

# GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 – Week 2

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2017 and another great year at Gosford East. We have had an incredibly settled start and were able to start our classes from day 1.

### **Staffing Update**

We have a few new staff and I am sure you will make them feel welcome. Jaimi Holmes has joined us from Copacabana and is teaching Year 2, Megan Johnstone has replaced Margaret Wright and is teaching one of our Special Education classes, and Suzanne Rorich who is the Networks Reading Recovery Coordinator and has been working with staff from our school for a number of years has joined us for three days a week as our Learning and Support Teacher. Christie Haynes has returned from Maternity Leave teaching RFF for 1 day per week. We welcome our new and returning staff. A list of staff and classes is in this newsletter.

### **Kindergarten**

Our new Kindergarten started last Thursday and are already part of the school and it seems that they have always been here. They have made a very settled start and their Year 6 buddies have done a great job helping them in the playground.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Our Swimming Carnival is on next Monday at Gosford Pool involving all Year 3-6 students and those students that turn 8 this year and wish to attend. I do hope the weather is not as warm as it has been but also hope it does not rain as the carnival has to go ahead despite the weather. We are always looking for parent helpers on the day and if you can help please see Mark Emery who I am sure will be very grateful.

### **P & C**

The next meeting of the P & C is on next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We will have lots to discuss especially the success of a Community Grant for over \$60000 to assist to upgrade our playground that was prepared and submitted by Kate Glasson. Kate is congratulated for her work with this. It is a very large amount of money that we will use to enhance our facilities near our oval and we look forward to getting the work attached to this grant fulfilled. We thank Kate very much.

### **Break-in and damage to windows**

Over the past two weeks we have had number of windows broken around the school. There were associated break-ins with no damage done other than the windows. Our School Security caught the offender in the building and I thank them for looking after our school and responding to the alarm so swiftly. I also thank the local police who have been very supportive and also responded quickly. If you ever see suspicious activity around the school please call the local police or our School Security on 1300 880 021

### **Parent Teacher Evening**

Everyone should have received a note about our parent teacher afternoon/ evening which is being held next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. The purpose of this is so you can meet your child's teacher, hear how the class and Stage are organised and hopefully meet some other parents. These meetings are not for individual interviews but as you know these can be organised through a note to the teacher. We are most happy to discuss your child's progress at any time. We will also be running a sausage sizzle during meetings so you can grab one before or after your meeting. A note has been sent home for catering purposes.

**\*Please refer to note sent home regarding times**

*Graeme McLeod*

PRINCIPAL

## **2017 HOUSE CAPTAINS**

We are proud to announce our House Captains for 2017.

**CARATHOOL** CAPTAINS - **Ashlyn and Joshua**

VICE CAPTAINS- **Brianna and Jake**

**CHAKOLA** CAPTAINS- **Eva and Alex**

VICE CAPTAINS- **Crystelle and Thomas**

**KIARA** CAPTAINS- **Larna and Anthony**

VICE CAPTAINS- **Haley and Kieran**

**WARRIMOO** CAPTAINS- **Lucy and Aaron**

VICE CAPTAINS- **Lauren and Dylan**

They will be presented with their badges at a later date to be determined.

Congratulations to you all!

Mr Emery

# Dates for your calendar

**REMEMBER - Canteen opened Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

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

## TERM 1

Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival (Stage 2 and 3)
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Night
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Erina High School Open Night 6pm
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Selective High School Test
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Responsible Pet Program (K-2 and Support Units)
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Photo Day
Monday-Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1

## NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES

	STUDENTS' FIRST DAY	STUDENTS' LAST DAY
Term 1 2017	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Term 2 2017	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Term 3 2017	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017
Term 4 2017	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017

# NOTES HOME

- 2017 Swimming Carnival
- Swimming Carnival Lunch Order
- Parent Information Night
- Canteen Menu and News
- Parent Information Night



## OFFICE NEWS

### VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The voluntary school contribution for 2017 is \$45.00 per student. These funds are used to purchase art, craft and other consumable items for individual use in classrooms. These items are not funded by the government but must come out of the school's budget. This contribution can now be sent in via your child in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and what the payment is for. Envelopes are available outside the school office.

### PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT

Online payments are available by going to the school website, Gosford East Public School and clicking on the 'Make a Payment' tab. Complete the details as listed. If paying for an excursion please tick the box and write receipt number on the permission note to show this. **Online Payments are the schools preferred payment method.**

### PAYMENT ENVELOPES

Payment envelopes are available at the parent desk outside the school office. Please use these envelopes to send in payments for your child. These envelopes should be returned with the correct money/cheque **and the permission note** sealed inside, with your child by the due date. Please ensure you put the child's full name as it appears on their enrolment form and their class name.

Envelopes are then handed by your child to their teacher in class and sent to the Office for receipting. Receipts are sent back to the class for distribution by the classroom teacher each day. Alternatively, envelopes can be handed in to the front office for receipting. EFTPOS is still available in the office between 9am and 3pm.

### STUDENT WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS

If your child suffers from a health condition like asthma, allergy etc you will need to complete up to date forms for 2017. We will send home new forms soon. Can you please ensure you complete them and return them promptly to the office.

### FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed address, phone numbers or would like to update your emergency contact details, can you please send a written note in to the school office with the new details. Alternatively you can collect a change of details form from the office. It is most important that your details are up to date for medical or other emergencies or for teachers to be able to contact you about your child.

Julie Griffith  
School Admin Manager

# CANTEEN NEWS

## Hours/Days

Hello to all the new and returning families. My name is Melissa Hogston and I will be the new Canteen Coordinator for Gosford East Public School.

Opening hours for the Canteen Term One are 8:30am-1:40pm, THURSDAY and FRIDAY.

## Menus

New menus went home last week but if you missed out then there are plenty available at the canteen or office. I will cater as best I can to dietary requirements so if you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.

My hours are 10am-2pm.

## Online Ordering

Take advantage of our easy to use online ordering by signing up to [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au). This is a convenient way to order and very easy to use.

## Volunteers

I've had an amazing response to getting volunteers and I'd like to thank those parents for their assistance. We're always appreciative of helpers so if you're keen, fill out the note that went home last week, come see me in the canteen or send me a text. It can be for a whole day or even just an hour or two.

If you're unable to make your volunteer day then please don't stress. My number is 0413 199 647 so just give me a buzz to let me know.

## Swimming Carnival

Special lunch orders can be made for the carnival next Monday either online (just enter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb in the date section and menu will appear) or on the note sent home last week. These need to be in by 9am, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Here's to a very successful year ahead. Thank you to all my volunteers as without you, the running of the Canteen wouldn't be possible

Mel Hogston (Canteen Coordinator)

# CANTEEN ROSTER

<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
	<b><u>9<sup>th</sup></u></b> - Sarah H Dewi Marisa B	<b><u>10<sup>th</sup></u></b> - Cymantha Pam Marisa B Alison E
	<b><u>16<sup>th</sup></u></b> - Sarah H Dewi Marisa B	<b><u>17<sup>th</sup></u></b> - Cymantha Pam Sarah N Alison E Marisa B
	<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> - Sarah H Dewi Marisa B	<b><u>24<sup>th</sup></u></b> - Michelle C Cymantha Pam Alison E Marisa B

# 2017 Staff Details

<b>Principal:</b>	Graeme McLeod	
<b>Assistant Principals:</b>	Ms Stephanie Mellross Mrs Angela Boyd Mrs Jodie Campbell Mr Ben Wilkinson	(ES1 & Stage 1) (Stage 2) (Stage 3) (Support Unit)
<b>Teacher Librarian:</b>	Lyndall Coles	
<b>Administrative Manager:</b>	Julie Griffith	
<b>Administrative Officer:</b>	Nicole Dorratt	
<b>General Assistant:</b>	Terry Waters	
<b>Classroom Teacher:</b>	Mrs Lauren Flynn Mrs Stephanie Mellross Miss Hayley Roberts Mrs Sarah Tomlinson Mrs Jo Hextall Mrs Linden Connell Miss Jaimi Holmes Mr Mark Emery Ms Margaret Sansom Mr Rade Travica Mrs Lorell Masters Ms Bridget Scott Mr Ben Wilkinson Mrs Megan Johnstone Mrs Natalie McIver	KF KM 1R 1T 1/2H 2C 2J 3/4E 3/4S 3/4T 5/6M 5/6S K-6B K-6J 3-6M
<b>Support Teachers:</b>	Ms Tara Edwards Mrs Leah Frewin Mrs Emma Roncari Mr Bruce Donaldson Mrs Suzanne Rorich	Reading Recovery/RFF RFF ESL OOHC LAST
<b>District Guidance Officer:</b>	Mrs Sue Negus	
<b>School Counsellor:</b>	Mrs Sue Negus	
<b>School Learning Support Officers:</b>	Mrs Alison Richards Mrs Annitta Curtis Mrs Sue Jenkins Ms Kylie Bayliss Mrs Jess Feeney	
<b>Support Unit Health Staff:</b>	Joy Donaldson	Occupational Therapist
	Toni Stanley Tahlia Owers	Physiotherapist Physiotherapy Aide



## **Community Notices and Paid Advertising:**

*This school newsletter contains paid advertisements which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any product or service by the NSW DEC or Gosford East Public School.*

### **The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.**

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

#### **Encouraging savings habits with great rewards**

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

#### **Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland**

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Australian residents aged 4-13 yrs only with parents/guardian approval. Must have a CAN Rewards account and be participating in CAN's 'School Banking' program. Starts 20/1/17. Ends 15/6/17. Entry 1 entry per person. Entry 1/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEST 11/1/17. Winner to be announced 17/6/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids aged 12 and under to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,000. CommBank Bank of Australia, ABN 40 122 122 124, of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Parents: NSW LPS1609099, ACT LPS1601709, SA LPS1596.

### **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 would benefit from our services may have difficulties with the following:

- Understanding directions
- Speech clarity
- Reading, writing and spelling
- Social skills
- Vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure.

For more information contact  
Brisbane Water Speech  
Pathology on 43043676

# **cordi properties**

**Cordi Properties has teamed up with Gosford East Public School**

**For any parent, family or friend that is part of our wonderful school, Cordi Properties has pledged to donate \$500 back to the school on settlement of your property**

**So if you have been thinking of selling and are part of our school community, please feel free to call Michael on 0452 182 063 to have a chat**

**"Supporting the stars of the future"**

**If you are not thinking of selling but still would like to know what your property is worth in this current market please give Michael a call and he would be more than happy to give you a free update**

**Feel free to like his facebook page:**

**[www.facebook.com/cordiproperties](https://www.facebook.com/cordiproperties)**

# Gosford Tigers

2017 Season Kicks off Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

AFL is for Boys and Girls of all age, Auskick through to Opens. Played on Sunday mornings, generally all your local teams play at the same ground each week, which makes it fun and easy for kids and parents.

**Be one of the first ten to register online as a new player in 2017, in U9s, U11s or U12s and receive a \$20 rebate!**

## Registration Dates

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 10am - 2pm @ AMART West Gosford

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 9am - 1pm @ Aldi Wyoming

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 10am - 2pm @ AMART West Gosford

## REGISTER NOW

Registration online costs vary; please check online for more information.

Visit [play.afl](http://play.afl) - Search "Gosford Tigers" or enter your postcode

For more information contact Mal: [malbarsing@gmail.com](mailto:malbarsing@gmail.com) or phone 0488 539 740



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## GOSFORD KARIONG

Rugby League Football Club



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*Under 6s – Under 17s*



Come on down to training; Wednesdays & Friday afternoons at 5.30pm during February & March @ Narara Valley High School.

Or phone Ed: 0457810564 or Renee: 0402190282.

REGISTRATION DAYS 11/2 & 18/2 @ AMART SPORTS West Gosford, 10am – 2pm with 20% discount available on purchases & BBQ.

Registration Fees are \$130, which includes; insurance, shorts, socks and training shorts.

Family discounts & payment plans are available.





**ENROL NOW FOR 2017**

**Classes Held in St Patricks @ East Gosford**  
**Classes from \$5.50 \* Try your First Week FREE!**

**Monday**

**3:10 PM - 5-12 Yrs Jazz Technique**

**3:40 PM - 5-12 Yrs Jazz Jazz Concert**

**4:10 PM - 5-12 Yrs Hip Hop Concert**

**4:40 PM - 5-12 Yrs Acrobatics Concert**



**0401473 457 / [www.jbdance.com.au](http://www.jbdance.com.au) / [jessie@jbdance.com.au](mailto:jessie@jbdance.com.au)**



**Transport  
for NSW**

**School travel 2017**  
 Application information Nov 2016

### **Information for parents, guardians and students**

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

**Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via**  
**[www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)**

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

# KIDS LOOK TO US TO KEEP THEM SAFE PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Central Coast Council would like to remind parents of parking restrictions outside your school. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child's primary school and watch your speed when travelling through all school zones.

### NO STOPPING zone

Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.

### BUS ZONE

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.



### DOUBLE PARKING

You are not permitted to stop, OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means do not form a queue in the middle of the lane if you are waiting. Move on, do a loop and come back.



### NO PARKING zone

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Max. Stopping time is 2 minutes – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle – you may get out to help with bags etc.
- Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.

### Stopping ON OR ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property.

Not permitted under any circumstance, you must always consider the school's neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Travelling more than 40 km/hour through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian. Parking illegally also creates serious risks as it limits the vision of other drivers.

It only takes a split second for an accident to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child.

**Please be aware and park safely outside your child's school.**

For more information regarding parking restriction around your school please contact Council's RSO on 4325 8222.