

Gosford East Public School

NEWS 'N' VIEWS



Term 2 Week 2
29th April 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...

Last Weeks' Storms

Last week was a difficult week for so many families. Apart from the power outages there were so many trees that fell during and after the storms. I do hope that you and your family were ok during this time.

The school did have loss of power for three days and 9 trees fell around the school and thankfully we did not have any property damage. A few of our staff had trees fall on their houses but luckily there was only minimal damage. I do hope that none of our families had damage done to their property. If this did occur and we can help in any way please let us know.

I would like to thank the school community for their support during and after the storms. We only had a few kids here each day and without power the staff were not able to do too much as the classrooms were very dark. We were not able to answer phone calls or make them and our mobile reception was basically non-existent, like most places around the coast.

Our staff, with the help of some of our students, and especially Tom our cleaner and Terry our GA did an amazing job cleaning the outside debris and I thank them very much for all the work that they put in. Thank you also to Darren Owen and Natalie Whineray from our P & C and Julie from our office for putting updates on Facebook and on our App. Sometime this message did not get through, especially for those without power but it did help.

I do hope that everyone now has their power on and life is getting back to normal.

Anzac Service

On Friday we had our ANZAC service which once again was a very solemn occasion. We only had about 70 students here and the students that assisted us did a great job, especially at very short notice. Under the guidance of Linden Connell ten of our students sang as part of the Mass Choir at the Terrigal Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. I thank them for getting up so early to be part of this very moving service.

Dance Groups

Congratulations to four of our Dance groups that have been accepted into the Central Coast Dance Festival. Further information about dates for performances etc will be sent home by Mrs Boyd and Miss Middleton in the near future. Most schools are lucky to get one in so it shows the quality of the dance program at our school. All seven of our dance groups will be performing at an evening organised by our school later in the year.

Welcome

Welcome to Mrs Stephanie Mellross who has joined our school as the Assistant Principal replacing Belinda Conry. Stephanie will be teaching 1/2B and is responsible for Kindergarten and Year 1. We are very pleased to have Stephanie at our school and I know she will be a great asset.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

Notes out this week

Bathurst Excursion

Opportunity Class applications Year 4

Dates for your Calendar...

5th May - Mother's Day Stall

8th May - District Cross Country

8th May - Mother's Day Devonshire Tea

12-14th May - NAPLAN

27th May - Fitness First Excursion

Regular Events...

Student Banking - Wednesday

School Assembly 1:45pm – Friday

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

TERM 2

21/04/2015 – 26/06/2015

TERM 3

14/07/2015 - 18/09/2015

Photo Day...



The school photos have been rescheduled to the 23rd of June. Students are to wear their full school uniform. Please send payment envelope in on the day of photos, not prior. All envelopes that have already been handed in to the school will be held until photo day.

Sorry for any inconvenience this reschedule may have caused and thank you for your patience in the reorganisation.

Stage 3 needs your help...

Stage 3 need help this Thursday covering books. We have received a large order of novel study books, and curriculum based books that need to be covered before they can be used in class. If anyone can spare some time at 1:45pm this Thursday it would be greatly appreciated. Afternoon tea will be provided!

Mother's Day Stall...

The P&C will hold the Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday 5th May, and again at recess on Thursday 7th May at recess. Presents will be priced at \$2, \$3 and \$5. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Mel Hogston 0413 199 647.

Mel Hogston



Mother's Day Devonshire Tea...

This year the P&C are holding a Devonshire tea to celebrate all the special females in our lives for Mother's Day. It's a way of saying Thank You for everything they do for us, and this includes Grandma's and Aunty's too.

This will be held on Friday 8th May in the Hall at 11:00am.

All we ask is for a gold coin donation for each Devonshire Tea served, payable on the day. Tea and Coffee will also be available.

Mel Hogston



Wanted – Volunteer Bus Driver...

FOR CHILDREN IN THE PHYSICAL UNIT



We are seeking a volunteer bus driver to drive a Rosa bus on Wednesdays to Scallywags Gym at Wyoming between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

We also need a volunteer driver to replace our Friday driver while our regular driver is having a knee operation and will be away for about 2 months beginning almost immediately. The bus leaves at 10:00am and returns at 1:00pm.

If you or someone you know could assist us, we would really appreciate it. Please contact Margaret Wright in the Physical Unit, or phone 4324 3896.

Stewart House...



Envelopes have gone home this week for the Stewart House Donation Drive 2015. Your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT. Please send in your \$2 coin, complete entry details on the back of the envelope and return to the school office by 8th May 2015 to be in the running for a \$4000 Holiday!

Intention to Apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016...

Dear Parent/Carers of Students in Y4 2015,

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

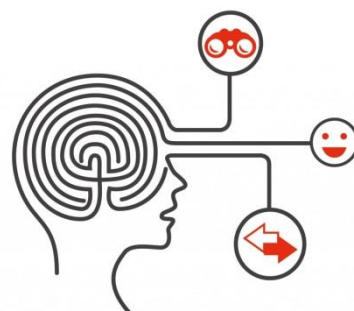
There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

We have sent a note home to your child. Further notes are available in our office.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Graeme McLeod

Principal



Canteen News...

Hi Everyone

Welcome back to term 2!

Be on the look-out for some winter warmer recess specials.

Please remember that we now have chicken noodle and/or minestrone soup available at recess. Both are gluten free as well.

Thanks

Jo
Canteen Manager

Wednesday 29 th April	Sarah Hole
Thursday 30 th April	Michelle Cutting
Friday 1 st May	Kylie Ogston
Monday 4 th May	Carlie Belgre
Wednesday 6 th May	Help please 0414907968
Thursday 7 th May	Melissa Hogston
Friday 8 th May	Tracey Hill
Monday 11 th May	Carlie Belgre
Wednesday 13 th May	Help please 0414907968

Anzac Day 2015...

Nine very committed and enthusiastic GEPS students braved the cold darkness and set out on an unusual school excursion. Meeting at 4:45am on Saturday morning the students commemorated the centenary Dawn Service at Terrigal and sung in a combined school's choir. All feedback received indicated the choir sounded wonderful. Well done, Hannah, Ebony, Nakeitah, Zoe, Jordan, Jolie, Bianca, Olivia and Chloe for being excellent school representatives..... And a massive thank you to the parents for getting up so early and giving up your Saturday morning. It was a very special service to be a part of!

Linden Connell



Operation Art Announcement!!!...

After much deliberation the poor school executive team announced three artworks as the winners of the Gosford East Primary School Operation Art competition.

This year there were 98 entries and 14 finalists. The standard of artwork was absolutely outstanding! Choosing only 14 artworks out of the 98 was a difficult task followed by the executive team having the even more difficult task of selecting only 3 out of the 14. Very, very hard!

The 2015 GEPS Operation Art Winners are:

Ashlyn – “Cheerful Flowers”



Amelia – “Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright”



Brock - “The Dandelions”



The three artworks will now be sent to Sydney to be framed, ready to be exhibited in the Operation Art exhibition held at Sydney Armory Gallery, Olympic Park. **A very big thank you to the school P & C for paying for the 3 artworks to be entered in to the exhibition.**

All Operation Art entrants will receive an Operation Art award at the school assembly this Friday. The finalists and winners will also receive an award and display their artworks to the assembly.

Congratulations GEPS students, 98 entries is fantastic! It was wonderful to see so many students having a go and that the quality of your artworks was so high. Well Done!!!

A very proud and impressed,

Ms Connell

Free to a Good Home...

Beautiful Dolls house with furniture.

Please contact the school office if you

would love to take this home.

First in best dressed!



Dance Costumes...

Miss Middleton would love to hear from any Parents/Carers that are willing to help sew dance costumes for our school dance groups. If you can help out please complete your details below and return to school office asap, or you may express your interest by emailing the school at

gosfordest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Miss Middleton will contact you shortly.

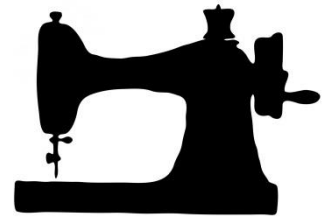


I am happy to help sew costumes for the school dance groups.

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Child Name: _____ Class: _____



ICAS Competitions...

This is a reminder for all students interested in sitting the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions, that permission notes and payment must be into the school office by Friday 8th May 2015. No late entries will be accepted, and no refunds will be available if you do not sit the tests. Please see Mrs Sansom or school office for information and permission notes.

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 2

The School banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. New rewards have just been released for Term 2, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Planet Handball (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens – released term 2
- Intergalactic Rockets – released term 2



You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD\$2000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/01/2015 and ends 11.59pm 18/12/2015. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in Commbank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/01/2016 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,245. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 26/01/2016. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857: ACT Permit No TP14/04345: VIC Permit No 14/5966: SA Permit no T14/2327

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2014



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty

\$415

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty

\$173

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty

\$311

+ 2 Demerit Points



DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty

\$311

+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: **\$311 + 2 Demerit Points**
- STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): **\$415 + 2 Demerit Points**
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: **\$173 + 2 Demerit Points**

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.
These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.

Harmony Corner...



29 April - International Guide Dog Day - The first Guide Dog organisation in Australia started in Perth in 1951 following the arrival of guide dog Dreena from the UK in August 1950. By 1957 there were Guide Dog Associations in each state. It costs about \$6,000 to breed and train a dog for four months and another \$6000 to train the dog and person together for one month. A further \$6,000 is spent on follow-up training for the person and dog during its working life. This day is also known as International Day of Celebration for Seeing Eye Dogs.

1 May - May Day - May Day originated in ancient Europe as a day to celebrate human fertility and the renewal of nature through the first Spring planting. Celebrations included dancing around a maypole and the crowning of a May Queen. May Day (Labour Day) is now also associated with workers and their struggle to achieve an eight hour day.

3 May - World Press Freedom Day - World Press Freedom Day is observed annually on May 3 to inform the international community that freedom of the press and freedom of expression are fundamental human rights. This day reminds people that many journalists brave death or face gaol to bring daily news to the public.

4 May* Vesak/Wesak Buddha's Birthday - In the southern Buddhist or Theravada tradition, the three important events in Buddha's life (his birth, enlightenment and death) are all celebrated on the first full moon in May. In the northern, or Mahayana (Buddhism) tradition, statues of the infant Buddha are washed with special sweet tea to commemorate his birth.

SENSORY SCREENING FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Big Hero 6

Penguins Of
Madagascar

Home
(In Cinemas 19 Mar)

Tinkerbell:
Legend Of
The Neverbeast
(In Cinemas 2 Apr)

Minions
(In Cinemas 18 Jun)



SUN 15 FEB



SUN 15 MAR



SUN 26 APR



SUN 24 MAY



SUN 28 JUN

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs

- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
- Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are \$8 each (Except Ipswich \$6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following Locations:

Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich,
Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla

Any questions email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

BUY TICKETS NOW AT THE BOX OFFICE

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