

# Gosford East Public School

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Term 3 – Week 4

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Education Week**

Thank you to the so many parents that had the time to support our students and our school last week. It was a huge week with our 4 Dance Groups and Choir performing at Erina Fair on Monday.

On Tuesday we had our Public Speaking Competition with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 speaking on a wide range of subjects. The level of Public Speaking was outstanding and I was in awe of our student's ability. Our younger students are getting better every year and our older students showed not only their ability to deliver a message in a very constructive way but were also able to entertain. I was so proud of every one of our kids and look forward to hearing them at the zone finals.

On Wednesday our Dance Groups performed again along with our Choir. They were joined by our three Kindergarten classes who in their first Education Week Assembly were outstanding. I had tears in my eyes they were so good!

Our students were very excited by the visit from Pebbles our school mascot, an owl, who is much bigger than I thought. The kids were very excited by his visit to our school and I am sure he will visit again soon.

### **Central Coast Public Education Appreciation Awards**

Congratulations to Margaret Wright, our amazing Special Education teacher who has been here for nearly 30 years and to Julie Bull one of our parents that has helped us in so many ways for the past 17 years. Both are receiving Central Coast Public Education Appreciation Awards at The Entrance High School next week. These are very well deserved and we thank them both for all that they have done in supporting our kids and our school in so many ways for so many years.

### **P & C**

Last night was our monthly P&C meeting. As the current executive and office bearers resigned a new team was elected. Can I thank our past president Anibal Zarate and the past executives for their efforts and congratulate and thank our new President, Natalie Whineray and the new executives for putting themselves forward to assist the school. Can I also thank Brooke Elliott for keeping our canteen going over the past few months, her support and assistance was most appreciated.

## Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is on this Friday being held again at our school. It is always a great day and your attendance at this event will be welcomed.

Graeme McLeod

### PRINCIPAL

## STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

### WEEK 2 and 3

#### CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Rhia, Olivia, Abby, Sione, George, Olivia, Lucy, Charlie, Charlotte, Jolie, Sophie, Mackenzie, Dylan, Roseanna, Ben, Jimi, Klay, Jocelyn, Francis, Addison, Abbie, Ben, Brit, Phoenix, Bowen, Jay, Talia, Corey, Josh, Eliza, Zac, Connor, Addison, Nerys

#### QUALITY WORK

Klay, Dasharn, Alecia, Dylan, Hamish, Caitlyn, Brodie, Fabian, Blair, Felicity, Kayde, Jorge, Olivia, Addison, Owen, Mia, Aydin, Lucinda, Riley, Francis, Harper, Aarham, Caius, Hannah, Jasmine, Tyler, Conor, Harvey, Noa, Dasharn

#### MERIT AWARDS

**KF** Xenia, Zoie; **KM** Hannah, Euan; **KR** Jake, Emily; **1H** Ereby, Bowen; **1T** Phoebe, Bailey; **1/2P** Alicia, Brodie; **2E** Mackenzie, Matthew;

**2/3T** Melanie, Kynan; **3M** Charlotte, Makedde; **3/4S** Tianah, Kira; **4/5B** Amelia, Indie; **5/6M** Jacob, Tahlia;

**5/6C** Angel, William; **3-6S** Connor, Troy; **K-6B** Max, Mark; **K-6W** Samuel, Melissa

#### HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Week 2- Carathool

Week 3- Chakola

**LIBRARY** Angus- Skuldugery Pleasant Drawing

**OTHER** Willow, Alistair, Zalhia, Emma, Olivia, Ashley, Alesha, Roseanna, Zoe, Klay, Angus, Martika, Elizabeth, Daina



## NOTES HOME

- GEPS Athletics Carnival
- Indigenous Survival Technologies Presentation
- Grandparents and Friends Day / Book week
- Athletics Carnival Lunch Order / Canteen News
- GEPS K-2 Athletics Carnival
- New Olympathon Date
- Tell Them From Me Survey



# Dates for your calendar

*REMEMBER - Canteen is temporarily closed*

Day	Date	Event
Monday	Every week	Student Banking
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Every month	P & C meeting in staffroom 7:00pm – All Welcome!
Friday	Every week	Uniform Shop      8:45am – 9:15am
Friday	Every week	School Assembly from 1:45pm
<b>TERM 3</b>		
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> August	GEPS Athletics Carnival
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS Maths
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Olympathon (new date)
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Indigenous Survival Presentation
Mon- Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> August	Grandparents & Friends Day

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES		
	STUDENTS' FIRST DAY	STUDENTS' LAST DAY
Term 3 2016	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016
Term 4 2016	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
Term 1 2017	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Term 2 2017	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

## URGENT P&C UPDATE

Last night was the August P&C meeting, whereby, the outgoing executive committee resigned from their positions. We would like to thank all of these committee members for their help and hard work during their time.

Following the election, the new executive committee is as follows:

**President – Natalie Whineray**

**Vice Presidents – Andrew Cocks & Mel Hogston**

**Secretary – Anne Sykes-Hollowed**

**Treasurer – Ross Seabrook**

**Canteen Convenor – Sarah Hole**

**Uniform Shop Coordinator - Kim Martin**

Last night a special meeting was scheduled for next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7:00pm in the staffroom to discuss steps to move forward regarding the canteen. A Canteen sub-committee will be determined at this meeting. All welcome.

We would like to advise that volunteers will open the canteen next Thursday and Friday for recess and lunch. There will be a limited menu coming home soon for these two days.

The uniform shop will be opening now at 8:45am – 9:15am on Friday mornings. You are still able to send in orders via the school office at any time. These will be filled as soon as possible.

**ONLINE ORDERING FOR BOTH CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP HAVE BEEN  
SUSPENDED FOR NOW. PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS FACILITY.**

## COMPUTERS

Understanding computer science is becoming ever more vital in today's world. 1-2P have been getting skilled up by learning how to write simple codes. Leaders in the field believe "coding is the new literacy. To thrive in tomorrow's society, young people must learn to design, create and express themselves with digital technologies", Mitchel Resnick, MIT Media Lab. Coding is used to create software, apps and websites. Our class has been using MIT Scratch Software to learn how to make 'sprites' (characters) move, talk and make other sounds in a variety of cyber backgrounds. Through the program, the students are learning to identify problems, develop codes to make their 'sprites' work, learn how computers work and understand why coding is used. Linda Liukas, founder of the Rails Girls coding organisation believes "children can benefit from learning code because they learn computational thinking". Needless to say, the class is keen to continue with this project and will move onto other coding software in Term 3.



## CHOIR NEWS

On Monday, Week 2, during Education Week, the GEPS Choir had a great opportunity to showcase their singing and performance skills at Erina Fair Hive. The Choir joined the Erina Learning Community's Combined Choir to sing two songs, 'Batman Shimmy' and 'Cartoon Heroes', being conducted by Ms Amy Ball, Holgate P.S. The students made GEPS proud by showcasing their talents and commitment to Choir to the wider community.

During Week 1, the Choir also continued their intensive singing program via the 'Singing in Schools Program' led by Mrs Karen Morrow.

The Choir also performed 'Batman Shimmy' and 'Colour My World' to a packed audience at GEPS Education Day Assembly on Wednesday.

Ms Pope and Mrs Tomlinson say "Thank you!" to all the students who give up their lunchtime each Thursday to commit to our School Choir.

We now look forward to performances at Erina High School later in the year.

Ms Caroline Pope

## MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Thank you to the parents and staff who made the Celebration of our Multicultural Community last term so enjoyable. We had a wide variety of languages from the school community represented: Gujarati, Korean, Indonesian, Cantonese, Italian, Mandarin, Burmese, French and Arabic.

We enjoyed hearing from Nellie Srisurapon from *Northern Settlement Services*, who told us about the programs and services offered, including conversational English, with child care provided.

Our parents included those with students who have been enrolled in our school for some time, as well as families with students starting this year in Kindergarten. We celebrate the wide variety of languages represented in our school community and we hope to discover new languages.

Mrs Coles Teacher/Librarian and Mrs Callachor EAL Teacher



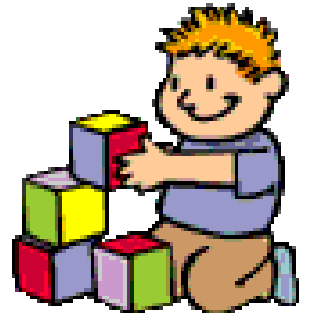
Mrs Callachor, Mrs Coles, Mrs Jung, Mrs Nellie Srisurapon, Mrs Win, Mrs Flynn, Ms Roberts  
Chloe, Francis and Jake

# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2017

## Kindergarten Enrolments...

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2017.

Some of our families may not be aware that they need to inform us now in the School 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.

*Julie Griffith*  
School Admin Manager

## HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

A reminder to all Year 6 students who will be attending High School Year 7 next year, Expression of Interest Forms were due to be returned to school on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. It is a matter of urgency that these forms are returned to the school office ASAP. If you have lost or misplaced your form, contact the school office for another one.

## SCHOOL BANKING

### SCHOOL BANKING TERM 3 COMPETITION

#### **Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights**

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more deposits during Term 3, you'll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

**To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights)**





# LIBRARY NEWS

This Term we are studying all things uniquely Australian. The Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week is 70 Years old this year and is held from August 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. The Theme this year is **Australia - Story Country**.

## Book Character Parade and Book Fair

Don't forget we will be holding a **Book Character Parade on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15pm**. Students are to come dressed as any uniquely Australian Book Character, Identity, Sports person, historical figure, animal or building or geographical feature, any Aussie Icon you can come up with. There is a great poster on Australian Geographic depicting 100 Aussie Icons, <http://tinyurl.com/gvvrnw> if you are looking for ideas. Here are a some Aussie characters from books, Blinky Bill, Cuddlepot & Snugglepie, Ginger Megs, Storm Boy, Audrey of the Outback, Hush from Possum Magic, Mr McGee, Characters from The Magic Pudding. Or some Icons could be A Redback Spider, Kangaroo, Koala, Rubber Thongs, BBQ, Surf Life Saver, Lamington, Sydney Opera House, Great White Shark, Vegemite, Holden Car and that's just a start. Looking forward to seeing our costumes.

We will also be holding our **Book Fair during Book Week** and the fair will be open on the Tuesday evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and after the Book Parade on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Students will also be able to attend the fair on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> August. A timetable of exact sales times will be published closer to Book Week.

**Mrs Lyndall Coles**

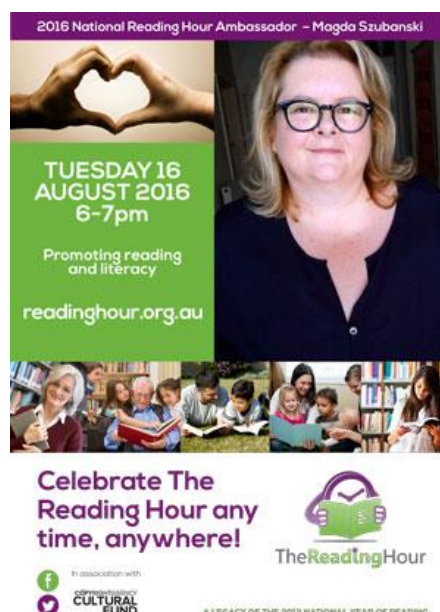
**Teacher Librarian**

## **READING HOUR**

August is also the time to celebrate the Reading Hour. There is a set time as between 6-7pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, however the organisers know that families this may be a challenge, the main aim is to read for an hour over a week. Why not try 10 minutes a day over 6 days OR 15 minutes a day over 4 days just start on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. This is a fantastic time to share books with your children and encourage reading for pleasure. For more information and to register for the event see the Reading Hour's website <http://www.readinghour.org.au/>

If you take part and email me a photo of you and your child/children sharing a favourite book I'll have it posted on our school website and facebook page. I look forward to hearing from you.

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\* Also special thanks goes to **Gosford Tenpin Bowling, Casey's Toys and Edfyno Solutions** for their donation for prizes for the most tickets sold.



# Father's Day Family Night

**FREE**



**Time: 6pm - 8pm**  
**Date: Thursday 1st September**

**Bunnings West Gosford**

Come along to our free Father's Day Family Night and enjoy lots of great activities including Lego workshops, face painting, drumming circle and a magic show! There will also be DIY demonstrations, kids craft and balloon artists. Enjoy a sausage sizzle for dinner and join us for a great night of fun!

Bookings recommended for more information or to book speak to a team member in store or go to [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au) and locate your nearest store.

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## HARMONY CORNER

### **13<sup>th</sup> August** [International Left- Handers Day](#)

On International Left-Handers Day, left-handers everywhere can celebrate their left-handedness and increase public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed.

### **13<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August** [National Science Week](#)

National Science Week is an annual nationwide celebration of Australian achievements and capabilities in science. It aims to increase community awareness and understanding of the role of science, engineering, technology and innovation in maintaining and improving our society, economy and the environment. Teaching resources and suggested school based projects can be found on [National Science Week](#) website.

### **15<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August** [Early Childhood Intervention Week](#)

The aim of the week is to heighten community awareness of early childhood intervention and the variety of services available for infants and young children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families.

### **18<sup>th</sup> August** [Vietnam Veteran's Day](#)

On 18 August 1966 Australian troops fought in the Battle of Long Tan. On this day we pay tribute to the 59,000 Australian men and women who served in the Vietnam War and remember the 520 who died in active service.