Dear Parents

Moderation Matters
This week, our teachers and staff from Keithcot Farm Primary School were involved in professional learning in Moderation. This training was facilitated by our Australian Curriculum consultant, Kate Beeson. Teachers collected samples of student work in Maths during the past two terms and brought these along as a portfolio of evidence. They worked together in small groups to make consistent judgements in grading this work, according to the Achievement Standard in the appropriate year level. Our specialist teachers followed the same process in their specific curriculum area. This process fosters discussions between teachers and allows them to gain a consistent understanding of expectations of each level of achievement.

Buddy bench
Our buddy bench has been installed outside the library. This initiative was introduced by the School Captains. It is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. The buddy bench provides a space for children to go to when they would like someone to play with. Other children will see someone sitting on the bench and can offer for them to join in their game. So far we have seen the happy faces of children who have been included in games and making new friends. Let’s spread the message of inclusion and kindness!

Kind regards,
Teresa Grandison
Kelly’s News

How do you feel when you have to speak to someone about a potentially tricky situation? Some of us feel a little seed of anger growing inside of us and sometimes it erupts into a full-blown meltdown. Others get a sinking feeling in our stomachs and our nerves get the better of us – we end up sweaty and apologetic. It can be hard to negotiate both our own feelings and the reactions of the other person. These are our instinctive “fight or flight” responses that can save our lives in extreme situations but aren’t always helpful in facing everyday problems.

Often I speak with children about assertiveness and we explore what it is and what it isn’t. We use pictures of a worried mouse, angry bull and wise owl to help us imagine the different responses we can have when we need to speak up for ourselves. The worried mouse is the passive response, just wanting to run away and hide and taking blame when the problem is not our fault. The angry bull is the aggressive response, blowing up and getting angry at the wave of any red flag without stopping to put things into perspective. The wise owl is the assertive response, taking time to think about the problem from all sides, standing up for one’s self in a calm and polite way. We all agree that we would like to be the wise owl every time but that can be easier said than done. Thankfully, the way we react and respond to problems is something we can practice and get better at. Spending time each day doing deep breathing exercises helps us slow down and think when the chips are down rather than giving in to immediate anger. This breathing combined with giving ourselves regular affirmations can work to calm our nerves and give us the strength we need to do something difficult. Reminding ourselves and our children to always be brave and kind no matter what the situation will help us all grow us into wise owls.

Kelly Johnston
Pastoral Support Worker

SAPSASA Soccer Carnival – Friday 13th May

Despite Friday the 13th bringing bad luck to some, our boys and girls soccer team put that to the back of their minds and got on with the job of trying to win soccer matches against other local schools. Throughout the carnival all the students displayed great sportsmanship towards their competitors and they cheered each other on in a positive manner. The boys did superbly well, defeating Ardtornish, Redwood Park and The Heights. They worked incredibly as a team and some terrific goals were scored, one to mention is the superb penalty that our Goal Keeper Jamie Sumpter scored in the final match. The boys secured second place in the Carnival, a great achievement. The girls played well for the first time as a team at the Carnival and some of our team had never played soccer before. Some amazing saves from the opposition goal keepers kept out some wonderful shots from our strikers.

All the staff and students at Golden Grove Primary School are very proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the parents who attended such a super day to support our students. A big thank-you must also go to Kelly Johnston and Bruce Pearce.

Also, congratulations to James White, Harry Jones, Lachlan Hale and Calum Campbell on being selected to represent the District of TTG in the State Soccer Carnival during week 8.
**e-Safety Information for Parents**

An essential part of educating our children about safe use of the Internet and social media is having the information ourselves. The Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner has a great website that has links to lots of information for parents. Go to the iParent link and find out more about social media, games and apps. It's worth the visit. [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

If you’re looking for a way of monitoring device and internet use for children, take a look at [www.OurPact.com](http://www.OurPact.com). OurPact is an app as well as a web based product that is free and allows you to control access to phones, iPods, iPads, tablets etc. Times can be set when access is scheduled or blocked and this can be overridden from the parent controls. An update was released just this week responding to feedback so it moves with the needs of the users. Looks like a great way to ensure there are definite “non-screen” times which can be controlled in a simple way, even remotely.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information on this topic and other school news.

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**5c challenge**

Our major fundraising this year will be the 5c challenge. All you need to do is bring in as many 5c pieces as you can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the seats in the lounge etc. (with parents/caregivers permission of course!)

The class with the most amount of 5c pieces at the end of the time frame wins a class party from the canteen. The second highest class will win an ice block each.

We will begin collecting coins from the beginning of Term 3 for 4 weeks. Please put them in the 5c challenge jar in your child’s classroom. A flyer will come home later in the term.

Thankyou,

Fundraising Committee
National Simultaneous Storytime saw students all over Australia listening to “I Got This Hat” by Jol and Kate Temple. HB9 and HB10 made some great hats for homework. An energetic way to finish off was with a whole school hat dance led by our school captains in HB22.

We thank our library monitors for all their hard work and know they enjoyed choosing new books for the library this term.
Japanese Quiz Day

On the 30th of May, a group of eleven students from Years 6 and 7 went to the Education Development Centre to participate in the annual Japanese Quiz Day. This is organised by the Japanese Language Teachers Association and we were among a number of other primary schools from all over South Australia. Unlike the Hiragana Competition that our school has attended previously, this quiz tests students on broader skills and knowledge of Japanese vocabulary and expression, grammar, geography, traditional culture and even pop culture! The students also were tested on Hiragana and Kanji (another type of Japanese writing). Our students were divided into 5 teams and spread across multiple tables with students from other schools they had never met before. They worked for a solid two hours reading, listening, speaking, translating and answering the questions at hand. At the end of an exhausting morning, two of the teams that our students were members of won 1st and 3rd place. The quiz day showed that not only do our students have an excellent aptitude for Japanese, but I was very impressed to see them collaborate so well with students from other schools. Well done Sophie K, Oscar, Jade, Daniel, Ky, Jamee, Kayla, Dkota, Dylan, Sophie W and Angelina for sharing their skills and knowledge of Japanese language and I am confident that they learnt a lot from this event.

Huong Sensei.
Golden Grove Primary School
Award Winners
This weeks awards were given for demonstrating Trust