

Gosford East Public School

NEWS 'N' VIEWS



Term 1 Week 7
11th 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

A reminder that this year's P & C AGM will be held this Wednesday in the staff room at 7:00pm. Your attendance will be warmly welcomed.

Library Monitors

Congratulations to our new Library Monitors for 2015. Over 30 students applied to be a library monitor and I thank them all for volunteering to be one. Mrs Coles had a very hard time choosing 19 of these. I thank all of the children that volunteered in giving up their free time to help our school.

Swim School

Over the next two weeks our Support Unit students will be attending swim school. It is a great opportunity and I do hope that they all enjoy it and further develop their water confidence.

James Stellakis

Last Saturday we had a small ceremony in memory of James who lost his battle with his illness late last year. We planted a tree in his honour and a star has been named after him. I do thank the staff and families that joined us last Saturday.

Training and Development

Parents may not be aware that staff participate in considerable extra training throughout the year. We have a comprehensive training and development program in place this year with most staff participating in around 96 hours of training out of school hours, on many occasions this means two afternoons a week. I thank the staff for their commitment to furthering their knowledge and skills to help make this school even better than it is already is.

Cross Country

For your diaries this year's school Cross Country is on Wednesday 1st April. Further advice about this day will be sent home separately.

World Read Aloud Day

Thank you to the many parents that attended the World Read Aloud Day at our school last week. There was over \$3500 worth of books sold, which allows us to purchase about \$1100 worth of books for our library. A big thank you to Mrs Coles for organising this and to the parent helpers that assisted us with the Book Fair.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

Dates for your Calendar...

9th-20th March - Swim Scheme (sup)

11th March - Dog Safety (K-2)

24th March - The Rocks Exc (S2)

27th March - Fitness First (S3)

1st April - Cross Country

20th March - Harmony Day

20th March - Yr 6 EOI due

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...

Ronan, Dylan, Mia, Charlie, Bell, Harrison

Quality Work...

Kaylee KF, Tye KF, Olivia KF, Charlie KE, Abbie KE, Isabel KE,

Felicity K/1H



House of The Week... Kiara

Library....

Mia, Ryan Kayla, Thalia, Emma, Emily, Josh, Jackson, Bianca, Angel, Jake, Jordan, Julie, Rhia

Best Class... 2S

Merit Awards...

Taera KE, Kaylem KF, Darcy K/1H, Elizabeth 1P, Dylan 1/2B, Olivia 2S, Matilda 2T, Ella 3-4E, Jimi 3-4R,

Alexander 4/5S, Hannah 5/6M, Joshua 5/6C, Daemon 3-6M

Notes out this week

High School Expression of Interest

Cross Country

Fitness First – Stage 3

The Witches – Stage 3



P & C News...

The Term 1 disco will be held on the 1st April 2015. Please see notice in newsletter.

The P&C will also be organising a BBQ Fundraiser for the Election Day on Saturday 28th March and will need volunteers to help run it. If you can spare an hour or two on this day, please let the P&C know. A roster will be going out soon.

Mel Hogston

Year 7 2016 IT Selective Class...

Applications are once again open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School's 2016 Year 7 Selective Information Technology Class. Applications for this class close on Tuesday 17th March 2015, and the test date is Wednesday 25th March 2015, 1:15 to 3:00pm at the IT Centre Wyong High School.

For any enquiries, please contact Wyong High School Ph: 4353 1088. For an application form, please see Mrs Campbell 5/6C.

Jodie Campbell

Assistant Principal

Year 6 – High School Applications...

Expression of Interest Forms have gone out this week to all Year 6 Students. These forms are where Parents/Carers can nominate which High School they would like their child to attend. All forms need to be completed, signed and returned by Friday 20th March.

Jodie Campbell

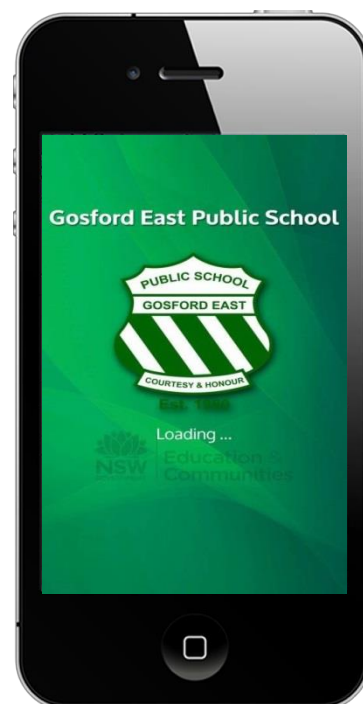
Stage 3 Assistant Principal

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



Harmony Day...

Harmony Day is held every year on 21st March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

This year is Harmony Days 15th anniversary.

Facts and figures

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters. Did you know:

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
- 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country.

These facts are taken from ABS 2011 Census. More information about Harmony Day can be found at www.harmony.gov.au

Harmony Day at Gosford East Public School

Gosford East Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20th March. It will also be our 15th year of Harmony Day celebrations.

Students can wear orange coloured clothes on this day. To celebrate, 'Everyone Belongs' craft activities will be displayed at the whole school assembly starting at 2pm.

Jo Hextall

5/6C Assembly Item...

Due to some senior students being away at the Cricket match on Friday, our class will now be performing their assembly item with 4/5S in Week 8, on Friday 20th March at 1:45pm in school hall.

Central Coast Choral Festival...

All positions for the Central Coast Choral Festival have now been filled. **Please do not send in money.** The students who are in the GEPS Choral Festival will be notified this week, They will receive their CD's, song booklet and a Permission to Publish note shortly. *Linden Connell*

Library News...

Book Fair

I wish to thank all families that supported our Carnival Fair last week. We sold over \$3000 dollars worth of books and made 30% profit back to our library in books. This was a wonderful result and especially pleasing as all sales were for books that went into the homes of our families promoting literacy.

Gosford City - Erina Fair Library

World Through Picture Books Exhibition

Erina Fair library are holding a wonderful exhibition of the top 10 picture books from Australia and around the world. It was very moving during my visit to hear of a woman from Croatia who saw a book she was read as a child, that brought back memories and a tear to her eye. Or to see the book from Russia called 'Why?' a textless book and a wonderful piece of visual literacy about war. Also the Library has many bilingual and other language books that can be borrowed on display in their children's section. So a visit to the Library, if you're up at Erina, could add to a great day out.

Missing Books

After our Stocktake at the end of 2014 we have found that we have a large number of missing library books. If you could please take a look around your home and if you find a book with Gosford East Public School stamped inside please return to the Library. Books are quite expensive to replace and some are irreplaceable.

Thank you

Lyndall Coles

Teacher Librarian

Sensory Movie Day – Tuggerah...

Inclusive Event for families with special needs

Children are free to move around,

Lighting on dim, Sound Lowered.

Fire exit Doors monitored by volunteers

"Penguins of Madagascar"

11am Sunday 15th March 2015

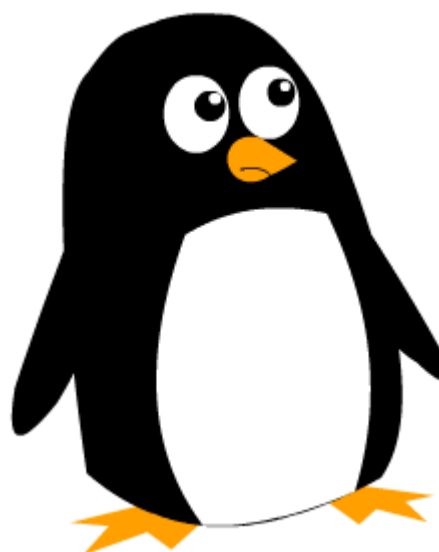
Tickets: \$8each

Children 2yrs and under are free

Companion I.D. cards accepted

Siblings and extend family welcome

Tickets can be purchased on the day



Canteen News...

Hi Everyone,

Please remember that the price of sauce is included in the price of both hotdogs and burgers. It is only when you need to purchase a "squeezy" sauce for pies, sausage rolls etc that they cost 30c each.

The new menu is up and running – if you can't find yours then please call in to canteen and grab one.

Check out the new Meal Deal on the lunch side of the menu – any \$2.50 lunch item plus a cob of corn and a Moove for \$5.00!

Please also remember that Dairy Farmers have deleted banana Moove from their range – we do have plain milk with a banana sippah straw for \$2.00.

Thanks

Jo

Canteen Manager



Roster

Thursday 12 th March	Mel Hogston
Friday 13 th March	Tracey Hill
Monday 16 th March	Wendy Whitmore / Anne Sykes-Hollowed
Wednesday 17 th March	Help Needed 0414 907 968
Thursday 18 th March	Help Needed 0414 907 968
Friday 20 th March	Help Needed 0414 907 968
Monday 23 rd March	Help Needed 0414 907 968
Wednesday 23 rd March	Donna Ryan

Harmony Corner...

13 March - National Ride2 School Day The purpose of National Ride2School Day is to show that riding to school is an easy and fun activity. Active travel is a great way for students of all ages to help meet their recommended daily dose of 60 minutes physical activity every day.

14 March - Pi Day The digits of this day (March 14) correspond with the first three digits of 'Pi'. (3.14). Albert Einstein was born on this day in 1879.

15 March Ides of March Historically this date is marked by the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BC. According to Shakespeare, Julius Caesar had been warned by a soothsayer 'Beware the Ides of March'. According to the ancient Roman calendar, the 'Ides' fell on the 15th day of March, April, May, and October and on the 13th day of all other months. *In April, March, October, May the Ides fall on the fifteenth day.*

15 March - Sydney Children's Festival The Children's Festival is a day of celebration of our diverse community dedicated to young people. It is a family fun day with onstage performances and activities including a children's parade, a lantern parade, outdoor games, competitions (poster/ writing/ lantern/costume and table tennis), displays and food stalls.



School Disco- Crazy costumes



This term the school disco will be held on Wednesday 1st April.

Kindy & Stage 1	5:00 – 6:00pm	\$4.00
Stage 2 & 3	6:15 – 7:30pm	\$4.50

Each child will receive chips and a drink. Any help on the night would be greatly appreciated.

Mel Hogston
P & C Committee member

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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 _____



FREE Rock Pool Rambles!

Holiday Fun!

Come and meet the residents of the rock pools with our expert leaders.

Dates for April 2015

Tuesday 14th –	Foresters Beach	9:30am
Wednesday 15th –	Norah Head	10:30am
Friday 17th –	Terrigal Haven	12 noon
Saturday 18th –	Toowoona Bay	12:50pm

Bookings essential

Ph: 0450 990 995

Meeting details will be given when booking.

Shoes must be worn (no thongs). All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Activity lasts about 2 hours.

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Kids' Day Camps start from \$47. Family Camp weekends start from \$63 per day for kids and \$96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

Bonus! Residential Kids' Camps Include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.



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***Tell Them From Me* student survey:
Information and consent form for parents and carers**

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

11th March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 35 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by **Friday 13th March**.

More information about the survey and the research is available on the CESE website:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Dr Jenny Donovan
General Manager
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school **by Friday 27 February 2015**.

I (*print name*) **DO NOT** give consent
for my child/children (*print name/s*)
of class/esto participate in the ***Tell Them From Me***
student feedback survey.

Signed..... **Date**.....