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Term 4 – Week 8

Wednesday 25th November 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Creative Arts Showcase

As you are aware, as so many parents and families are attending (we have sold 500 tickets), our Creative Arts Showcase is on tonight. It is very exciting for us as it is the first time that we have done this in the time I have been here. We have 7 Dance Groups, a Zumba Group, 2 large choirs and our Kindergarten performing an item tonight. It has been so much work for our staff and I cannot thank our Creative Arts Team for all of the work they have done. Our kids are amazing and are so talented. I do hope that the people that are attending enjoy the night and like us are very proud of their kids.

Video Conference Rooms

Many may not be aware that we have a room at our school which we call the Video Conference room which we use to connect by video to anywhere in the world. Today some students have attended a session on Aboriginal Perspectives and have been talking to some presenters near the Opera House. It is a two way process where our kids can see the people in Sydney and they can see our kids, can ask questions and learn so much. Most classes have used this facility which is just another tool that teachers can use to support the curriculum.

Sports Assembly

Just a reminder that our Sports Assembly is on this Friday at 9:15am. It is one of our main assemblies for the year where we recognise the achievements of our students in Sport. You are welcome to attend this assembly if you are able.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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25 th Nov	School Concert at EHS
27 th Nov	Sports Assembly
3 rd Dec	Yr6 Orientation EHS
4 th Dec	Christmas Concert
8 th Dec	Kindy Graduation Year 6 Graduation
11 th Dec	Presentation Day
15 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell

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

Riley, Kayden, Mitchell, Beau, Noah, Angus, Roseanna, Jayden, Dylan, Bonnie, Peta, Leah, Lian.

Quality Work

Ayden, Mitchell, Vincent, Ashton, Lara, Judy, Josh, Koby, Daina, Jamie, Sienna, Thomas, Hailee, Noah, Thomas, Chloe, Connor, Tyler, Jordan, Joseph, Martika, Sienna, Sarah, Jolie, Ellie-Rose, Joshua.

Merit Awards

KF – Aila	KH – Tanaka	KE – Peta
1/2M – Ruby	1P – Lachlan	2S - Owen
2T – Lily-Rose	3/4E – Tamanah	1ST – Bonnie
5/6M – Levi	3/4R – James	4/5S – William
3-6M - Connor	5/6C – Jackson & Tyler	K-5B – Mark

YEAR 6 GIFT TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Our current Year 6 have collected money from the mini-fete and we also have some funds available to spend on sport from the Premier's Sporting Challenge. It has been proposed that we purchase another set of sports uniforms for the use by teams such as soccer and netball as our Year 6 Gift to the school.

Sports uniforms look 'official' if they have sponsorship on them. Therefore, there is an opportunity for any local businesses that would like to donate some extra funds to support this purchase. They would then have their name emblazoned on the shirt, which would advertise their business for quite a few years to come!

If you are interested please see Mrs Campbell or myself before Friday 27th November.

Thank you!

Mr Emery



HARMONY CORNER

25 November - [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The date commemorates the political assassination of the Mirabal sisters in the Dominican Republic in 1960. The UN was concerned to raise awareness of the fact that endemic violence against women was impeding women's opportunities to achieve legal, social, political and economic equality in society.

26 November - [Thanksgiving Day \(USA\)](#) The first Thanksgiving Day was held by Plymouth Plantation colonists in 1621. It was a three-day feast to celebrate their first harvest. 'Thanksgiving Day' was first proclaimed by President George Washington in 1789 as a day for public prayer and thanksgiving. Various dates for this occasion were used in the ensuing years until 1941 when President Roosevelt set it at the fourth Thursday in November. The day is symbolised by the cornucopia, the horn of plenty.

1 December - [World AIDS Day](#) In 1988, a World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs of AIDS Prevention called for the opening of channels of communication worldwide. They wanted to strengthen the exchange of information and experience for dealing with AIDS and to promote a spirit of social tolerance. World AIDS Day receives support from the World Health Assembly, the United Nations and governments and communities around the world.

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 for more information or to apply for your travel pass.

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



HENRY KENDALL UNIFORM FOR SALE

Girls uniform for sale. Size 8 skirt and size 12 shirts. Excellent condition.

Please contact Tanya 0409 908 601.



CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone,

The Canteen Christmas gathering was last week advertised with the wrong date. It will be at Gosford RSL Club on Monday 14th December at 7:00pm (not the 7th as it said last week). If you have volunteered in the Canteen this year please feel free to rsvp to me by 30th November. We go in and just have some drinks and order dinner if you want to until they kick us out at 10:00pm!

I will be putting some recess specials in the Canteen Facebook Group over the last few weeks of term so be on the lookout. If you aren't a member of the group please ask to join on GEPS Canteen.

Thanks
Jo

ROSTER:

Wednesday 25 th November	HELP PLEASE 0414 907 968
Thursday 26 th November	Sarah Hole
Friday 27 th November	Suzanne Piggott HELP PLEASE 0414 907 968
Monday 30 th November	HELP PLEASE 0414 907 968
Wednesday 2 nd December	Donna Ryan



UNIFORM SHOP

Beat the New Year rush!! The uniform shop is very well stocked, so come in and order your uniforms now. The uniform shop is open on Fridays from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, or you can send an order form in to Jo in the Canteen any day.

CRUNCH & SIP NEWS

How can I make fruit and vegetables more appealing to my child?

Research has found that children prefer small, cold, crisp, juicy and sweet fruits and colourful, crisp, fresh vegetables. Try the following tips to encourage children to enjoy fruit and vegetables:

Buy a variety of seasonal fresh fruit so your child doesn't become bored

Involve your child in choosing what fruit and vegetables to buy

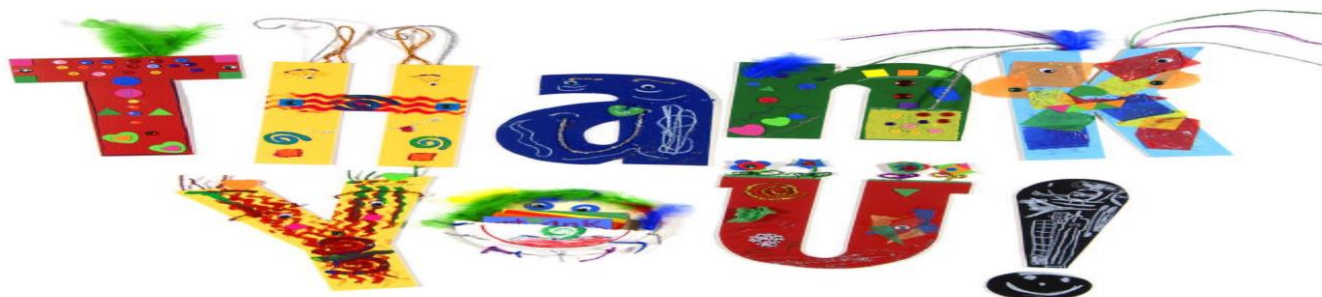
- Give them a small, hand-sized piece
- Cut large fruit and vegetables into small manageable pieces
- Make 'vegiepeople' with your child

:) Hayley Roberts and Lorell Masters



A BIG THANKYOU

Miss Roberts and the Zumba Dance Group would like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Tomlinson who quickly sewed all of our dance costumes ready for the Showcase Performance.



SCHOOL BANKING

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS - The last day for school banking for this year will be Wednesday 9th December BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, the last day to redeem a reward with your tokens will be Wednesday 2nd December, as any reward requests submitted to the Commonwealth bank after Thursday 3rd December will be held over by the bank until the new school year. Make sure you get your rewards order in early so that they're back before school finishes.

Tracey Hill

OFFICE NEWS

Due to the end of year financial rollover at the end of November, no receipting will take place between 25th November - 2nd December 2015. Payments will still be accepted, however, they will be not receipted until after this date.



Parent Questionnaire for the PAVe Project
(Preventing Anxiety and Victimization through education)

Your school is participating in the PAVe project - a research project at Macquarie University. Students who have permission from their parents have now completed the second PAVe survey at school. We would like to invite parents of these children to also complete the PAVe parent survey.

Two schools with the highest return rate of parent surveys will win a \$2,000 prize for their school.

This online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/paveparents> to complete the survey. Alternatively, you can collect a paper version of the questionnaire from your school.

The information you provide will assist us evaluate programs that reduce peer victimization and anxiety in schools and also evaluate the health impact and costs to run these programs. The information will assist us plan future support for families to prevent victimization and anxiety in children.

The PAVe team and Gosford East PS thank you for participating in the PAVe Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or paveadmin@mq.edu.au



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BATTLE OF THE DANCERS

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE CENTRAL COAST'S BEST DANCER - COULD IT BE YOU?

Find out more at dancenikkiwebster.com.au

OPEN DAY - SUN 31 JAN 2016
FREE CLASSES ALL DAY

1/310 The Entrance Road, Erina - 0411 861 849

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOC

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & C Association will be holding our annual Christmas raffle to raise funds for much needed resources on next years wish list.

Due to time restraints, the raffle will be pre drawn in Mr McLeod's office with several witnesses and announced at the Presentation assembly on Friday 11th December. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and due back by Wednesday 9th December to the office. Each sold ticket book returned will receive a 2 for 1 ticket for Intensity Erina.

Below is the list so far of donations with many more to come. A complete list will be distributed one week prior to the raffle.



- **Jimmy Halfpenny-** \$130 gift certificate (1 regular art book, up to 30 pieces of art)
- **Interiors by Chloe-** \$50 gift certificate
- **Powerhouse Museum Sydney-** 2 x 2 Adult passes
- **Taronga Zoo-** 2 x Adult passes
- **IGA East Gosford-** 4 x \$20 gift certificate
- **Liquor Stax East Gosford-** 4 x \$20 gift certificate
- **Intensity Erina-** 2 x \$128 party packs
- **Everything Cute East Gosford-** pack of 4 puzzles, craft activity and game
- **One Stop School Shop-** 2 x classroom Value Packs, one boy and one girl prize
- **Masterfoods** Goody Bag
- **Entertainment Book-** family donation
- **Myer** Voucher \$50- family donation
- Decorative cushion set x 4- family donation
- **Fahrenheit Café East Gosford** Lunch voucher for two
- **Bendigo Bank-** 6 x Goody Bags
- **Chemist Outlet East Gosford-** gift hamper
- **Subway Gosford-** Large Sandwich platter valued at \$55
- **TFE Hotels Gift Certificate-** One nights accom for two adults incl. breakfast



WEST GOSFORD

Christmas

Family Fun Night

Thursday 10th December
6pm – 8pm

Lots of fun for the whole family including:

*Petting Zoo *Kids Disco

*Drumming workshop *Face Painting

*Kids craft *Christmas costume competition

*Free sausage sizzle

For more information and to book, visit www.bunnings.com.au/stores/nsw/west-gosford , email westgosfordao@bunnings.com.au , or see a team member instore.

Bicycle skills! Road safety! Good fun!



The **CARES** program is an interactive program presented by NSW Police officers that will develop your child's road sense. The program includes general road safety information sessions looking at helmets, bike maintenance and safety aspects of riding bikes.

The program will be predominately outdoors and practical with students participating in an obstacle course, enhancing their basic cycle skills, before using simulated roadway to expose students to a variety of real road situations in a controlled safe environment.

All students are supplied with a 20 inch bike for use during the program but are required to bring their own helmet for checking and fitting.

Dates: Wednesday 20 January 2016

Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm

Cost: \$4 per child, payable in cash on the day

School Group: Students in Years 3-6

Where: Central Coast Lifetime Learning Centre,
13 Palmdale Rd, Palmdale

Places are limited. Bookings are essential on 4362 8340.



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CENTRAL COAST

KEEP ME SAFE

I'm counting on you every trip

- ✓ The restraint is Standards Australia approved
- ✓ The restraint is under 10 years old
- ✓ The restraint is correct for your child's height and weight
- ✓ Your child remains correctly restrained throughout the trip



To receive a voucher to have your child restraint checked by your participating authorised fitter for **FREE[†]** contact council's Road Safety Officer phone: 4325 8808

† Vouchers are limited and available only while stocks last. Available to Gosford City residents with private vehicles only. Some additional or replacement parts may incur a small fee. A road safety initiative of Gosford City Council.



Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens

Join our *Discovery* Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There's something for everyone.

Tomaree's WilderQuest treasure trail

Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am–11.30am

Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-tomaree-treasure-trail

WilderQuest wild world of rockpools

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm–3.30pm

Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour's headland.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-wild-world-of-rockpools

Spooky night walk

Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience 'behind the scenes' of Tomaree's World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/spookynight-walk

WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm

Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-bush-to-beach-familydiscovery

Bookings and information

Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.

Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).

All tours between \$12 and \$15 per person and families between \$36 and \$45.

For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email

suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au



John White Photos



NORTHCOTT' S

Outdoor movie night

To celebrate another school year, school aged children with a disability and their families are invited to a viewing of HOME. Bring a picnic blanket and relax under the stars in a safe and supported environment with other families from the Gosford area. There will be fun activities, a sausage sizzle and other stalls before the movie starts.

This event wouldn't be possible without the fundraising efforts of Seymour Whyte and the Cerebral Palsy League's Metal for Mobility program.

WHEN: Friday 27th November 2015

TIME: 5:30pm – 9:30pm

WHERE: Henry Kendall High Batley Street, Gosford

COST: Free

Submit your expression of interest to Jodie Wilkins by 20 November:

PH: 0409 293 826 (please leave your details for Jodie to call you back if you don't get through)

Email:
jodie.wilkins@northcott.com.au

Please note places are limited

