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Term 1 – Week 7

Wednesday 9th March 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Zone Swimming Carnival

Yesterday GEPS participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Peninsula Leisure Centre Woy Woy. I would like to thank Mr Emery, Mr Travica and Mrs Learmonth for taking our children. The children had a great day and represented our school with pride.

Car Park

I know parking can be extremely difficult in the morning and afternoon, but please refrain from driving into the car park at these times or parking in the bus zones along Webb Street. When entering or leaving the school please use the designated paths as these are the safest options. Do not walk through the car park when dropping children off or picking them up as it is extremely busy at these times of the day.

Canberra

The excursion to Canberra is not far away. Please ensure you have returned all relevant paperwork to the teachers. This is going to be an exciting trip for all children with lots of great activities planned.

Art Gallery

On Monday 3-6S, 4/5B, 5/6C & 5/6M walked to the Gosford Regional Art Gallery. This was part of their Unit of Work on local Government. They learnt about Japanese Culture and about our sister city in Japan. They had a fantastic time. Thank you to Mrs Coles for organising such a great excursion.

Cross Country

Our school Cross Country is coming up in week 11. Please check with your child's class teacher what house your child is in so they can come in their correct sport colour.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

NOTES HOME

- Tell Them From Me Survey
- Disco
- Naplan Year 3 and Year 5
- Hot Cross Bun Drive Fundraiser



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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14 th – 24 th Mar	Support Swim Scheme
24 th Mar	Purple Day
25 th Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday
28 th Mar	Easter Monday Public Holiday
30 th Mar – 1 st Apr	Canberra Excursion Stage 3
30 th Mar	Operation Art entries due
5 th Apr	School Cross Country
8 th Apr	Harmony Day
8 th Apr	Operation art Winner announced at assembly

REGULAR EVENTS...

Student Banking - Monday
School Assembly – 1:45pm Friday in hall
Uniform Shop – see Jo in canteen
TERM 1 2016 – 28/1/2016 – 8/4/2016
EASTER HOLIDAY 25 TH – 28 TH MARCH 2016

SPORT NEWS

Swimming

Last Tuesday Mr Travica and myself went to the District Swimming Carnival with our school team. All of the students tried their best and their behaviour was excellent!

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support our team and especially to Mrs Learmonth who was an amazing team manager. You can have the job next year too!

Mr Emery

OPERATION ART

Calling all Operation Art entries, it's time to get creative!!!

Operation Art is an initiative to encourage and showcase the visual arts talents of students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 10. Submitted student artworks are professionally framed and exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park in September. From there 50 artworks are selected and tour the AGNSW and regional galleries before they are donated to and displayed at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, helping to create a positive healing environment.

Last year two very talented students had their artworks selected for ArtBank awards. Artworks selected for ArtBank awards are either donated to regional hospitals or displayed in Department of Education offices. Over 800 artworks were submitted last year to the NSW competition but only 50 are selected for ArtBank awards. WELL DONE GIRLS!!!!

In 2014 a GEPS student had her artwork selected for a 'Royal Commission Award'. Her artwork was given to the Royal Commission to be exhibited in their offices for a year and then later assigned to a regional hospital in NSW for exhibition.

This year we have an exciting addition to the GEPS Operation Art competition. Each of the 3 winners of our school competition will receive a free Jimmy Halfpenny Deluxe Art Book valued at \$140 compliments of Jimmy Halfpenny. More information regarding this wonderful addition to the competition will be provided in the Operation Art Information Note which will be sent home soon.

Kindergarten through to Year 6, now is the time to start thinking about and planning your artwork. **The theme is; Cheerful and uplifting artworks appropriate for display in hospitals.**

Entries close: Wednesday 30th March 2016.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on 43252178 if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Linden Connell

JIMMY  PENNY

STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD -

Kade 4/5B, Alex 5/6C, Monique 1H, Macauley KM, Jack 1/2P, Roseanna 2/3T, Aaliyah 2/3T, Aaron 5/6C, Jasmine KM, Oliana KM, Emily 5/6M, Caitlyn 1/2P, Hamish 3/6S, Eva 5/6C, Lexie KR, Harper KR, Charlee KM, Charlie KM

QUALITY WORK -

Archie, Luna and Joel of KR; Aiden, Gabby and Emily of KF; Evan, Heidi and Macauley of KM

HOUSE OF THE WEEK -

WARRIMOO

MERIT AWARDS -

Francis KF, Charlie KM, Giavonna KR, Beau 1H, Fabian 1T, Jozua 2E, Sean 2/3T, Lachlan 3M, Savannah 3/4S, Crystelle 4/5B, Emma 5/6M, Chelsey 5/6C, Martika 3/6S and Mark K/6



CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Easter is coming at a fast pace and once again the Canteen will be running the Hot Cross Bun Drive.

We have other beautiful slices, pies, lamingtons, quiches and many more items available on the order form that will be sent out to each student. Don't forget that friends, family, neighbours etc are more than welcome to place orders on your "Fundraising Order Sheet". All money raised goes toward our P & C which in turn helps our school!

Orders must be returned to the Canteen by Wednesday 18th March at the latest.

We are always in need of volunteers to help in our Canteen from 9am to 2pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, even if you can spare a couple of hours it all helps in making our canteen run smoothly. Contact me on 0414 907 968 if you can volunteer.

Thanks

Jo C

SCHOOL BANKING



Thank you to our School Banking Co-ordinator

We would like to thank Tracey Hill who has volunteered as our School Banking Co-ordinator since March 2014. We welcome Jessica and Kim as our new School Banking Co-ordinators. Our School Banking volunteers are vital in helping teach students the importance of saving regularly.

Banking day is every Wednesday

School Banking

Gosford East is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

BANKING DAY IS MONDAY

HARMONY CORNER

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. A traditional rhyme states: *In April, March, October, May the Ides fall on the fifteenth day.*

P & C NEWS

1. Last year our P&C and its helpers organised a BBQ at the GEPS showcase at Erina High School.

We made a profit of \$811. It was agreed at one of our meetings attended by Miss Middleton that the profit would be donated back to school for the GEPS Creative Arts Program. Just another way P&C help out at school.

2. P&C day afternoon tea was delicious last week. We had 4 new members and had a winner for the \$100 gift card raffle. Thanks to all who joined in the fun.

3. By next week newsletter a new P&C committee for 2016 will be formed and new members welcomed. Watch this space for more info or check on our P&C Facebook account.

4. Don't forget you can join the list to get your newsletter by email.

REMEMBER!!! New members always welcome to assist with ideas and running events.

Many Thanks,

Wendy Whitmore (P&C Secretary until Tuesdays AGM)

P & C Secretary

P & C News

School Disco

This term the school disco will be held on Wednesday 6th April.

The theme is **"DRESS UP"**, so we encourage everyone to dress up as whatever character or theme they like as it's all about having fun!

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. Pizza, coffee and cold drinks will be available for parents to purchase on the night.

Mel Hogston
P & C Committee member

The staff at Gosford East Public School are happy to support School Discos by providing supervision during these events. Your co-operation would greatly assist us with providing a safe and enjoyable disco for your child.

- The discos are for current GEP students only. Students are to arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to their disco session and are to be collected promptly at the finish of their Disco session.
- No child will be permitted to play in the playground at any time during the disco evening.
- No parents are allowed into Hall until the Disco Finishes.
- If a child is not able to separate from their parents and happily attend the Disco under teacher supervision then they should not attend until they can.
- Children must wear suitable dancing shoes at all times and are not to bring balloons, toys or lollies.
- At the conclusion of the Disco, parents will be permitted into the Hall to collect their child. If another person other than their parent is collecting a child, then a note written by the child's parents authorising this arrangement, must be given to a supervising teacher.

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The Teachers enjoy supporting the P&C with this Fundraising event and would appreciate parent's co-operation to ensure the Disco is fun and safe for all students. We hope that with P&C support we can continue to help provide a safe and successful event.

The staff of Gosford East Public School

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Red Bus Coach Service



2/03/2016

Hi Principal and Student Admin,

The 2016 grace period has been extended by an additional two weeks to allow late applications from parents and schools, received by Transport in just the last few weeks, to be finalised and School Opal cards mailed out to students.

The period an eligible school student can travel without a valid school Opal card is from 27 January 2016 until 14 March 2016 inclusive.

Important information about travelling with Opal

- The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school.
- The School Opal card doesn't cover travel to after school care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school.
- Students should use a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.
- School Opal cards will not be activated for light rail or Sydney Airport Link stations.
- Students should tap on and tap off every time.
- Please direct customers to apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students



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