

Gosford East Public School

NEWS 'N' VIEWS



Term 1 Week 8
18th March 2015

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Report any suspicious behaviour to School Security 1300 482 737

P & C Association

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00pm – all welcome

From the Principal...

P & C Election Day BBQ

Congratulations to our new office holders of the P & C that were voted in last Wednesday at the AGM. Darren Owen is again President, Natalie Whineray is Vice President, Anne Sykes Hollowed is Treasurer, Wendy Whitmore is Secretary and Melissa Hogston is coordinating fundraising. Thank you to these parents for volunteering to be part of the executive and to the other parents that attended the meeting

One of the first activities for our P & C this year is the Election Day BBQ which will be held at our school on Saturday 28th March. They do require assistance for this day and would appreciate any help they can get. If you cannot help please buy a sausage sandwich from them when you are voting.

Pet Education

Last week we were lucky to have a Pet Education program that is funded by the State Government at our school. Here students learnt how to approach dogs safely and read the signs of danger etc.

Harmony Day

This Friday is Harmony Day. At our school we have many students from so many different cultures so this day is very important to us.

Cross Country

Our annual cross country is on Wednesday 1st April at our school. It is always a great day and if you are able to join us your attendance will be warmly welcomed. The days kicks off with our support classes at 9:00am, followed by Kindy and Stage 1 students at approx. 10:00am. Years 3-6 will commence at approx. 11:30am.

Autumn Holidays

This term has gone too fast with the Autumn/ Easter vacation approaching very soon. The first day of the holidays this year is Friday 3rd April which is Good Friday with students returning on Tuesday 21st April for Term 2.

Parking

We have had a complaint from the Skin Cancer Clinic across the road that parents are parking in their car park of a morning and afternoon and that some of their staff and patients have been abused by our parents. We are aware that parking is very difficult to get around the school but this is a **private car park**. They have informed me that the police have been made aware of this incident.

Dates for the Diary

School Photos will be held on Friday 24th April this year and NAPLAN will be held for Years 3 and 5 on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

Dates for your Calendar...

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

20th March - Harmony Day

20th March - Yr 6 EOI due

24th March - The Rocks Exc (S2)

27th March - Fitness First (S3)

1st April - Cross Country

2nd April - Easter Hat Parade

(2pm)

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... Phoebe, Peta, Payton, Ethan, Lucy, Trae, Matilda, Dylan, Kalem, Josh, Hazel, Mischa, Klay, Tasanica, Isabel, Zoe, Finn, Brianna, Willow, Ebony, Thailia, Emily, Olivia, Joshua, Dillan, Jayden, Lucy, Ryan, Theo.

Quality Work... Lara 5/6C, Piper 5/6C, Jacob 5/6C, Oliver 5/6C, Josh 5/6C, Sienna 5/6M, Jayden 5/6M, Liam 5/6M, Angel 5/6M, Sarah 5/6M, Blair K-6W, Tahlia 4/5S, Chelsey 4/5S, Billy 4/5S, Logan 3-6M, Josh 3-6M, Noah 3-6M, Joseph 3-6M, Thomas 3-6M.

House of The Week... Kiara

Best Class... 1P

Merit Awards... Cohen KE, Chace KF, Melanie K/1H, Ethan 1P, Tiger 1/2B, Sean 2S, Joshua 2T, Eliza 3/4E, Jay 3/4R, Eamon 4/5S, Riley 5/6M, Zack 5/6C, Jolie 3-6M, Emmett K-5B, Annaliese K-6W.



Notes out this week

ICAS English & Maths Competition

Bathurst Deposit Stage 3

Tennis Stage 2 & 3 Anticipated Costs for Stage 3

Purple Day – Epilepsy Gold Coin Donation

Yr 6 T-Shirt Reminder



Counsellor Corner...



Some more tips from Triple P founder;

Getting Results **Professor Matt Sanders**

It's natural to want your child to do well at school and some parents use a reward such as money to encourage their children to get better grades. I've often heard of parents offering their child money for every "A" on their end of term report card.

One of the problems with giving children financial incentives for good end-of-term grades is that the reward comes too long after the effort is made.

Rather than waiting till the end of term, it's much more effective to set up a system of rewards which are brief and frequent and which encourage positive daily habits. These daily habits then build towards an eventual outcome, such as a good homework and study routine.

However, you can encourage children to build good study and homework habits without having to resort to offering money.

Why not try a reward such as spending time with your child doing an activity they really like? Or you could offer a special treat you know they'll enjoy. The object is to encourage good routines by giving extra attention and praise or small frequent rewards when they are doing the right thing.

When kids are struggling that little bit of extra attention can encourage them into new patterns of behaviour – and they may end up getting that A after all!

Sue Negus

Boy's Choir Workshop....



On Monday two very lucky GEPS boys (Thomas and Lachlan) attended the Central Coast Choral Festival Boy's Choir Workshop. They had the amazing opportunity of working with conductor Peter Lehner; the well-respected musician, conductor, actor and performer. Peter Lehner has performed with people such as Delta Goodrem, Ricki-Lee, Normie Rowe and in shows such as Home and Away and A Country Practice etc. He has also received multiple significant awards including the "Top 100 Influential People – Sydney Morning Herald."

The two boys that attended this workshop are also participating in the Boy's Choir group that will perform at all six performances of the Central Coast Choral Festival in October this year.

Congratulations boys on your efforts and achievements in the area of Performing Arts. It is wonderful to have you representing our school.

"It was really fun. The best part was when we got up on the stage." Thomas

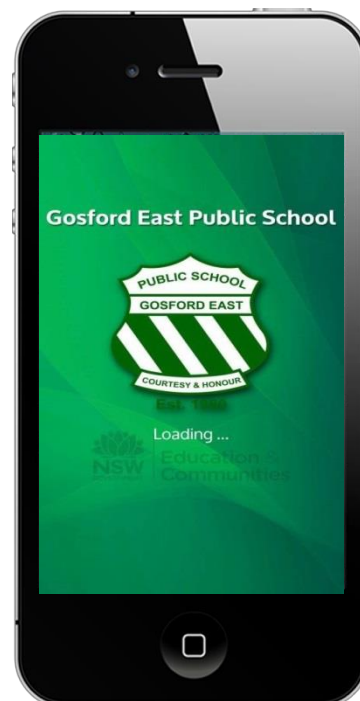
"Keep your eye out for an article in the Express Advocate regarding the Boy's Choir Workshop."

Linden Connell

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 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.

Canteen News...

Hi Everyone, We hope that everyone has received their Hot Cross Bun order form. Please remember that orders must be in to Canteen by next Monday – 23rd March. Orders will be in on 1st April after 11.30am.

We also have a recess special on over the next few weeks – banana bread fingers for 50c each.

Thanks

Jo

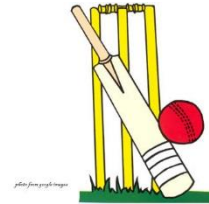
Canteen Manager



Roster

Thursday 19 th March	Help Needed 0414 907 968	
Friday 20 th March	Help Needed 0414 907 968	Urgently Needed Please
Monday 23 rd March	Help Needed 0414 907 968	
Wednesday 25 th March	Donna Ryan	
Thursday 26 th March	Carmen MacDonald	
Friday 27 th March	Suzanne Piggott	
Monday 30 th March	Help Needed 0414 907 968	
Wednesday 1 st April	Help Needed 0414 907 968	

Sport...



Swimming – Last Tuesday Mr Travica and I had the pleasure of taking a number of students away to participate in the SCC District Swimming Carnival. It was a great carnival, with our students displaying excellent behaviour and loads of effort. Dylan (2T) was our champion of the day! He came 1st in the 8yrs 50m freestyle. A very big thankyou to Mr Barbeler for being our team manager on the day and doing such a fabulous job!

Cricket – Last Thursday two of our students represented our school in the Regional PSSA Cricket Trials. We are pleased to say that both Mitchell and Ayden were successful in going through to the next level. Unfortunately our inter-school cricket game against Gosford PS was washed out on Friday, and will now be played on Thursday 26th March.

Mark Emery

Harmony Corner...



14 – 22 March - **Seniors Week** NSW Seniors Week is the largest celebration for people aged over 60 in the southern hemisphere. It's also for people aged 50 and older who have a lifelong disability or are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Across the State, seniors can join in hundreds of free or specially discounted events.

16 – 20 March - **Barunaya (Mandaean)** This is a five day religious festival. Each day is dedicated to a spirit of light.

17 March - **St Patrick's Day** St Patrick (Patricius) is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Roman Britain, in the part that is now Wales, in 385 AD. As a boy he was captured by raiders, taken back to Ireland and sold into slavery. He escaped, returned to his homeland and studied theology. He then returned to Ireland and converted the mostly non-Christian people to Christianity. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes out of Ireland and to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to his followers. He died on 17 March 461. Each year parades are held in his honour all over the world.

19 March - **National Close the Gap Day** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples die 10-17 years younger than other Australians. Closing the Gap is a commitment of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to address the disadvantage faced by Indigenous Australians in life expectancy, child mortality, education and employment.

19 March - **St Joseph's Feast Day** St Joseph is the Maronite church's patron saint of workers and families.



2015 Markets

April 26
May 24
June 28
July 26
Aug 23
Sep 27
Oct 25
Nov 22

SUNDAY MAR 22
Heazlett Park Foreshore 9am-2pm







Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don't attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with *Questions and Puzzlement*, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child's school, you should:

- let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
- go to the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
- email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child's school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child's year?

If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child's year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See

www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html



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Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."
- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly

Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs


Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: <http://www.wep.org.au>

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

(They're educational! but, shhh ... don't tell the kids! They think it's fun 😊)



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Erina Height Scout Hall


9 Apr	Angry Birdies / Bad Piglets 9am - 12pm (half-day)	9 Apr	Clash of Bricks 1pm - 4pm (half-day)
10 Apr	Bricks 4 Girlz 9am - 12pm (half-day)	10 Apr	Amusement Park Mayhem 1pm - 4pm (half-day)
13 Apr	Mining & Crafting 9am - 12pm (half-day)	13 Apr	Bricks 4 Girlz 1pm - 4pm (half-day)
14 Apr	Superhero Academy 10am - 3pm (one day)	15-16 Apr	Remote Control Mania 10am - 3pm (2 days)
17 Apr	Animal Grossology 9am - 12pm (half-day)	17 Apr	Teenage Mutant Brick Turtle 1pm - 4pm (half day)

Cost

Two day workshop	\$150, incl GST
One day workshop	\$80, incl GST
Half day workshop	\$45, incl GST

Each child will receive a BRICKS 4 KIDZ® t-shirt and a custom LEGO® mini-figure when participating to a 2 full day program.

Please note that food is not provided. Please provide a nut-free snack for your child to enjoy during every day of vacation care. If staying for the full day children will need to bring their own nut-free lunch.



For a full description of each program and to register online, please visit our website at
Bricks4Kidz Central Coast



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 _____