

Gosford East Public School

NEWS 'N' VIEWS

Term 3 Week 8

2nd September 2015



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Report any suspicious behaviour to School Security 1300 482 737

P & C Association

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



From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Father's Day Breakfast

Just a reminder that this Friday 4th September we will be holding our annual Father's day Breakfast. This is not only for fathers but for grandfathers, uncles, or any significant male in your child's life. It starts at 8:00am and will finish by 9.00am.

Indigenous Fun Day

Thursday 3rd September is our Indigenous Fun Day where the whole school participates in educational and fun activities related to Aboriginal Culture. We have employed an artist for the day, who along with the kids will be developing a piece of work that will be displayed in the school library. I am sure it will be a fun and educational day for all of our students and staff.

School Photos

The photos were delivered a couple of weeks ago and I hope that you were happy with your child's photo. I was very impressed with the photos this year. We used a new company that we found to be very professional and obliging. There are a number of sporting teams, choir, dance group, prefects and captains photos displayed near the office that you can order. Please see the office staff for details on how these can be ordered.

Year 6 Farewell

Many thanks to the parents that have volunteered to help organise the Year 6 Farewell. It is a very special day for Year 6 and it is approaching rapidly. If you would like to help please see Jodie Campbell, our Stage 3 AP.

Graeme McLeod

Principal



Notes out this week

Indigenous Fun Day



Dates for your Calendar...

2nd Sept - Book Club Orders due

3rd Sept - Indigenous Fun Day

7th Sept – Sydney North Athletics

9th-11th Sept - Bathurst Excursion

14th Sept – Interrelate

16th Sept - Disco

Regular Events...

Student Banking - Wednesday

School Assembly 1:45pm - Friday

Uniform Shop - See Jo in canteen

TERM 3

14/07/2015 — 18/09/2015

TERM 4

6/10/2015 — 16/12/2015

Student Corner Assembly News...

Caught You Being Good... Anthony, Niamh, Esme, Thomas, Luca, Lachlan, Jonas, Liam, Ben, Bronte, Issac, Tahlia, Haley, Chloe, Lucy

House of the Week... Kiara

Merit Awards... Owen KE, Tyler KF, Zayn KH, Taitem 1P, Will 1/2M, Javier 1ST, Jude 2S, Jocelyn 2T, Zoe 3/4E, Bella 3/4R, Emma 4/5S, Sienna 5/6M, Emily 5/6C, Jolie 3-6M, Phoenix K-5B.

Quality Work... Makedde, Emma, Alicia, Bonnie, Melanie, Will, Tiger, Dylan, Stephanie, Stevie, Evie, Alexander, Sophia, Brodie, Joshua, Dylan, Mark.



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Central Coast Choral Festival 2015...

Ticket Information

Tickets for Central Coast Choral Festival 2015 will be going on sale soon. An online ticketing system will be used this year which means **ticket purchases can ONLY be made online.**

The ticketing details for your child's performances are as follows:

Where: Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi.

Show: Show A

When: Tuesday 20 October 2015

Times: There will be 2 performances -
- a matinee at 3.30pm and an evening performance at 7.00pm.

Where to buy tickets: online through Eventopia: www.eventopia.co

- Once you have entered the site, search for Central Coast Choral Festival. There are six different shows – please ensure you are buying tickets for the correct show (Show A for East Gosford Students).

Payment Options: Credit card only.

Ticket Sale Date: Show A - Monday 14 September

A note will be sent home this week with the GEPS Choral Festival Students providing further details regarding ticketing information. Please keep an eye out for it.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Connell

Book Week Character Parade...

The parade last Wednesday was an overwhelming success. I'd like to thank every family who went to the effort to dress-up their children and find an appropriate book for the parade. Our school was a buzz with talk about books and characters. The students also enjoyed tutors in the library at lunch.

Also a huge thank you to all the staff who dressed up. What a great effort at this busy time of year. It really added to the fun. Overall a wonderful day was had by all.

Lyndall Coles

Teacher Librarian

GEPS Spelling Bee...

A very big thank you to my supporting peers Angela Boyd and Jodie Campbell who ran the spelling bee for me while I was at home unwell. It's fantastic to work with a team of professionals who support each other, and go well and beyond their role to assist others. From all accounts the competitors at our school's Spelling Bee were fierce and they are all to be commended.

Congratulations goes to Ella, Samuel, Poorva and Judy who will be attending Umina PS on Monday 7th September for the Regional Spelling Bee Competition.

Best wishes GEPS representative can't wait to hear how you all go.

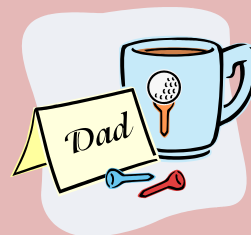
Lorell Masters
Gosford East PS

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Father's Day Stall will be held again on Friday 4th at recess only (if there are gifts remaining).

Cost for presents will range from \$2, \$3 and \$5.

Children need to bring their money on the day.



I'd really appreciate any help selling the gifts or wrapping them please. You can text me on 0413 199 647 or just turn up on the day for a 9am start.

Thanks Mel Hogston

60 Minutes a day...

Children aged 5 – 12 need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. How can you help them??

Think of alternatives when you hear "I'm Bored".

Include physical activity in family outings. Give gifts or toys that promote physical activity such as bats, balls, skipping ropes, skates or bikes.

Simple measures can be taken to keep your child active and healthy. Everyone can take part, and enjoy themselves.





You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17948&j_password=Gos4218

The school's computer room will also be open for parents to complete the survey at school, starting Monday 31st August 8.30-8.50am and 3-3.30pm, Tuesday 1st Sept 8.30-8.50am and 3-4pm, Wednesday 2nd Sept 3-3.45pm, Thursday 3rd/ Friday 4th 3-30pm. More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Additional Group Photos...

All orders for the additional group photos are due Friday 4th September. Please send payment and order form into the school office for these. Copies of the photos are on the display board outside the school office if you wish to have a look before you purchase. Groups include Captains, Sports groups, Choir etc.

Kindergarten Enrolments...

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

Some of our families may not be aware that they need to inform us now in the Front Office if they have a child starting next year. This can be done by the parent/caregiver phoning us on 4325 2178.



If you know of other families intending to send their child to GEPS, and who don't currently have children at our school, would you please let them know to call the Office for enrolment details.

Our Kindergarten Transition program will be held in Term 4. It will commence on Friday, 30th October and conclude on Friday, 20th November. The sessions will run from 9:15am to 10:45am on Friday mornings. More information will be sent home at the end of the term.

Julie Griffith
School Admin Manager

Harmony Corner...

1 September - [National Wattle Day](#) First celebrated in Hobart in 1835, National Wattle Day was proclaimed in Canberra in 1988 and is a celebration of Australia's national floral emblem, the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*). Wattle is found on many Australian symbols. Australians representing their country at international sporting events wear the national colours 'GREEN & GOLD' based on wattle flowers and foliage.

1 – 7 September - [National Asthma Week](#) With 1 in 6 children and 1 in 9 adults having asthma, National Asthma Week provides a great opportunity to raise awareness about this common condition. Educational seminars and other activities are conducted during National Asthma Week to raise community awareness about the impact asthma can have on people's lives.

2 September - [Indigenous Literacy Day](#) is supported by the Australian Publishers Association and the Australian Booksellers Association. The day aims to raise funds to buy books and literacy resources for remote Indigenous communities in Northern Territory and in Wilcannia, north-west New South Wales. All funds raised go directly to The Fred Hollows Foundation to buy books and other literacy resources for remote Indigenous communities in Northern Territory and New South Wales.

3 September - [Australian National Flag Day](#) Australia's National Flag was first flown on 3 September 1901, the year of Federation. In 1996, on the 95th anniversary of the Australian national flag Sir William Deane, the then Governor General of Australia, declared 3 September as Australian National Flag Day.



Canteen News...

Hi Everyone,

Only a few weeks of term left – where has it gone??

Fruit & veg month has been going quite well however we haven't had many "tasters" for our lovely recess items. Our mystery fruit & veg items have been going well with some interesting "Googling" going on to find out what they might be.

Please remember that with more hands on deck more things can get done in the Canteen. If you have some spare time please contact me on 0414907968 especially if you see there is a gap in the roster. You don't have to commit to a whole day. Any time you have is greatly appreciated.

Jo
Canteen Manager



Roster:

Thurs 3 rd Sept	Help Please 0414 907 968
Fri 4 th Sept	Father's Day Breakfast Urgent Help Needed 0414 907 968
Mon 7 th Sept	Kelly Schultz
Wed 9 th Sept	Help Please 0414 907 968
Thurs 10 th Sept	Carmen MacDonald
Fri 11 th Sept	Suzanne Piggott
	Help Please 0414 907 968
Mon 14 th Sept	Anne Sykes-Hollowed
	Wendy Whitmore
Wed 16 th Sept	Sarah Cocks

P & C News...

1. Saturday 12th September at 2pm is the Green Living Workshop at school, every family attending will get a free gift. So please send your acceptance slip back so we can cater for numbers.

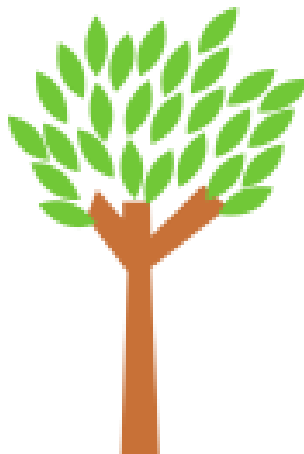
2. Keep collecting the Woolworths earn and learn stickers. If they have run out of stickers, hold on to your receipts and Woolies will give them to you when they are back in stock.

3. Next P&C meeting is next Tuesday September 8th at 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome (kids too).

4. Join the GEPS P&C green team for gardening hour every Friday 2-3pm.

Hope everyone has a good week and enjoys the Fathers Day events happening at school this week.

Wendy Whitmore
P & C



FUN



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sept/Oct 2015

	AGE+COST	DATE+LOCATION
ARCHERY (INDOOR) – Get on target & challenge the kids with this great Olympic sport. 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm	8-15 years \$20	22 September, Gosford
CANOEING/KAYAKING - Experienced guides will ensure safety is the number one priority, followed closely by lots of fun. Participants must be able to swim 50 metres. 10am-12:30pm	10-16 years \$33	23 September, Avoca Lagoon
CIRCUS SKILLS - Clown around! This action-packed workshop and, try riding a mini clown bike, spin a plate on a stick, use a flower stick, have a juggling lesson, walk the slackline, and more! Learn to make your own balloon animal or flower to take home.– 10am-1pm (3 hours).	6-12 years \$43	23 September, Niagara Park
CIRCUS AERIAL WORKSHOP - Aerial skills are great fun and in this workshop you will get to have a go on the aerial hoop, the static trapeze and the silks. All participants will need to arrive on time to join in a warm-up and basic tumbling skills before participating in the aerial skills.– 10am-11:30am (1.5 hours).	8-16 years \$34	23 September, Niagara Park
GYMNASTICS INTRODUCTION – 2 day program. This introductory program includes basic fundamental movement and gymnastic skills will be taught which would include specific apparatus safety in a fun and friendly environment with accredited coaches. -	5-12 years \$30	22 & 23 September, Berkeley Vale
SAILING - 3 day program. Join in on the fun on the water and learn to sail. Catering for beginners to advanced, this program is taught Yachting Australia instructors on dinghies. Participants must be able to swim 50 metres.	7-16 years \$166	23, 24 & 25 September or 30 Sept, 1 & 2 Oct, Gosford Sailing Club
SURF LIFE SAVING - Kids will learn about beach and surf recreation whilst having loads of fun. 9am-1pm.	8-15 years \$20	29 September, Terrigal Beach
SURFING - Learn to surf with Central Coast Surf School in a fun, safe environment with professional experienced instructors. Soft surfboards, wetsuits, rash vests and sunscreen are supplied. You'll be stoked with your progress in our 3-day course. (4.5 hours in total).	7-16 years \$95	21, 22 & 23 September or 28, 29 & 30 September at Umina or Avoca Beaches (times vary at both beaches, please check on
STAND UP PADDLE - It's fun and easier than you think. Within just one lesson, we will have you up and paddling. This program is jam-packed with useful tips and techniques so you quickly gain skill and confidence.	11-16 years \$33	30 September, Avoca Lagoon
TENNIS GOSFORD – 3 day program. This great value clinic for 5 to 16 year olds is run by experienced coaches from Gosford Tennis Centre and caters for all levels. It doesn't matter whether you have never played or if you want to improve your skills. This clinic covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, the different shots (forehand, backhand, volleying etc) and learning the rules, matchplay and scoring. Lunch is included each day.	5-16 years \$130	21, 22 & 23 September or 30 Sept, 1, & 2 October
TENNIS WYONG - 3 day program. This clinic caters for all levels. It covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, technique and rules of the game. Play games, mini-tournament and a small party on the last day.	5-16 years \$67 (third sibling free)	21, 22 & 23 September, Wyong



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All program fees include GST. For other information on each program, please phone 02 4362 3184 or see www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au