take in and get their head around.

Week 2 started off a bit slower than week one, as all of the students has settled back into school life. The Year 7 students in particular settled in fantastically. Every classroom I went into was silent and students actively engaged in their learning.

On Thursday night, the students had the opportunity to bring their parents and carers along to an informal meet and greet night, which saw the Year 7 students, parents/carers and teachers mingle and chat over a sausage sizzle. The parents/carers were then addressed by Mrs Carr (Principal), Mrs Tomic (Master Teacher) and Mrs Huth (HOD Junior Secondary). The parents/carers were then invited to venture up the stairs to the Year 7 classrooms, where they had the opportunity to experience a snapshot of a Year 7 lesson delivered by the Year 7 teachers. Parents/Carers had the choice of a science experiment, mini Naplan test, or a SOSE lesson. It was a fantastic sight to see students coming down the stairs laughing because they knew answers on the Naplan test that their parent/carer didn’t or the fact that the parents/carers were laughing because their lung capacity was better (they had the bigger balloon). I would like to say a huge thankyou to all of the parents, carers, students and GSHS staff who took the time to attend the evening, and I hope that you enjoyed yourself as much as I did.

Finally, this week students from Year 7-9 were encouraged to nominate themselves to become either a Class Representative, Junior Sports Captain or Junior Social Captain, and become part of the 2017 GSHS Student Leadership Team. Nominations closed on Friday 3rd February, and Junior Leaders will be announced in the coming weeks.

To finish up, I would just like to quickly remind you:

- **IMMUNISATION** – Immunisation forms were hand out to Year 7 students last Wednesday 25th January and are due in by Monday 6th February, with immunisation taking place on 21st February.
- To ‘Like and Follow’ Gordonvale State High School on Facebook to stay up to date with all the up and coming events, and also to ‘Like and Follow’ Gordonvale State High School on Facebook to stay up to date with all the up and coming events, and also
- **TYC Drama Classes for 11yrs**

Classes commence from Saturday 4th February, 2017

Looking for engaging, creative and educational after-school activities? Then come and tread the boards at The Young Company Theatre this semester! Develop confidence, explore your creativity, make new friends and learn the basics of stage performance through improvisation, role-play, scripts, musical theatre and characterisation activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!!

For more information phone 4041 4066, email info@theyoungcompany.com.au or visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au, visit us at 180 Runda St, Cairns City. Classes across the Cairns region.

2017 Season

BROTHERS HOCKEY CLUB
Cairns Park, Darlow Street, Wilsonton GJU

SIGN ON AT MT SHERIDAN SHOPPING CENTRE
SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2017 - 9.00am to 3.00pm
S3 & S4 For Grades 7 - 8 Players 12 to -14 years
S1 & S2 For Grades 9 – 12 Players aged 14 to 18 years
Games Friday Nights 5pm to 8.30pm – Season March to Late August

More Details

**PHYSICAL FITNESS**
For more information on the Physical Fitness component of the program, visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au, or call 4041 3771, or drop into any YC drama class.

More Details

FITTNESS TRAINING Written for beginners to advanced, the program will suit all abilities and fitness levels.

**MUSICAL THEATRE**

School photos were taken Wednesday, 1st February. Students have until Wednesday 8th February to return order forms to the main office. If you wish to order online please go to www.nqsp.com.au and enter shop key TS9CNMY. Any orders placed online before 22nd February will be delivered free of charge to the school. Orders can still be placed throughout the remainder of the year via the website but will be required to pay a delivery fee. Please see website for details.