

Gosford East Public School

NEWS 'N' VIEWS



Term 1 Week 6
4th March 2015



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Report any suspicious behaviour to School Security 1300 482 737

P & C Association

Meets every 2nd Wednesday 7:00pm – all welcome

From the Principal...

P & C AGM

The next meeting of our P & C will be the Annual General Meeting. Although it is a meeting where the new executive of the P & C are elected it is also an opportunity to meet the members of the P & C and if you so desire become involved in the wide ranging activities from the Uniform shop and canteen to fundraising or helping to run the discos that are held each term. The meeting will be held in the staff room on Wednesday 11th March at 7:00pm. Your attendance will be warmly welcomed.

Selective High Schools

Some of our Year 6 students applied for entry into a selective school for Year 7 in 2016. These students are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9:00am to 1:30pm on Thursday 12th March 2015 at Erina High School. We wish these students all the best. This year we had three students from last year's Year 6 that were successful in gaining entry into a selective high school.

EHS Challenge Days

Some of our year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Erina High Challenge Day. Two teams of four students, one from Year 5 and one from Year 6 from our school have been invited to take part in the challenge that is being held on Tuesday 10th March and on Wednesday 18th of March. The teams are buddied up with Year 8 students with this year's theme being 'Globalisation' to coincide with the Stage 4 HSIE syllabus. We hope our students have a great day.

Ambulance Scheme

Over the past couple of days some children have been unfortunate enough to have an accident where an ambulance is called. We do this if we have the slightest concern and often the advice is that the child does not have to go to hospital. If your child is ever seen by the ambulance while at school we are covered by the Ambulance Scheme that the school pays to be covered for. If you receive a bill please take it to our office who will handle it for you.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

Dates for your Calendar...

2nd – 6th March – Book Fair Week

4th March – Read Aloud Day

10th March - Zone Swim Carnival

9th-20th March - Swim Scheme

(Support Classes)

24th March - The Rocks Excursion

(Stage 2)

Regular Events...

Student Banking - Wednesday

School Assembly 1:45pm – Friday

Uniform Shop - Friday 2:30 - 3:30pm

TERM 1

28/01/15 – 02/04/2015

TERM 2

21/04/2015 – 26/06/2015

Student Corner Assembly News...

Caught You Being Good...

Matilda, Caitlyn, Zahlia, Connor, Thomas, Peta, Tasinica, Tanya, Logan, Lucy, Zac, Alistair, Harrison, Roseanna, Riley and Charlotte.

Quality Work...

Anne 2T, Daina 1/2B, Abbey 1/2B, Cash 1P, Lily 1P, Sienna 1P, Mark K-5B,

Zoe K-5B, Emily K/1H, Brodie K/1H, Blair K-6W.

House of The Week...

Kiara



Merit Awards...

Jensen KE, Harmony 1P, Lachlan 1/2B, Jaxon 2S, Leilani 2T, James 3-4R, Willow 4/5S, Reed 5/6M, Tylah 5/6C, Jolie 3-6M, Yoel K-5B, Charlie K-6W

Notes out this week

Year 6 T-Shirt Order Form

Operation Art

Family Statement of Accounts



P & C News...

The P & C is distributing a flyer today for a fundraiser called "Stuck On You". This gives families a fantastic, groovy way to label your child's belongings– stopping expensive replacement costs of losing uniforms and lunch boxes! It also helps our school to raise some much needed funds. Please get behind this fundraiser, as all monies raised by the P&C help our school.

Sport News...

Last Friday, five boys from Gosford East PS represented our school at the Cricket and AFL Regional Trials.

Josh, Cameron and Kyan were selected in the SCC AFL team to go to the Sydney North Pre-Trials. During some very strong competition, both Kyan and Cameron made it through two rounds, but were knocked out in round three. Well done boys – a very mighty effort!

For the SCC Cricket Team, we had Mitchell and Ayden represent Gosford East. They played very well, and we are currently waiting for the final team selection.

Well done to all the boys who tried out for these sports. A big thank you also to the parents who helped and transported their boys for the day.

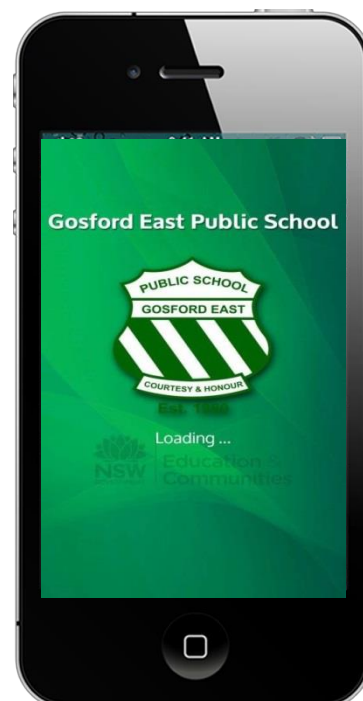
Mark Emery

Sports Co-Ordinator

Term 2 Newsletters...

Please remember that as of Term 2 this year, Newsletters will not be sent home as a hard copy. All newsletter and updates will be available on our School website or school app. Please ensure you have downloaded the school app, so you don't miss out on any important information. However, if you do not have access to the internet at home or work, please inform the school in writing to request a hard copy.

Website: www.gosfordest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Dance News...



Dance groups are up dancing, twirling and jumping all in time to the beat of the music. Our school hall is booked out with up to three dance classes a day learning new moves and having fun. This year we are proud to announce that Gosford East PS will be sending in seven dance audition tapes to the Central Coast Dance Festival in Week 10. All dances are different and unique and unfortunately not all seven groups will go through, but we will be having a performance evening throughout the year to show case our amazing groups. The dancers should all be congratulated for their commitment and talent.

Miss Middleton

Stage 2 – Rocks Excursion

Final payment for the Stage 2 Rocks excursion is Friday 6th March. Can all payments please be made by this date.

Stage 2 Teachers

Carnival Book Fair...

Tuesday 3rd March – 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday 4th March – 9am to 1pm

Thursday – Class sales day for students who wish to make a purchase will be invited to the fair.



Operation Art...

Once again GEPS students have the opportunity to create an artwork that will be in the running to be selected for the Operation Art Exhibition. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their artistic talents as well as make a positive contribution to the community. The 3 submitted artworks from GEPS will be professionally framed and displayed in an art exhibition at Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. These 3 artworks will also have the chance of being selected to be hung at the Children's Hospital Westmead. Contemporary research indicates huge benefits for patients when in a positive healing environment.

WHO: Every student from every grade may create 1 or more artworks to enter into our GEPS competition.

WHAT: Any media and materials can be used to create your artwork. It is to be flat (2D) and is to be no smaller than A4 (210mm x 297mm) and no larger than A2 (420mm x 594mm). It can be vertical or horizontal. Following is a list of the 7 major Operation Art categories: Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media, Print making, Photography, Fibre and Electronic. (For more information on the categories visit www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au and look for Operation Art).

WHERE: The artwork can be created at school or at home, however the artwork must only be created by the student. Artworks that have been completed in the previous 12 months may be submitted. (I know amazing artworks were created by GEPS students last year....please submit them!!!!)

WHEN: Entries close **22nd April**. Three artworks will be selected and sent off to be framed and exhibited at Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park.

HOW: Please see Ms Connell if you would like help accessing any particular resources to create your artwork. Once complete do not fold or roll your artwork, hand it to me flat.

We have so much talent in this school....HAVE A GO GEPS STUDENTS!!!!!!!

Happy creating,

Linden Connell

Attendance...

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children. It is vitally important for students to develop key skills during their primary years of schooling.

Recently, the Department has changed the Attendance Register Codes for absences. New regulations have been applied for absences for sickness, family holidays as well as unexplained absences.

If your child is away from school for any reason (including arriving late or leaving early), an explanation must be provided by the parent/carer each and every time. Unexplained absences are recorded as such, and remain on your child's school record.

The school office has copies of the list of absence codes if you require further explanation.

Canteen News...

Hi Everyone,

We hope all who ordered the Devonshire tea's for Read Aloud Day enjoy them. It was something a little different for school.

Please be on the lookout for our fund raiser over the next few weeks with some yummy Hot Cross Buns and other delights being delivered to school in time for Easter and the school holidays.

Thanks

Jo

Canteen Manager

Roster

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| Thursday 5 th March | Help please 0414907968 | |
| Friday 6 th March | Kylie Ogston | |
| Monday 9 th March | Help please 0414907968 | |
| Wednesday 11 th March | Help please 0414907968 | |
| Thursday 12 th March | Mel Hogston | |
| Friday 13 th March | Tracey Hill | |
| Monday 16 th March | Wendy Whitmore | Anne Sykes-Hollowed |
| Wednesday 18 th March | Help please 0414907968 | |

Harmony Corner...

6 March - [World Day of Prayer](#) is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer.

8 March - [International Women's Day](#) This day (IWD) is a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of [Day](#) women.

8 March - [United Nations Day for](#) This is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world to commemorate the historic struggle of [Women's Rights and](#) to improve women's lives. The United Nations has promulgated this day and has helped create [International Peace](#) internationally agreed strategies, standards, programs and goals to advance the status of women worldwide.





2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate



\$150*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
 * eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate



School Contributions

I would like to pay my school contribution of \$45.00. Child's Name _____

Child's Class _____

Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Credit Card ☐

Card Number - - - - / - - - - / - - - - / - - - - Expiry - - / - - CCV - - -

Name on Card: _____

Cardholder's Signature _____