**SEPTMBER**

**Friday 4th**
- Concert ticket sales end.
- Prep 5/6 Final Puberty Session

**Monday 7th**
- Sporting Schools (basketball)

**Wednesday 9th**
- 5/6’s Science Expo
- Grade 4 Girl’s and Mum’s Puberty Session 4:30pm
- Sporting Schools (soccer)

**Thursday 10th – Friday 11th**
- Schools Spectacular Rehearsals (Melb)

**Saturday 12th**
- Grade 5s Visit to Western Heights
- Just Brass Concert 5pm

**Monday 14th**
- Regional Athletics
- School Concert (GPAC) 7:30pm

**Tuesday 15th**
- JSC Super Hero’s Day
- End of Term 3 (2:30pm dismissal)

**Wednesday 16th – Thursday 17th**
- Alpha Mobile Dentist Van here.

**Friday 18th**
- Prep-4 Swimming Program
- A final reminder that the deadline/cut off for enrolling in the Prep-4 Intensive Program is tomorrow **Friday 4th September**.

As the program runs over the first (2) weeks of term 4 (October 5th to 16th) we need to submit final numbers to the centre so groups can be established, instructors engaged etc.

Participating students will go to the Geelong Aquatic Centre (3 Bridge Street Newtown) in two groups.

**Group 1:** (PREP B/ 1S/ 2M/ 3/4BC)
- Depart school at 11:45am
- In water 12:10 - 12:40pm
- Back at school 1:10pm

**Group 2:** (PREP G/ J2H/ 3/4C/ 3/4O)
- Depart school at 12:15pm
- In water 12:40pm - 1:10pm
- Back at school at 1:40pm

**Please not the following:**
- Participating students require their bathers, towel, swimming cap and goggles each day in a separate swimming bag.
- Swimming caps must be worn for each session. They can be purchased at the pool at the cost of $3.50. Goggles may also be purchased at the pool with prices ranging from $9 to $20.
- Students will eat either at recess of on their return to school.
- Students will be placed in initial ability groupings which are reviewed by the instructor each day.
- Parents are encouraged to drop into the Aquatic Centre over the (10) days of the program to see it in action.
- The main emphasis of the program is to develop water confidence, water safety skills and basic swimming strokes.
- Non participants will be supervised at school during swimming time.

**OCTOBER**

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**You Can Do It**

Danny Kelly, Principal

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**Final Call for Concert Tickets**

Parents are reminded that you have until **3:45pm tomorrow Friday 4th September 2015** to order your tickets from the office for the 2015 School Concert titled “Ironic Bands” that will take place at GPAC 7pm to 8:30pm on **Tuesday 15th September**.

Parents can collect their ordered tickets from the office on **Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th or Friday 11th September 2015**.

**STAFFING**

I will be on Long Service Leave for the last (2) weeks of term 3 (07/09 to 18/09/2015). Mrs Anderson will be in charge for this period with Miss Buxton assisting in the office. Miss Donnan will be taking Prep B for this period.

Mr Callaghan will be on Long Service Leave the last week of term 3 with Mr Tantau taking Prep 3/4C for this period.

**GRADE 4 GIRLS INTRODUCTION TO PUBERTY SESSION**

A reminder to all grade 4 girls and mums that a session is scheduled for next **Wednesday 9th September 4:30pm to 5:30pm** in the Library with health educator Liz Worpel.

**GRADE 5/6 SCIENCE EXPO**

Our grade 5/6 students and staff are very busy getting ready for their “Science Expo” to be staged next **Wednesday 9th September in the Jeff Walker Hall between 11:30am and 1pm**.

- It will be a combination of information and live experiments in the areas of physics, chemistry and biology.
- Parents and community members most welcome to visit the expo.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thanks to all the families who have already settled their 2015 commitments.

As the end of term 3 approaches the payment of any outstanding fees would be appreciated ASAP.

Please see Karen at the office if you are unsure of your status.

**REGIONAL ATHLETICS SPORTS**

We will have a squad of (13) students that will represent the school in the Regional Athletics Sports to be conducted at Goldsworthy Reserve next **Tuesday 15th September**.
Butterfly Garden

Our new Butterfly Garden is taking shape behind the old shed/canteen.

Our aim is to create a habitat that is attractive to butterflies so they will come and pay us a visit!

To create a butterfly habitat we have planted colourful, flowering plants such as buddleia, daisies, sweet bursaria, salvias and citrus trees. These plants should provide an irresistible **nectar haven** for the butterflies. We also have planted **host plants** such as native grasses and paper daisies. Butterflies like to lay their eggs on these plants and they also provide good food for the caterpillars.

We will be very happy if we are able to attract some native butterflies such as The Common Brown (which isn’t so common these days), blue butterflies and the Monarch Butterfly.

There has been a very hardworking crew of children shifting soil for the new garden. (Our apologies for those dirty school uniforms!).

On Wednesday the Garden Club completed most of the planting.

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Superhero Day

**HELP FIGHT FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND A CURE FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**

**Friday 17th September**

**Dress up as your favourite superhero!**

**Bring a gold coin donation.**

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Bell Park Cricket Club 2015-16 Junior Program

Bell Park is looking for players at under 11, 13, 15 levels. Registration is $50 and includes a playing shirt and a hat.

The club will also run the Milo program for children aged 5-9. Registration is $80

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT:** Monday, September 7, 5pm at Hamlyn Park, Calvert St at the clubrooms

**Contact:** President Rod Brown 0409 211 308 or email: rbrown@gordontafe.edu.au