

# Gosford East Public School

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Term 4 – Week 5

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

### **Kindergarten Transition**

Our new Kindergarten students began their transition program last Friday and it was great to see how excited they are. Each year I am surprised by how little they are when they arrive and then am reminded of how quickly they grow up. Thank you to Stephanie Mellross and her team for the organisation and work that they put into making this a success.

### **Mariners Active Program**

The Mariners Active Program visited on Monday and ran a number of sessions for our students in their blow up field. We had to put this under the COLA due to the wet weather. It is a great program, run by and supported by the Mariners at no cost to the school. They were supposed to come again Tuesday but because of the weather they postponed it and will be returning in a couple of weeks' time. Thanks to Marg Sansom for organising this.

### **Choral Festival**

While I was away a couple of weeks ago about thirty of our students, under the leadership of Linden Connell, performed at this year's Choral Festival. These students put a lot of time and effort into practicing for this performance and we are very proud of them. You will see them perform as part of our choir at our Showcase Performance night on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Year 6 Little Day Out & Year 5 CARES Program**

Year 6 attended Erina High for the Little Day Out last week and once again they were commended on their behaviour by Karen Nicol, the Principal of Erina High. Our students had a great day and it is one more step towards high school.

### **Attendance**

Just a reminder that your child must attend school every day unless they are sick, or are on approved leave. This must be supported by a note with an explanation of why they were away. School attendance is so important for a child's academic progress. If a child does have a large number of days off we do have to report it to the Home School Liaison team at Gosford District Office.

**Graeme McLeod**

**Principal**



# DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Author Visit Stage 3

4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 Little Day Out EHS

5<sup>th</sup> Nov - CARES Year 6

11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Primary Fun Day EHS

11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Remembrance Day

12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Yr 6 Mini Fete

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Bullying Show

## REGULAR EVENTS...

Student Banking - Wednesday

School Assembly – 1:45pm Friday in hall

Uniform Shop – see Jo in canteen

TERM 4 – 6/10/2015 – 16/12/2015

TERM 1 2016 – 28/1/2016 – 8/4/2016

# STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

## Caught You Being Good

Hamish, Jayden, Roseanna, Fabian, Daniel, Leah, Chloe, Peta, Chloe, Sasha, Ashleigh, Ava, Teagan.

## Quality Work

Zahlia, Kiara, Joshua, Amy, Taine, Sione, Daemon, Hailee, Olivia, Finn, Lucy, Zara, Flynn, Nerys, Willow, Brianna.

## House of the Week : Kiara

## Merit Awards

KF – Abbie	KH - Felicity	2S - Ava
1/2M – Kyra	1P – Elizabeth	2T - Brian
3/4E – Samuel	1ST – Rhia	5-6M - Kyan
3/4R – Bella	4/5S – Haylee	3-6M - Jordan
5/6C – Mia	K-6W – Charlie	K-5B – William

## AMART SPORTS DONATION

Last weekend I had the great pleasure of spending \$150.00 at AMART Sports Store. The money I spent had been donated by Amart in a cash back scheme raised by the parents of our school spending money in the store.

With this money, I was able to purchase 1 cricket ball, 3 handballs, 2 stop watches and 8 soccer balls for our students to use.

Thank you to all our parents and especially to Mrs Whitmore who organised the scheme.

Mark Emery



## REMEMBERENCE DAY

On 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am our school will be conducting a Remembrance Day Ceremony in honour of all those who served for Australia in defending our country.

Stage 2 have been involved in a history unit this term, and through stories presented by some of my students I have learnt of personal sacrifices by some of their family members. It is great to honour these people at this time.

As part of the unit, and as part of our Remembrance Day ceremony celebrations, we are welcoming Mr Peter Ray from the local historical society to speak to Stage 2.

Mark Emery



## HARMONY CORNER

**5 November** - [Guy Fawkes' Day](#) On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes tried to blow up a government building in London where King James I and his leaders were due to meet because he believed that the king treated Roman Catholics unfairly. However, the plot was discovered, King James I was saved and Guy Fawkes was hanged for his treacherous actions. In today's celebrations in Britain firecrackers are set off and straw dummies (guys) of Guy Fawkes are burnt on bonfires.

**6 November** - [Australia's Kindness Day](#) Australia's National Kindness Day is the beginning of a 16 day celebration devoted to kindness and unity ending on World Kindness Day (13 November).

**9 November** - [World Freedom Day](#) World Freedom Day was declared by George W Bush, USA President in 2001 to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall and the liberation of central and eastern Europe.

## STUDENT BUS PASSES

From Term 1 2016, School Bus Passes will be replaced by School Opal Cards. Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal Cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme, via a new online application process.

Parents and guardians will need to apply online if the student:

- Is just starting school and has not had a travel pass before
- **Is in a transition year (ie: year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7)**
- Is changing schools, including moving to high school
- Or, if the students personal details have changed Eg: change of address

If you have already applied for a travel pass for 2016 (This will be students in Year 2 going into Year 3), you DO NOT have to do anything.

Please go to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) for more information or to apply for your travel pass.

There are brochures in the school office if you would like one.

## STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8:30am

There have been a number of students who are regularly arriving at school before 8:30am. Parents need to be aware that there is NO teacher supervision until 8:30am, and therefore, no staff are available to ensure your child is safe within the playground. While many of our staff are here well before this time, they are busy preparing for their day, or attending meetings, and it is not a requirement of their job to supervise until 8:30 am.

We understand that many parents have work commitments which require them to drop their children off to school earlier than 8:30 am, however, there is St Patricks Out of School Care available, which operates from 7:00am. Please contact 0408 165 671.

Whatever arrangements you make in the mornings, parents remain legally responsible for their children until 8:30am.

# NOTES HOME

- Year 6 Mini Fete
- Arriving before 8:30am



## CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their sushi. We still had quite a few usual menu orders as well on the day so it was quite busy. I would like to make this a regular thing on a Thursday and Friday but it will require pre-ordering to avoid disappointment. I will need to know by the Wednesday morning prior before 9.30am. This will start next week. I will put the flyer in the Canteen Facebook group so you can download it if you wish. Spread the word. If you know any parents who are not in the group then tell them or add them into the group – with their permission of course.

Thanks

Jo



### ROSTER:

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Carmen MacDonald
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Suzanne Piggott
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Anne Sykes-Hollowed Wendy Whitmore
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>HELP PLEASE 0414 907 968</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Sarah Hole
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>HELP PLEASE 0414 907 968</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Carlie Belgre
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>HELP PLEASE 0414 907 968</b>



# P & C NEWS

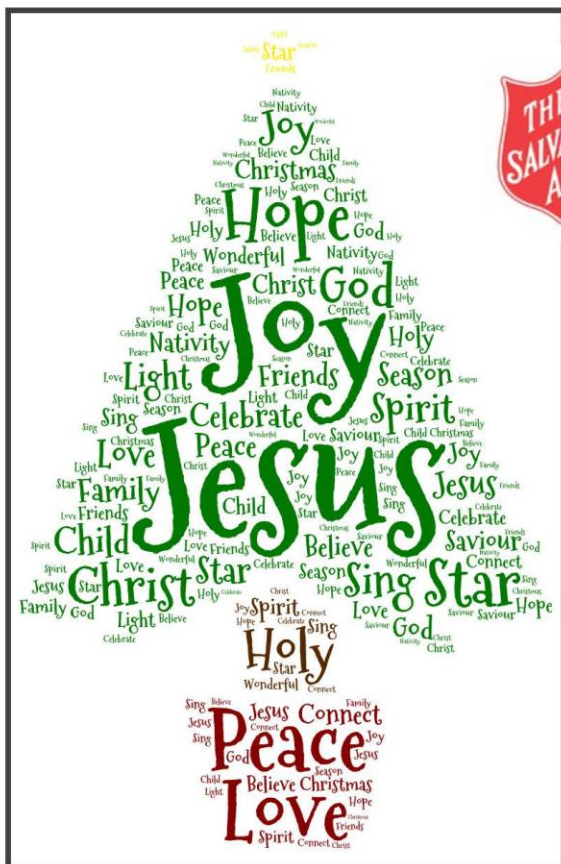
Hi all,

- Thanks to all those who completed the canteen survey.
- We have received nearly 80 surveys back, and they will be reviewed this week.
- The P&C will be running the sausage sizzle, drinks, lollies, cupcakes on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Erina High School about 5pm, before the Showcase starts at 6:30pm.
- Extra assistance would be appreciated. So come along for dinner before the show.
- All money raised will be donated back to the GEPS Creative Arts Program as discussed at P&C with Miss Middleton.
- Our P&C meeting is next week - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom.
- New members required to increase numbers and be ready take over P&C roles next year (including Secretary as I'm joining the SES).
- We also need a new School banking coordinator (job share), it is for an hour one morning a week. Get in touch with Donna or Tracey via the school office.

Have a good week.

Wendy Whitmore

## P & C



## Carols on the Lawn

The Salvation Army  
invites you to celebrate Christmas

on Sunday 13 December  
from 10:30am

on the Lawn at The Salvation Army,  
120 Central Coast Highway, Erina

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| ★ Carols with the Band              | ★ Bring a picnic rug and |
| ★ Free Santa photos<br>(BYO camera) | the whole family         |
| ★ Sausage sizzle lunch              | ★ Kids activities        |

For more information go to  
[salvos.org.au/gosford](https://salvos.org.au/gosford) or  
phone 4367 6200.

We also invite you to join us for our  
family Christmas Day service at  
9:30am





# SANTA IS ON HIS WAY

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S PARADE

ALL WE SEE IS JOY

14th November, 10am to 1pm

Led by the master toy maker, Santa will arrive in his sleigh accompanied by all his favourite friends including Elmo.

There will also be lots of other FREE activities as well as Christmas carols!

Go to [westfield.com.au/tuggerah](http://westfield.com.au/tuggerah) for more information.

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