Welcome back to the 2017 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break spending time with family and friends.

Our students have had a very smooth start to the school year and we are looking forward to welcoming our Prep students on Monday. Prep parents are invited to attend our ‘Tea & Tissues’ morning in the school gym from 9am.

It has been lovely visiting classrooms and seeing the students excited about their learning for 2017.

Our ‘Learning to Learn’ program has begun successfully and is ensuring each classroom establishes clear expectations for learning as well as fostering relationships that are so vital for students at the beginning of the school year. I look forward to seeing parents and families on Tuesday to share in our open afternoon at 2:25pm.

This term our Integrated studies focus across the school is on health. This will include free information sessions from St John Ambulance professional trainers for students in Grades 3-6. The staff have spent time on our curriculum days planning for these units and investigating 21st Century Learning strategies. Please keep an eye out in the foyer over the coming weeks for a full outline of our curriculum for Term 1.

I would like to warmly welcome the following staff members to GPS:

- Erin McKernan
- Meghan Anders
- Chris Paquin-Bowden
- Kim Greenwell

Additionally, the following staff members returning to GPS:

- Tania Pedretti
- Felicity Purcell
- Leisha Jamieson

I would also like to congratulate Lisa Maxwell on being appointed Acting Assistant Principal for Term 1.

FAMILY PICNIC
We are currently in the process of organising our Family Picnic Night for 2017 to be held on the oval. Once we have been advised next week when the oval will be available for use, we will notify families of the date for the Picnic Night.

OVAL
Next Thursday we are meeting with Dan from Earthcraft to see how the oval is going after the summer break. I know that the students are very keen to play on the new grass. As soon as we have any further information about the oval we will let students and families know.

UNIFORM POLICY
Please find a link to our Uniform Policy at Gisborne PS. Staff will be going through this with students this week. Could you please also make yourself familiar with the policy, in particular the footwear and accessory sections.

Please click the following link to access the policy:
WORKING BEE

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who helped on the working bee on the 21st of January, and at other times over the holiday break. The hard work of the volunteers has made a huge difference to our school grounds for the start of the school year. The fairy garden and painted seats have been a huge hit with students (see pictures below).

It is a very exciting year for Gisborne PS with many initiatives in place as we develop of our new strategic plan. I look forward to working with the community throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time via phone or email or pop into the office for a chat.

Brea Terris
Acting Principal

HOUSE SWIMMING - District Trials

Notices for the House Swimming—District Trials need to be returned with payment, NO LATER THAN Friday 10th FEB for students to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS. This carnival is NOT a compulsory event, it is the selection trials for the District swimming event and is only for students who can competently swim 50 metres.

PLEASE NOTE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN AT THIS EVENT.

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family financial statements will be sent home this Monday – please check your child’s bag to ensure you receive it. Payments for your subject contributions and class materials can be made via BPAY, cash or EFTPOS. Your BPAY details can be found at the bottom of your statement.

We understand that this time of the year is difficult for some families so, as in the past, you are able to set up a payment plan to make regular smaller payments towards the school costs for your child.

Should you have any questions regarding your statement please ring or call into the office and see Jenny.
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary students.

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Applications need to be lodged at school by 28th February 2017.
(Please bring your concession card when submitting your application.)

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Payments can be made via BPAY (please refer to your Family Statement for your BPAY details), EFTPOS/Credit card for amounts over $10.00, or cash.

Any money brought to school should be enclosed in a sealed envelope with student’s name, grade, amount enclosed and purpose (e.g. zoo excursion) clearly indicated on the envelope.

The appropriate permission notice should also be returned at the same time by the due date.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Any parents wishing to purchase second hand uniform are welcome to see Jane Davies in the canteen anytime on a Wednesday or Friday (Items will be sold for a few dollars each, come and grab a bargain (subject to availability)!

Thank you to families who have donated items for sale, they are greatly appreciated.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

To ensure the safety of all students, families and the general community, please adhere to parking rules around the school. This includes:

- NO vehicles are to park in the bus loop on Brantome Street during school hours;
- NO parking on nature strips, in or across driveways, or within 9 metres of intersections (particularly the Prince St/Fisher St intersection)
- Observing speed limits & disabled parking signs.

Thank you for your cooperation.
I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Gisborne Primary School’s Parents and Friends Association, to send a warm welcome to all our new students and their families. We hope that your children are settling in well and enjoying their first few days of primary school.

The PFA plays a significant role in our school through its fundraising activities, its support of school events and the opportunity for you, as parents, to be part of a vibrant and motivated school community that will benefit your children throughout their primary school years. Our active PFA is able to provide our kids with many resources, equipment and activities, enriching their school experience.

As a member of the PFA you can donate as little or as much of your time as you can. If you’re able to assist with organising activities, events or social outings, that’s great, or you may only be able to attend our monthly meetings where you can join in discussions, meet other parents and enjoy a cuppa! Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the staff room right after assembly. They are relaxed and informal and children are most welcome!

If you’d like to know more, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0417 562 471 or email gisborneprimarypfa@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,
Jill Doyle—PFA President

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

This year we will be introducing the QKR! App for ordering and payment for canteen lunches. Keep your eye on this space for further information.

Our school canteen will be open Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch orders and the sale of snacks at morning recess and lunchtime. A canteen price list is available on the school website.

♦ Please ensure you have updated your child’s 2017 grade on their lunch wallet!
♦ Please try to include the right money
♦ No foreign coins please

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**HELP REQUIRED!!**

Can you spare some time to help in the school Canteen? Morning tea and a free bread card, generously donated by Gisborne Bakers Delight, is given to all helpers.

*If you are able to help please contact the school office.*

Please note: If we are unable to find any volunteers, the canteen will be unable to provide over the counter sales.
Happy Birthday!! to the following students who have celebrated their birthday already this year:

Ruby C—3B    Harvey F—PC    Flynn J—PB    Abbi K—4C
Shane C—6B    Zoe O—3A      Darcy F—6B    Eden S—2C
Ruby F—3B     Libby G—3B     Ashleigh C—4B  Finn T—1C
William L—4A  Finn M—4A     Harri T—4C    Jaxon N—2A
Bradley D—6A  Chloe B—3A     Alana D—1B    Gurleen S—2C
Tom C—1C      Adam H—2A     Lincoln D—2C  Ava B—3A
Shannon T—4B  Caleb W—6A    Nathan G—5A    Cooper M—3A
Lizandrie S—6A Sarah M—PA    Jessica I—6A    Remy C—6B
Olivia W—1A   Kade A—5B     Benjamin T—5A  Joshua D—6A
Teagan S—3A   Chelsea C—5A   Sarah B—6A     Lily W—4B
Nate K—5A     Piper S—6B

And Happy Birthday!! to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Joshua A—1A   Georgia F—6B   Max B—1A     Harmony F—5B

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**2017 TERM DATES**

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**Order Uniform ONLINE through Beleza**

[Click here](#)

Or visit 42C Aitken Street
Gisborne

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**Bell Times**

8:50am Warning Bell
8:55am Class Bell
10:55 - 11.25am Recess
1:25pm Eat lunch inside
1:40-2:25pm Lunch
3:25pm Dismissal
We are a tiqbiz school

See our news, messages, events and other communications.
Simply use the tiqbiz app on your phone, tablet or computer.

Student Banking will commence next Wednesday 8th February.

Phone and tablet: Search tiqbiz in your app store.

Computer: See the web version of tiqbiz. Go to web.tiqbiz.com then register/log-in
deliver your message tiqbiz.com.au

Rebels Netball Club
Registration and Uniform Morning
Saturday 4th of February
from 9-10am in the Gisborne Primary School gym.
If you haven’t already registered online or you need uniform, please pop down
to be involved in the 2017 season.

ART SMOCKS For Sale

Art Smocks by Smart Stuff can be ordered from the Gisborne PS office at a discounted price, only $24.00 each.

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