

Gosford East Public School

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Term 2 – Week 2

Wednesday 4th May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Carers,

NEW STAFF

I would like to welcome three new staff to our school.

Rachael Smith is our new School Chaplain, which we were successful in applying for last year. Rachael's role is to support the schools pastoral care and school wellbeing program including our newly implemented Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) program. We have not as yet defined her role, but at the moment she is visiting classes and getting to know our kids. Rachael will be here each Monday and Tuesday.

Wendy Gilmore has joined us for two days a week. One day in the office and another in the Library.

Meagan Simpson has joined us for two days per week teaching Mrs Edwards' class. Mrs Edwards will be working Wednesday to Friday and Meagan will take the class Monday and Tuesdays. We are very lucky to have Meagan as she has already proven to be a wonderful asset to the school.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the annual NAPLAN tests will be held for students in Years 3 and 5.

NAPLAN is only one test on one day and does not test everything in the curriculum. It does however provide the school with much information. We do try to keep it as low key as possible as some students can become quite anxious about tests. It is important to somehow treat this as just another day. If you have any concerns about the test or require more information please contact your child's teacher.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

Today our Year 3 and 4 students went to Sydney to visit the Australian Museum. This is a great excursion and supports the program delivered in class. I look forward to hearing about it all on their return.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers for Sunday! I hope you are all very spoilt. The Mother's Day stall was held yesterday which the kids were very excited about. A big thank you to the parents that came and helped sell and wrap all of the gifts, as I'm sure all the Mums will love them! Thankyou also to Mel Hogston for purchasing all of the gifts earlier in the year as it was a huge task and I thank her very much!

P & C MEETING

A reminder that the next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Graeme McLeod

PRINCIPAL

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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4 th May	Stage 2 Art Excursion Sydney
10th to 12th May	NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
20 th May	District Cross Country
23 rd May	School Photos

REGULAR EVENTS...

Student Banking – Monday
School Assembly – 1:45pm Friday in hall
Uniform Shop – see canteen
TERM 2 2016 – 27/4/2016 – 1/7/2016

NOTES GONE HOME

Sallywags Gym Term 2 Class K-6W

Swimming Term 2 K-6W

Riding For The Disabled Class K-6W

District Cross Country



FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FINANCE CHANGES

As you would all be aware we are changing over to a new finance system this term. We are trying hard to introduce this system with the least impact to families. GEPS will transition to the new system and a new bank account on 16th May 2016.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. **ALL Payments:** Between **9th May 2016** and **20th May 2016**, we will not be able to accept any payments by cash, cheque, or Eftpos as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that any outstanding payments are made before **9th May 2016**. From **20th May 2016**, cash, eftpos and cheque payments will be accepted as usual.
2. **Online payments:** As of **20th May 2016**, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at www.gosfordest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

I thank you for your assistance and patience while this transition continues.

Julie Griffith
School Admin Manager

STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Connor, Ron, Francis, Bailey, Aleeta, Jack, Charlie, Piper, Romy, Fabian, Meisha, Sophia, Charlie, Peter, Stevie, Lauren, Emily and Sarah

QUALITY WORK

Oliver, Chloe, Vincent, Jackson, Samuel, Anne, Lucinda, Meisha, Katherine, Emmett, Taine, Chloe, Logan, Francis, Evie, Stevie, Anne, Xavier and Joel

MERIT AWARDS

Harper KF; Ava KM; Eloise KR; Beau 1H; Grace 1T; Jack 1/2P; Abbie 2E; Kyra 2/3T; Luca 3M; Jackson 3-4S; William 4-5B; Mia 5-6M; Aaron 5-6C; Noah 3-6S and Meliisa K-6W



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are being held on MONDAY, 23rd MAY. Catchup day is Friday 27th May

*****Students are to wear their Summer Uniform*****

Return ALL photo envelopes by Monday 23rd May.

Envelopes still need to be returned even if no order is made or ordering has been done online.

Kind Regards,

Ms Connell

K -2 MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY & MORNING TEA

To celebrate Mother's Day we would like to invite Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers and Carers to our K – 2 Mother's Day assembly on Friday 6th May 2016.

It will be held in the school hall starting at 10:30am. This will be followed by morning tea at 11:00am.

Tea and coffee will be provided. You may bring a plate of goodies to share with your child.

K – 2 Teachers

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2017

Opportunity Class Placement 2017

The application process for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2017 has begun. All Year 4 students received a note detailing the process this week. If your child did not receive a note please see their class teacher. If you wish for your child to apply for this class for 2017, please complete and return the ***Intention to Apply*** slip to your child's class teacher.

Important dates;

Tuesday 26th April 2016: Online applications open

Friday 13th May 2016: Online applications close

Wednesday 27th July 2016: Opportunity Class placement test

It is important to note that late applications ***will not*** be accepted.

Angela Boyd (Stage 2 Assistant Principal)

SCHOOL CHOIR

A group of 10 GEPS Choir students were invited to perform two beautiful songs, Lest We Forget and Remember, at the Terrigal ANZAC Dawn Service on Monday as part of a Combined Schools' Choir. The children got up early to be at Terrigal by 4:45am. They made both Ms Tomlinson and myself so proud of our school community by showing their respect for the memories and experiences of fellow human beings, carefully following conductor Ms Amy Ball's directions and by singing so beautifully throughout both of the very moving songs. Chloe H of 3/4S represented our school by helping to lay a wreath at the Terrigal Memorial with five other schools' representatives. Thank you to all the parents who got up early to drive their children to and from the Service. Your dedication helped the students experience the pride and joy of performing in a very important ceremony.

Ms Caroline Pope - Choir

NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY 2016

CHANGE OF VENUE !!!!

The Central Coast NAIDOC Community Day 2016 will be held on the 5th July at:

GOSFORD RACECOURSE Racecourse Road, Gosford

Time: 10am – 2pm

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT, HEALTH CHECKS AND MUCH MORE !



P & C NEWS

Welcome back everybody, we hope you all had a great break and are ready to get into a productive Term 2!

Mother's Day Stall

We have some helpers already which is great but we're still after some more for the Mother's Day stall. The dates & times are: Tuesday 3rd May - 9am till approx 11.30 in the school hall (need approx 6 helpers), and Friday 6th May - 12.30 till 2pm out the front of the hall (need approx 4 helpers). Any and all help welcome, especially any Dads!

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C General Meeting is on Tuesday 10th May, we hope you can attend and bring some great ideas along to discuss.

If you would like to join the P&C, please email your membership to gepsandc@gmail.com and either you may pay your money on the night of your first P&C attended, or put your \$2 into an envelope with your details and the date, and ask if the office staff can place that in the P&C pigeon hole for us to collect and confirm.

Any memberships taken between March meeting and May will be able to vote on any resolutions or motions the June P&C Meeting.

School Newsletter

For those of you who wish to receive the school newsletter via email, a friendly reminder that you will need to email SUBSCRIBE to geps.news@gmail.com – If you are already a subscriber please ensure you re-subscribe for this year. Anyone wishing to remove themselves, please email UNSUBSCRIBE to geps.news@gmail.com.

We look forward to a happy and productive 2016 and extend an invitation to all of our community to join and share the benefits of being a part of the P&C in helping our beautiful school.

Warm regards,
GEPS P&C.

HARMONY CORNER

1st – 7th May – [Motor Neurone Disease Week](#)

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Week is celebrated nationally in the first full week of May each year. During the week, [state MND associations](#) work together to raise awareness and share our vision of a World free from MND. It is also a time to acknowledge the MND community, especially people living with MND and to remember those who have died. [Cornflower Blue Day](#) is held each year on 21 June to raise public awareness of motor neurone disease and to raise funds to help care for people affected by it.

13th May – [Stewart House Day](#)

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

BASKETBALL PLAYER NEEDED

If there are any Under 12 Girls interested in playing basketball on Thursday nights at Terrigal Stadium please call Sarah on 0421 635 686.

The girls would love to have a full team and will be happy for anyone wanting to learn the game and have fun to join them!



Brisbane Water Speech Pathology

Brisbane Water Speech Pathology provides school based assessments and Intervention for children having difficulty in speech, language and literacy.

Students who may benefit from our services have difficulties with the following:

- Understanding directions
 - Speech clarity
- Reading, writing and spelling
 - Social skills

For more information contact Melissa Payne on 0422096301.

EAST COAST TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

TERRIGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

FRIDAY 3:10pm – 4:10pm

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

TUESDAY 6:30pm – 7:30pm

WOODPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

FRIDAY 4:45pm- 5:45pm



KES HARTLEY
4TH Dan International Instructor

**4389 4348 or
0415 452 152**

www.taekwondoeastcoast.com.au



say cheese

School Photo Day is

23 May 27 May 2016

(Catch Up Day ↑)

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Shout Out to talented GEPS performers!



Would you like to perform at
2016 CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS'
SHOWCASE?

The 2016 Central Coast Schools' Showcase
will be held at the
Laycock Community Theatre on
Wednesday 24th August (Show "A") and
Thursday 25th August (Show "B").
Performances will be held on both days starting
at **11:00am** (Matinee) and **7pm** (Evening Performance).

The Central Coast Schools' Showcase is an opportunity for high quality performances in music (vocal & instrumental), dance and drama from public primary and secondary schools to be showcased to the wider community.

WHO CAN AUDITION?	Any student attending a Public School on the Central Coast K – 12.
WHAT?	Any genre within the Performing Arts.
CONTENT	Rehearsed to performance standard. Lyrics, language, costume, themes and movements should be age appropriate.
TIME LIMITS	Dance & Music items: 4 minutes maximum. Drama Items: 5 minutes maximum.
AUDITIONS	Students are invited to submit DVD /MP4/ USB showing their performance level item to Ms Caroline Pope and Ms Sarah Tomlinson , Choir Teachers. Please ensure your recording can be played on both a DVD player and a laptop. Please also ensure all files are clearly labeled and chaptered.
Due date:	<u>Monday 16th May</u> , WEEK 4 TERM 2, for all DVDS/MP4/USBs

Small changes,
big differences.



Triple P Parenting Group Program

FREE

Conducted by **Schools as Community Centre SaCC**
Wyoming Public School

This 5 week program is for parents to
Learn how to change unwanted behaviour and to
encourage desirable behaviour in your children.

Program covers:

- The power of positive parenting
- Raising confident, competent children
- Raising resilient children

Venue:

Wingello Cottage
Schools as Community Centres
In the grounds of Wyoming Public
School
41 Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming

When: 5 Thursday sessions in Term 2

Dates : 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 2016

Time: 10am-12pm

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

To register your attendance please call:

Wyoming SaCC – Philippa 0477 317 862

No Child Care is available.

www.triplep.net

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supporting families to raise children



Newsletter / Letter

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) guidelines require schools to report the Australian Government funding in the school newsletter or equivalent, or a letter sent to parents/guardians.

Newsletter: If you place an article in your school newsletter, please provide a copy of the front page of the newsletter with the date and issue reference, as well as the article page.

Letter: If you send a letter to parents/guardians please provide a copy of the signed and dated letter, as well as a note showing how the letter was issued to the parents/guardians e.g. mail out, part of tour information pack, attached to the school newsletter.

Below is an example of the wording you can use in your newsletter or letter.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking (or have recently undertaken), an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of <<\$>> per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



School Banking is improving your kid's 'Common Cents.'



It's been a great start to the school year, and every week we see the students putting in a fantastic savings effort. That might be because of this year's Grand Prize: a VIP tour of Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin! Many of our true blue Outback Savers are well on their way to reaching their 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, which will give them an automatic entry into the Grand Prize competition.

Aside from the Grand Prize, two new reward items are available this term. After making 10 School Banking deposits, students can redeem the Mud Splat Handball or the Outback Pat Bag Tag!

Learning about your child's 'Common Cents'

Earlier this year, CommBank released a report exploring just how clued-up about money Australian children are. They were asked to complete the 'Common Cents' Quiz, which looked at five key areas of financial literacy: spending, saving, earning, budgeting and investing.

The research revealed our nation's kids are – on average – educated earners and spenders, and children whose parents have smarter money habits recorded higher 'Common Cents' scores. Here are some of the statistics we've uncovered:

- 68% of Aussie kids like saving their money more than spending it.
- 77% of them understand they can earn extra money by doing chores around the house.
- Only 50% know what a budget is, with one in five thinking it's a sheet of paper with numbers on it.
- Over 50% of children surveyed would take \$5 now, over larger monetary sums if they have to wait.

The report also shows that 69% of primary school children in Australia receive pocket money, and 82% of those are expected to complete tasks to earn it. Pocket money is a great way for parents to teach kids the value of money and the earning process.

If you're curious about your child's 'Common Cents', we encourage you to take them through the simple Quiz that's available at commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz

For more tips, videos and activities to stimulate your child's interest in money skills, head to The Beanstalk at commbank.com.au/youthsaver



Mud Splat Handball



Outback Pat Bag Tag



Things you should know: Conditions apply. See commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Promotion starts 9:00am AEST 25/1/16 and ends 11:59pm AEST 30/6/16. Entry is open to all YouthSaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program, have parent/guardian consent to enter, and make at least 15 separate deposits into their YouthSaver account through the School Banking program during the promotion period. Limit of 1 entry per person. The draw will take place at 12:00pm AEST on 11/10/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children (17 years or under) to the Sunshine Coast, Queensland with return economy flights (depending on winner's place of residence), 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire, \$1,000 spending money and a 1 day VIP family Platinum Zoo Adventure tour of Australia Zoo, valued at up to \$13,501. The winner's name will be published in the public relations section of The Australian on 17/10/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 3111 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Call 13 2221. NSW Permit No. 379/15/00186, ACT Permit No. 17/15/0365, SA Permit No. 115/16/10. **About the research:** Independent research carried out on behalf of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, by PCA Research. A total of 1,130 surveys completed among parents and their children aged 5–12 years. A quantitative online research methodology was used, with a 10-minute questionnaire for parents, and 5 minutes for children. National sample throughout Australia. The fieldwork was conducted between 14 and 19 December 2015.





Department
of Industry
Resources & Energy



2015-2016 Family Energy Rebate



\$150*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

Apply before 11pm
16 June 2016

TWO MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW households with dependent children to cover the costs of their energy bills. In 2015-16 the rebate gives:

- up to \$150 credit on energy bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme and receive electricity from the on-supplied operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- be a resident of New South Wales; **and**
- be an account holder of an electricity retailer, **or** a long term resident of an on-supplied residential community, **or** a resident of an on-supplied retirement village, **or** a resident of an on-supplied strata scheme; **and** whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence; **and**
- have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2014-15 financial year, **and** have received a payment in respect of that eligibility.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

You'll need to have:

- lodged your tax return for 2014-15 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you're not required to lodge a tax return; **and**
- received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2014-15.

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme where you live.

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

If you have a DHS Health Care Card, you may also be eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate.
Visit our website for more information.

Ready Steady Go Kids
are back with their fun
sports program at
CCSaCC Wyoming!



**Ready Steady Go Kids for children 3 ½ yrs - 5 years
at Wyoming Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)**

The Ready Steady Go Kids program is designed to build confidence, team work and school readiness skills by teaching the basic concepts of a variety of sports. Sessions are approximately 45 minutes. We play in the sun or the rain!

**Term 2 Every Thursday - 9.45am at Wyoming SaCC
Commencing Thursday 28 April 2015**

\$50 per child. Eligibility criteria apply to all families.
Fee may be waived for eligible families.
Contact Philippa to enquire about your eligibility

Registrations close 15 April 2016.
Contact Philippa Skipper SaCC Facilitator on
0477 317862 or email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au