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24 April 2024

From the Principal



Welcome back to the start of the new school term!

We have had a wonderful start to the term so far, with all students and classes in all year levels, settled and ready for learning.

Following the retirement of Mr Perkins last term, and me stepping up to fill his shoes as Principal in Terms 2 & 3 - until Mrs Freier commences in Term 4, I'd like to officially welcome Mr Chris Lees to the position of Deputy Principal. I have no doubt that the staff, students and community of GSS will make Mr Lees feel welcomed and supported over the coming weeks.

This week we will commemorate ANZAC Day by conducting our school's ANZAC Parade on Wednesday the 24th of April, and participating in the community march

at the Cenotaph in Norman Park on Thursday the 25th – please see details of both ceremonies included below.

We invite all parents and carers along to our school parade, and all students to march with us and attend the community service.

At both services we will hear, and share some powerful messages about how we can live the ANZAC spirit and honour the memories of all those who've fallen or sacrificed to make our lives better.



We have a busy term ahead, with the following events and key dates already locked in;

- **School ANZAC Day Parade** – Week 2 – Wednesday 24th April

- **ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY & Gordonvale Community March & Parade** – Week 2 – Thursday 25th April
- **P&C Mother’s Day Stall**
Week 3 - Friday 3rd May (for Yr 6 students ONLY as they will be away the following week on camp)
Week 4 – Thursday 9th & Friday 10th May (Prep – Year 5)
- **MAY DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Monday 6th May
- **Walk Safely to School Day** – Week 5 - Friday 17th May
- **PIZZA DAY** – Week 6 - Tuesday 21st May
- **National Simultaneous Storytime** – Week 6 – Wednesday 22nd May
- **SPORTS DAY(s)** – Week 10
Wednesday 19th June (Senior Students @ Johnston Park) &
Thursday 20th June (P-6 @ GSS Oval)

Please continue to check our school Facebook page, and subsequent SCHOME editions for more information, and to keep updated around these, and any other exciting events!

I look forward to another great term of working with all of our staff, students and parents as we continue to work together to **Grow, Strive, Succeed!**

Regards

Ms Jen Maher, Principal

Deputy’s Desk



Dear Gordonvale SS Parents and Carers,

A short note to introduce myself to those who haven’t met me yet. My name is Chris Lees and I will be Acting Deputy Principal at Gordonvale SS for Terms 2 and 3 while Ms Maher is Acting Principal.

I have been an educator for 28 years now and have worked at many schools in many different capacities from Bamaga in the north to Brisbane in the south. My previous position was

at Tolga SS on the Atherton Tablelands where I was Acting Deputy Principal for 16 months and Acting Principal for 8 months.

As Deputy here, my portfolio is to manage the Year4-6 cohort but as most of you will know, the Gordonvale way is very much team based, so I envisage having many opportunities to interact with students across all year levels in many different capacities. Already I have witnessed the high calibre of Gordonvale SS staff and students in my classroom walkthroughs and I look forward to having productive conversations with you as parents about how we can improve student outcomes as the year progresses.

Please feel free to say hi or stop in for a chat if there is anything you think I can help you or your children with. My door is always open!

Kind regards

Mr Chris Lees, Deputy Principal

P&C News

Upcoming Events

9/10 May, Mothers’ Day stall. Sarah D’Arcy has agreed to convene the stall. If you’d like to help with this stall, please let Rebecca Ryan know.

We would be extremely grateful for support of home-made goods along with any donations of items to be sold at the stall. If there is anything you could assist with for our Mother’s Day stall, we would be greatly appreciative. All your donations can be dropped at the tuckshop or school office. Thank You to our lovely parents that have donated already.

A flyer will be sent home with children this week which will contain more information.

As year 6 students will be away on school camp on the 9th and 10th, they will have the option of purchasing gifts for their parent / caregiver on Monday 3rd May

14th June, DISCO. We’ll be looking for helpers in the tuckshop and on the door for entry. Put it in your diary so your children don’t miss out.

28/29 August, Fathers' Day Stall. If you'd like to coordinate this stall or help out, please let Rebecca know.

18 October, Obstathon. We'll definitely need helpers on the day to set up, pack down and to man the stations around the course. We'd love your help.

Regards

Rebecca Ryan, P&C President

Admin News

Early Arrivals

At Gordonvale State School our classes commence at 8.50am with the administration office not open until 8.00am every morning.

Children are not supervised at school prior to 8.00am and then it is in the undercover / tuckshop area.

If your child needs to be at school prior to this time please enrol them at Before School Care.

Administration Staff are not permitted to supervise children in the school office.

Student Messages

We would like to advise parents of the procedure for passing messages along to children regarding change of plans for going home.

As we endeavour to get messages through at the last minute, we cannot always guarantee that we can. If you should need to change your student's daily routine, please advise the school office prior to 2nd lunch break (1PM) so that we can get the message through to your child prior to the end of the day. Our office can be quite hectic in the afternoon and last-minute changes to going home phone calls can be very hard to get to your child if they are not in their classroom.

Kind regards,

Carolyn McCallum & Liz Morellini, Administration

Community

Outside School Hours / Vacation Care

Are you looking for outside of school hours care for your children? PCYC operate our OSHC program from the Multi-Purpose Hall in the centre of our school. If all available spaces are filled, you are encouraged to add your children to the waiting list. This doesn't prevent you from trying for a spot in another service, but if you don't register, the wait list won't grow and we can't increase the staffing. When sufficient children are registered on the list, PCYC can adjust staffing to provide more spaces. It's simple to enrol using your phone and an app. Instructions for how to enrol are included in the flyer below.

Enrol now

[Click here to download the Enrol OSHC flyer](#)

[Click here to download the How to enrol at PCYC flyer](#)

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Student Awards



At Gordonvale State School we have an existing reward and recognition system that acknowledges excellent behaviour and highlights the school's values. The process for obtaining these awards will not change. What is changing are the names of some.

Bronze, Silver and Gold will remain the same. However, AA will be replaced with Diamond and AAA replaced by Platinum.

Students that obtain a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond will receive a certificate and a ribbon at a full school parade. Students that obtain Platinum status will be rewarded with a certificate and a badge.

By obtaining Diamond, students in Years 4 and 5 can nominate for House Vice Captain or House Captain. Those students that obtain Platinum can nominate for School captain.

All students are encouraged to work towards this rewards

program and are supported by the staff and wider community.

Kind regards

Mr Kendall Ryff; Student Engagement Teacher

School Watch



Five Citizens

Our school vision is centred on creating active and informed citizens for the 21st century. Our vision identifies five key areas for building the citizenship skill of our students. Informed, Creative, Eco, Democratic and Healthy.

Healthy

League Stars Program

LEAGUESTARS.COM

The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS
LEAGUESTARS.COM

WHEN: 14/5/2024 - 18/6/2024
TIME: Tuesday 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm
LENGTH: 6 sessions
AGE: 5-12 Years
COST: \$79

WHERE:
28 George Street
Gordonvale State School
Gordonvale
Far North Queensland

YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:
Tyson Phineasa
tphineasa@nrfl.com.au
0458196449

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HPE



From the MCG (My Classroom & Grounds)

Term 2 has commenced, and with it the excitement of more sport. The term will culminate with our annual Athletics Carnival, held over three days at the end of term. On Friday

14th June the Discus will be held for students who nominate for that sport. It will be held on the "Triangle" fields near the racecourse stables. Then, on Wednesday 19th June, all Year 4, 5 and 6 students – as well as the 2015 born Year 3 students – will walk over to nearby Johnson Park to participate in the 800m, 200m and Long Jump. Again, students who nominate for these events will participate, whilst other students get to watch events. The carnival finishes on Thursday 20th June here at the school where we run the 100m races (ALL students to participate in this – no nominations), High Jump, Shot Put and relay races.

The nomination process commences in Week 4 this term when all students from the 2015 born Year 3 students through to Year 6 will receive a form which lists events. If a student wishes to participate, they will tick the box. This will be done in class time with class teachers to assist.

Most of the district selection trials for sports were done in Term 1, but there will be a few more announced and run in Term 2. These will be offered to students as they become available.

In HPE classes this term, the Year 3, 5 and 6 students will focus on learning the events for the Athletics carnival. Year 4 will be doing Tennis (they did Athletics in Term 1). Classes from Prep to Year 2 will all be focusing on different levels of skill around ball control – catching, throwing, dribbling and kicking.

Music

In recent years, great musicians have supported our students with kind words of encouragement. We have had people like Bev Bevan (ELO, Black Sabbath, Quill), Chris de Burgh, David Paton (Pilot, Kate Bush, The Alan Parsons Project), Lenny Zakatek (The Alan Parsons Project, Gonzales) and Iain Hornal (10CC, ELO) sent our students personal messages about what they did to reach their level of musical ability and giving useful advice about what it takes to be good musicians in future. We have also had Shane Howard from Australian band Goanna and Hollywood composer Hans Zimmer (The Lion King, The Dark Knight, Pirates of The Caribbean) endorse our music by giving written permission to use their material.

The saxophone player for English band Supertramp (Breakfast in America, Crime of The Century) is the latest to support our kids. Last week he sent this message:

“If you learn to play a musical instrument at any level, you will be enriching your life, and enriching the lives of the people who will listen to you. It’s a win-win situation with no downside. My advice: practice, practice, practice, and learn ALL the scales on your instrument.”

This year, the Strings and Woodwind lessons continue with Mr Perger and Mr Hodgetts. Also, our school rock band “Project 2 Live” are deep in rehearsals for their “FLEETWOOD MAC” concert to be held after school on Friday 29th

November. Like The Beatles show in 2022, all songs are being learned from scratch with a group of adult mentors to bring the show to life alongside the students.

It is exciting to be a part of this school’s music programs, but even more exciting when international musicians of high standing recognise our kids – all the way across the world from most of them – and help them on their respective musical journeys.

(John Helliwell - middle – with Supertramp)



Regards

Mr Hull, HPE Teacher

Religion

Catholic Sacramental Program 2024

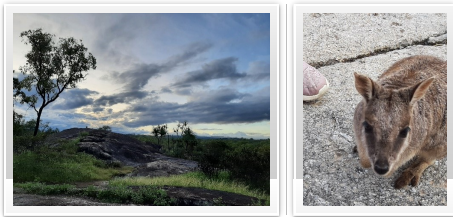
St Michaels Catholic Parish Gordonvale will be running their 2024 Sacramental Program beginning with the Reconciliation Program 28th April with Sacrament of Reconciliation held on Tuesday 21st May and then the Confirmation / Communion Program will commence on the 2nd June with Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion being held on the 1st September.

To book your child please refer to the attached flyer.

[Click here to download the Sacramental Program Pamphlet](#)

Chappy Update

How wonderful it is to be back at school after having time off to rest and refresh. I didn't do a great deal on the holidays, only went away camping for a few days to Granite Gorge which is always great getting to feed the rock wallabies, holding all the reptiles, (I'm not so sure I like snakes but my granddaughter loves them,) swimming and just enjoying nature. Here is a couple of pictures I took while there.



It has been good to connect with students during lunch times. They really love to play with the Kinetic Sand as well as Uno. Music is always popular as they do different activities and it is a good opportunity for me to hear how their holidays were.



I have been busy following up paper work for Relationships Australia who will be running their Poppers/Popstars program this term here are school. See flyer attached for more details and let me know if you would like your child/ren to be a part of this beneficial program.

[Click here to download the POPPERS and POPSTARS brochure](#)

Coming up this Term is the annual Chaplaincy Fundraiser Cycle for Hope on the 1st June, this follows Chappy Week where I will be holding my usual games and Crazy

Sock or Hair Fundraiser and lunch games. Stay tuned for this. This year I have a few riders riding for Gordonvale Chaplaincy one of whom is Andrew Richardson if you would like to donate you can head to the Cycle For Hope Website <https://cycleforhope.org.au/> or Andrews page [Andrew Cycle For Hope](#)

Bringing up Great Kids

There is still time to register for our upcoming program, 'Bringing Up Great Kids,' aimed at providing valuable support and insights for parents.

About the Program: "Bringing Up Great Kids" is designed to support parents in various aspects of their parenting journey. This program provides valuable insights and practical strategies to help parents:

- Understand the origins of their parenting styles and make them more effective.
- Identify important messages they want to convey to their children and learn how to achieve this effectively.
- Gain insight into brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings, and behaviour.
- Understand the meaning behind their child's behaviour and learn effective ways to respond.
- Overcome obstacles that may hinder them from being the parents they aspire to be.
- Discover self-care strategies and find support when needed.

Dates and Details: The "Bringing Up Great Kids" program will span four weeks, offering a comprehensive exploration of evidence-based parenting techniques and principles.

- **Title:** Bringing Up Great Kids
- **Date:** Wednesday 1st May - 22nd May (inclusive)
- **Time:** 9:30am - 12:30pm
- **Location:** Hambleton House, 177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton
- **Cost:** Free
- **Spaces Available:** Limited

How to Register: There are still spaces available for this event. If you are interested in attending, we encourage you to reserve your spot as soon as possible. You can book online at innatetherapies.com/events-with-innate-therapies/

or by phone at 0414 480 934.

Spread the Word: We encourage you to spread the word about this valuable program to friends, family, and colleagues who may benefit from it. Together, we can create a supportive community dedicated to nurturing strong and healthy relationships with our children.

"Bringing Up Great Kids" and "Raising Children Who Have Experienced Trauma" are proudly funded by Mission Australia/Communities for Children.

*Kind Regards,
Chappy Wendy*

News from the Library

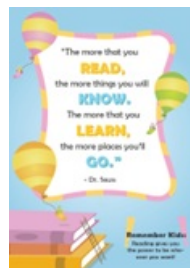
Welcome back. We hope you had a great break and are ready to get back into the swing of school.

Did you find any outstanding loans? Remember you may only borrow 1 book from the library at a time at the moment.



Have you visited the library and seen the new set up? This is a work in progress and will probably take all year to complete. Let me know what you think.

There are some new games for lunchtime activities. I am also waiting for some new books to arrive.



With the popularity of the "Wings of Fire" graphic books, I have to implement a new procedure. There are request forms (golden) on the shelf behind the computers and with the game boxes. These need to be completed and a copy of the book will be reserved for you. The green request forms are for any other book request.

*Happy Reading,
Mrs Curcuruto*

On the Buses

Kinetic School Bus Travel



New ticketing solutions for school travel

Kinetic will be rolling out a new ticketing solution throughout the second term of 2024. You will receive a new smartcard at school in term 2. If you are required to pay a fare the new ticketing system will allow for online top up providing a convenient way for you to keep track of balances on smart cards.

Cards will not be reissued each year. Lost or damaged cards can be replaced by contacting our office with a replacement fee of \$17.50 (any balances on the card will be transferred to the replacement card).

Students are required to have their cards with them whilst travelling on our services. They must 'Tap On' the bus every trip.

Once the smartcard is received, you will be able to set up the account and add the smartcard for your student, along with any students from the same residential address. While students will still have the option to pay cash, once this new ticketing system for school travel is in place there won't be a need to find bus money for each trip, making school transport a breeze. Please note the initial rollout will only apply to dedicated school services.

Your student's smartcard has been set up based on the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) eligibility criteria set out by Translink.

If changes to students' details occur throughout the year, please notify us by email so we can update accordingly.

We have added some helpful tips for accessing the Transport Me passenger App and adding your student's smartcard to your profile.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Schools Administrator via email at caimschools@sunbus.com.au.

Yours faithfully,

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info@warekinetic.com / www.kinetic.com / 84 C Aumuller Street, Portsmith QLD 4870

Access the passenger app

Transportme™ Passenger app - signing up a new passenger account

To use the app, users are required to register a Passenger account. They can sign in to the app using either their Google or Apple account, or they can sign up using their email address. The following steps are for registering a passenger account with your email and self-created password.

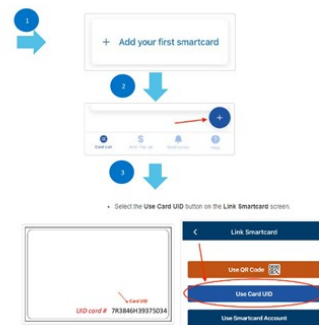
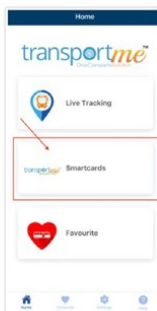
Signing up for a new passenger app account.

- Once you have downloaded the app to your mobile device, select the app.
- Select the **new user?** sign up button.



- Complete the Sign Up form by entering the following details:
 - Email: Enter the email address you would like to associate with your passenger app account. An email will be sent to this email address for you to verify your account.

Linking Aniya's smartcard

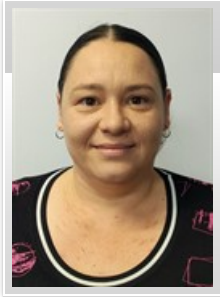


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Thanking you

Miss Kerry, Mrs Coutts

Tuckshop News



The Tuckerbox Café News.

I would like to thank all of my student volunteers that volunteer in the tuckshop during their lunch breaks, they all do a fantastic job!

Our Pizza Day for Term 2 will be held on Tuesday 21st May available at first break only.

Tuckshop Menu

The Tuckerbox Café

Maaji Bulmba

Ordering is available online with Flexischools: www.flexischools.com.au or at Tuckshop before 9am (phone orders not available)
Contact us – tuckshop@gordonvaless.eq.edu.au

Open from 8am – 1.30pm everyday

Over the counter orders available until 9:15am each day

<p>SANDWICHES</p> <p>Vegetite/Jam/Cheese \$3.50 Egg or Cheese & Vegemite \$4.00 Ham or Chicken \$4.00 Ham/Cheese \$4.50 Chicken/Cheese \$4.50 Ham/Cheese/Tomato \$5.00 Chicken/Cheese/Tomato \$5.00 Salad \$5.50 Ham/Chicken & Salad \$6.50</p> <p>TOASTIES</p> <p>Cheese \$3.50 Cheese/Vegemite \$4.00 Ham or Chicken \$4.00 Ham/Cheese \$4.50 Chicken/Cheese \$4.50 Ham/Cheese/Tomato \$5.00 Chicken/Cheese/Tomato \$5.00</p> <p>BURGERS</p> <p>Fish \$6.50 Chicken \$6.50 Bacon & Egg \$6.50 Cheeseburger \$6.50 Hamburger \$6.50 Burgers have Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Sauces – BBQ, Tomato, Mayo or Tartare Extras 50c each – Carrot, Beetroot, Cucumber</p> <p>UNIFORMS</p> <p>School Polos: Size 4 - 14 \$33.00 Size XS - 5XL \$38.00 Shorts/Skortis: Size 4 - 14 \$20.00</p>	<p>LUNCH ITEMS</p> <p>Party Pies \$1.50 Sausage Rolls \$1.50 Large Meat Pies \$4.50 Lasagna \$5.50 Spaghetti GF \$5.50 Mac & Cheese \$5.50 Chicken Chippie's 3 for \$2.00 / 6 for \$4.00 Chicken Wrap \$5.50 (Chicken tenderloin with lettuce & mayo) Fish & Salad \$7.50 Salad \$6.00</p> <p>SNACKS</p> <p>Popcorn \$2.00 Grainwaves \$2.00 Fruit (Seasonal) \$2.00 Muffin \$2.00 Boiled Egg \$1.00 Yoghurt Tub \$1.50 Vanilla Custard \$2.50 Muesli Bar \$1.00 Fruit Salad \$4.50 Hummus Snack Pack GF \$5.50 Dip/Crackers/Vegi Sticks</p> <p>Shorts: Large Sizes \$22.00 School Bucket Hats: ALL Sizes \$18.00</p>	<p>DRINKS</p> <p>Milk Popper \$2.80 (Plain/Strawberry/Chocolate) Popper (Apple/Orange) \$2.00 Bottled Water \$2.00</p> <p>FROZEN TREATS</p> <p>Zooper Dooper \$0.80 Frozen Yoghurt \$2.50 Frozie Cups \$1.20 Icy Poles \$1.50 Milo Scoop Shake \$3.70 Life Savers \$2.60 Frosty Fruit \$2.60 Dixie Cups \$2.80 Mini Drumstick \$2.00 Frozen Pineapple (2) \$1.00</p> <p>DAILY SPECIALS</p> <p>WEDNESDAY'S – Sushi Tuna or Teriyaki Chicken or Avocado or Cucumber (GF) \$5.00 for 6 mini rolls</p> <p>THURSDAY'S – Nachos \$5.50 FRIDAY'S – Hotdogs \$4.50</p> <p>BENTO BOX</p> <p>BENTO SNACK BOX \$5.00 Fruit & Muffin Popper or Water</p> <p>BENTO LUNCH BOX \$9.00 Hot – Spaghetti or Lasagna or Mac & Cheese or Chicken Wrap Fruit & Muffin Popper or Water</p>
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GF \$1.00 Extra for Sandwiches & Toasties

Thanking you,

Amanda Coxall, Tuckshop Convenor

Dates to Remember – Term 1

April

Junior / Senior Parade	19th
Anzac Day Whole School Parade	24th
Anzac Day	25th
Junior / Senior Parade	26th

May

Whole School Parade	3rd
Labour Day	6th
Yr 6 Camp Daradgee	7th - 10th
Junior / Senior Parade	10th
Life Education visit Yr 5 & 6	14 th – 15th
Walk Safely to School Day	17th
Junior / Senior Parade	17th
Junior / Senior Parade	24th

Attendance Award



Congratulations and well done for making every day count!

Week 1, Term 2

Lower School – Prep A – 89.8%

Upper School – 6C - 91.7%

Peak Points

Whole School Positive Rewards System

Week 1, Term 2

Lower School – Prep A – 4090 Points

Upper School – 5B – 2330 Points

Litter Free Lunches

Congratulations and thank you for keeping our school and planet litter free!

Week 1, Term 2

1st – Litter Free Lunches – 1A & 1C – 19 Litter Free Lunches

2nd – Litter Free Lunches – 4A & 4B – 17 Litter Free Lunches

3rd – Litter Free Lunches – 3A & 6B – 15 Litter Free lunches

Student awards go to...



Kenzie	Prep C	Learning
Myles	Prep C	Learning
Gwendolyn	1A	Learning
Imogen	1A	Learning
Aylah	1C	Learning
Paityn	1C	Respect
Amelia	2A	Respect

Aria	2A	Learning
Charlotte	3C	Learning
Ryan	3C	Learning
Corbyn	4A	Learning
Tanika	4A	Learning
Renae	6B	Respect
Wyatt	6B	Learning
AJ	6C	Respect
Ashton	6C	Learning

Book of Books Awards

Chaz	1B	25 Books
Aylah	1C	25 Books
Max	1A	50 Books
Lilly	1A	50 Books
Kaison	1B	50 Books
Lucinda	1C	50 Books

Community Notices

What	When	Where
Life without Barriers	Ongoing	Life without Barriers
Isolated Children's Parents Association	Ongoing	FNQ flyer – word
Life Without Barriers Become a Foster Carer	Ongoing	LWB Cairns

Hambledon House Community Centre Open Day	8 th May	Hambledon House Open Day May 2024 Flyer
Rise Girls Self-Defence Classes	Every Monday 4- 5pm	RISE Self-Defense Term 2 Flyer

We want to hear from you

Your input as parents and carers of Gordonvale State School students is greatly valued. If you have any **feedback or ideas** on how we can communicate better with the Gordonvale State School community, or have a **good news story to share**, please contact Admin by email at admin@gordonvaless.eq.edu.au

Advertising in the SCHOME

If you would like to advertise your business in the SCHOME, please contact Jude Dawson, Schoolzine Advertising Accounts Manager.

Jude Dawson

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Mob: 0432 538 927

Email: jude.dawson@schoolzine.com.au