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Term 2 – Week 4

Wednesday 18th May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Finance and Student Management Systems

This week the Department implemented new systems for our Finance and Student Management which has meant that our office staff have not only had to be out of the school for a large amount of training but have to implement these systems in our school. It has been a very stressful time. We thank parents for their patience as we have had to change the way that we receipt money etc and had to stop taking payments for a short while. I have also had to be out of the school for a lot of training and have not been at a Friday assembly for a few weeks which I miss very much but I am sure that the enhancements will be very beneficial.

Cross Country

This Friday the Zone Cross Country Carnival is on with quite a large number of students representing our school. Just getting to the Zone is a very positive thing and I congratulate all of our students that will be representing our school at this carnival. I wish them all the best running at such a pace for 2 or 3 kilometres is so hard to do.

School Photos

Our School Photos will be taken next Monday by MSP. They provided an outstanding service last year and I am sure they will once again. Although the weather is getting cooler we will be having our photos taken in our Summer Uniform. We are having a catch up day for those students that are away on Monday on Friday 27th May where individual photos will be taken.

Staff Training and Development

Last Monday the staff, both teaching and our support staff, stayed back for over three hours of additional training in strategies to assist students with their literacy needs. Many thanks to Jodie Campbell for leading the training for our teaching staff and Jo Hextall for leading the training for our support staff. It was very valuable and will assist us to help our kids even more than we already do.

AFL Clinics and Boys Soccer Team

Next Tuesday our students will be involved in AFL clinics that are run by the AFL development officers. We encourage our students to have a go at anything especially when it comes to physical activity. Thanks to the AFL for providing this service.

Good luck to our boys' soccer team that are playing tomorrow in the PSSA knockout. We do hope they do well. Thanks to Margaret Sansom for coaching our soccer teams.

Graeme McLeod

PRINCIPAL

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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20 th May	District Cross Country
23 rd May	School Photos
27 th May	School Photos Catch-Up Day
25 th May	Local Government Excursion (Year 5 & 6)

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

- Local Government Excursion (Year 5 & 6)
- District Cross Country
- Central Coast Dance Festival
- Riding For The Disabled Class K-6W
- School Photo Day
- Year 6 Primary Fun Day



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 to your class teacher by Monday, 23rd May.

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

Kind Regards,

Ms Connell



STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

WEEKS TWO and THREE

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Kaden, Britt, Mia, Aaron, Lailani, Kira, Cody, Talia, Stevie, Piper, Kayla, Isabelle, Charlie, Molly, Chelsey, Isla, Liana, Aila, Lachlan, Jay, Cody, Connor, Emily, Connor, Josh, Abby, Heidi, Nerys, Zane, Isabelle, Jay, Riley, Ebony, Shyla, Arham, Zack.

QUALITY WORK

Oliver, Logan, Leah, Josh, Larna, Soraya, Ella, Lucy, Aaron, Kira, Haley, Riley, Mia, Tyler, Trae, Makedde, Finn, Harrison, Kane, Tania, Acacia, Olivia, Lily-Rose, Samuel, Paul, Mackenzie, Zoe, Phoenix, Sean, Tyler, Jaxon, Connor, Amelia, Zahlia, Lucy.

MERIT AWARDS

KF – Chloe, KM – Sienna & Heidi, KR – Luna & Connor, 1H – Harry & Isabel, 1T – Taera & Esme, 1/2P – Ronan & Emily, 2E – Aydin & Mia, 2/3T – Syeda, 3M – Angus & Connor, 3/4S – Zac & James, 4-5B – Flynn & Indie, 5-6M – Eliza & Riley, 5/6C – Thalia & Alex, 3-6S – Connor & Lauren, K-6B – Emmett & Phoenix, K-6W – Charlotte

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
 - If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
 - If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way
- Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



Active Kids are Healthy Kids

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)

HARMONY CORNER

20 May- [Walk Safely to School Day](#)

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event encouraging school students to walk and travel safely to school. This community event promotes road safety, health, use of public transport and care of the environment. Schools can register to participate in Walk Safely to School Day.

26 May- [National Sorry Day](#)

The first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998, one year after the tabling in Federal Parliament of the report *Bringing Them Home. The Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children From Their Families*. The report highlights the stolen generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were removed from their families and brought up by non-Indigenous foster parents, government and other charitable organisations of the day. These children suffered from loss of family, culture and language. This day is also known as 'Journey of Healing Day'.

26 May- [National Public Education Day](#)

National Public Education Day celebrates the values, traditions and achievements of public education in Australia. This day recognises the learning successes of all students and the commitment of teachers and parents to the public education system in Australia.

26 May- [Australia's Biggest Morning Tea](#)

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a fund raising event organised by the Cancer Council of Australia. Funds raised are used to provide cancer support services for patients and their families.

27 May – 3 June- [National Reconciliation Week](#)

This is a time for all Australians to actively support reconciliation, to explore and discover a shared heritage, and to understand and respect the local Indigenous people's culture. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) falls between 27 May and 3 June - two significant dates in the relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. The referendum also gave the Australian Federal Government the power to make laws on behalf of Indigenous Australians. The High Court of Australia handed down its judgment on the Mabo Case 3 June 1992. The High Court overturned the concept of 'terra nullius,' that is, that Australia had been empty of people when settled by the British and also acknowledged the pre-existing rights of Indigenous Australians.

28 - 29 May- [Red Shield Doorknock Appeal](#)

Each year the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal raises funds for its Community Service program. Volunteer collectors raise funds to support programs such as those for homeless persons, families in need, nursing homes and prison chaplains.

P & C NEWS

Notice To All New P & C Members

If you have recently become a member and have not yet given us your phone number and email address, please email these details to the secretary at gepspandc@gmail.com. This information is very important to be able to send out notifications to the membership.

Canteen Helpers

We are currently looking for canteen helpers to help on Monday, Wednesday, BUT most importantly Thursday & Fridays from 12pm to 1:30pm.

If you think you could do a regular day once a week, a fortnight, a month or just do a once off to help the canteen help put together and serve our gorgeously sweet canteen customers, we would love to hear from you.

Please email gepspandccanteen@gmail.com and let Brooke know what day/s work for you & she will be most happy to accommodate.

Positions

We are looking for 3 (or more) zealous & committed parents/citizens, to give their time to their local school community within the essential roles listed below:

- **P & C Treasurer** - to manage accounts for P & C run uniform shop, canteen and general account. You will need basic bookkeeping skills or an understanding of financials to help in this area, and we are happy to help with training on Quick Books, and if you have another friend who you can share this role with we would be very happy to accommodate.
- **P & C Vice President** - this role is more of a supportive role and helps manage, run & coordinate the P & C as an organisation, back up for other roles where required.
- **P & C Fund Raising Coordinator** - we already have 2-4 people happy to work with you within a fund raising sub committee so you already have a team keen to help you. Fund raising is one of the more fun ways you can help & actively contribute to helping your school achieve its goals to bettering the facilities your kids currently have access to.

See this link for more detailed information about the above P & C role requirements:
<http://pandc.org.au/index.php/publications#FAQ>

CANTEEN - Positions Vacant:

The P & C is also looking for an enthusiastic, food preparation savvy person who will be able to run our school canteen. Please see below

Fast Food Employee Level 3 – Job Advertisement

East Gosford Public School P&C Association requires an efficient, enthusiastic Canteen Supervisor to oversee the operation of East Gosford Public School Canteen in accordance with the job description for 4 days a week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a maximum of 22 hours per week during school terms. Our menu includes breakfast, recess, lunch and counter service. Salary is in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010 (MA000003).

To be considered you must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to work as a team member and lead
- Demonstrated time management skills and ability to control day-to-day operations of a school canteen
- Demonstrated computer literacy using MS Office applications Excel, Word and Internet
- Work experience with volunteers and P&C groups
- Knowledge of basic financial management systems
- Knowledge of the Fresh Tastes @ School Healthy School Canteen Strategy (www.schoolcanteens.com.au)
- Experience and qualifications in food preparation, food safety and handling
- Knowledge of WH&S principles
- Current Working with Children Check
- Qualifications in canteen operations, food safety, and nutrition and food preparation will be highly regarded.

Please email your resume addressing the above criteria to Michael Renton, Secretary gepspandc@gmail.com by end of business Friday 27th May 2016.

Thank you from your P & C Association.



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:

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- 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



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.