This year we have implemented a different leadership structure at Gisborne Primary School. Each week there will be an article in the newsletter from one of our teaching and learning coaches.

Along with my role as Acting Assistant Principal I am also the Wellbeing Coach for 2017. In Wellbeing, along with the smooth transition to the start of the year, the prep students have met their buddy where they shared information about each other and enjoyed eating lunch together. Buddy sessions will occur regularly throughout the term with students participating in different activities together.

Students have been participating in Mindfulness activities within the classroom. Research shows that Mindfulness assists with the management of pain and stress, helps build resilience and compassion, improves focus in the classroom and helps with creativity and collaboration. Teachers will continue to incorporate Mindfulness activities in their classroom routines.

Positive Play awards will continue this year under a slightly different format. Staff will be identifying students who display behaviors that are important to Gisborne Primary School, and each week these students will have their photos displayed on the TV in the office foyer and their name in the newsletter. However, this year, we will be aligning this with our school Houses.

Thank you for the wonderful support from families.

Regards,

Lisa Maxwell—Acting Assistant Principal
HEAD LICE
It has come to our attention that recently there have been several cases of head lice in the school. Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Gisborne Primary School. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!.

We seek your co-operation in checking your child’s hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child’s hair.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child’s hair you need to inform the school and advise when the treatment has started, and also inform parents or carers of your child’s friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

ALL EGGS MUST BE REMOVED TO AVOID REINFECTION!!

Conditioner stuns head lice! The stunning effect seems to last about 20 minutes. After this time most lice are active again. Use conditioner on hair to increase the rate of detection. Applying conditioner to dry hair is best, but it will also work on wet hair. Older kids can even use the conditioner and nit comb technique in the shower as part of their normal hair care. If they do this at least once a week, newly invaded lice will be detected and removed before they have time to lay many eggs. Re-infection will then be controlled.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

School councils are comprised of parents, school principal, staff and often community members. School council elections are held in February or March each year. All parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to vote for parent members, and staff vote for staff members. Community members are co-opted by the School Council.

- Three vacancies exist in the Parent category of School Council Membership;
- One vacancy exists for Community member category (PFA Representative)
- One Staff vacancy exists, for which staff will elect a representative in due course.

A parent notice and nomination/self nomination forms can be accessed on the school website via the following link: http://www.gisborneps.vic.edu.au/school-council.html. Nomination forms are also available from the school office.

We encourage those parents who are interested to discuss any questions regarding School Council with Acting Principal Brea Terris, Acting Assistant Principal Lisa Maxwell, or other current School Council members.

Nominations will be accepted from Monday 13th February and will close at 4pm on Monday 20th February 2017 for the Parent category of the Gisborne Primary School Council.

Due to safety concerns, we ask parents not to bring dogs onto our school grounds.
If a dog is walked to school, it needs to be restrained well away from entrance gates.
We appreciate your co-operation.
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.

- PARTY PIES HAVE INCREASED TO $1.50
- 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

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to our ‘Student of the Week’ award winners!

Joshua A—1A  
James P—2B  
Luke J—3B  
Jaike B—5B  
Eleanor K—6C  

Archie A—1B  
Vaughan B—2C  
Kyrah G—4B  
Jordan B—5C  

Jack T—1C  
Ava B—3A  
Lucca M—4C  
Cienna S—6A  

Robbie V—2A  
Ella D—3A  
Tyler M—5A  
Chloe F—6B

**CANTEEN NEWS**

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**Canteen Roster**

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**PAYMENTS & FORMS DUE**

- Choir Participation Note—Gr 3-6
- Grade 5 & 6 iPad Apps Agreements
- Grade 5 & 6 iPad Program—Parent Information Evening RSVP
- Grade 5 & 6 Somers Camp
- Subject Contributions & Class Materials (Fees)

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PFA SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club forms were sent home to families this week. Ordering needs to be completed online by 9:00am Friday 24th February via the following link: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

We hope you enjoy developing your children’s home library whilst supporting our school (20% of all sales from Book Club goes to Gisborne Primary School).

Just a reminder that book orders will be sent home with students in plastic bags. If any orders are gifts and should not be sent home with students, parents may contact the office to advise the PFA and make arrangements for collection.

GPS BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday!! to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week 12th—18th February:

Cody K—2B
Lorelei S—PC
Archie M—2A
Lawson S—2C
Jett O—1A
Baden D—5C
Lali R—5C
Holly V—3B
Ruby D—PC
Montana P—6B
Campbell M—1C
With the school oval unavailable, students may like to participate in some of the following lunchtime activities:

### Lunchtime Activities – Term 1

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**2017 TERM DATES**
- Term 1: 1 Feb—31 Mar
- Term 2: 18 Apr—30 Jun
- Term 3: 17 Jul—22 Sep
- Term 4: 9 Oct—22 Dec

**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

**Order Uniform ONLINE through Beleza**
- Click here
- Or visit 42C Aitken Street, Gisborne
Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy are having a movie night on Monday, February 20th to see “Hidden Figures” at Readings Cinema Sunbury, 6.30pm. Cost $20.00 includes Supper.

Tickets are available from Snapshot Photos, Shop 18 Gisborne Village Shopping Centre or you can call Bronwyn on 0417028605.

Hope you can come and support us. Thank you.

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WED 15 MARCH

6:30PM

SPECIAL SCREENING!

Autism. I’m sure you’ve heard of it. Maybe you even know a little bit about it. But I’m almost certain you’ve never seen anything as mind blowing as this...

This documentary profiles an autistic young man who learned how to communicate with others and understand the world around him by repeatedly watching Disney movies and using them to make sense of the ‘real world’.

It’s the story of an AMAZING family.

It’s about communication.

It’s about perseverance.

It’s about trying to understand things which are foreign to us.

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1 IN 100 AUSTRALIANS ARE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM.

Do you know 100 people? Then the chances are that you know someone with Autism.