

# GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 – Week 6

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

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

### **School Hats**

It has come to our attention that there was an incident in another state where a cord attached to a school hat got caught as the child was going down a slippery dip causing damage to a their neck. The school hat that the P&C sell does have a release mechanism but the manufacturer has recommended that all of the cords that are attached to hats are cut off. The P & C will be cutting off the cords that are on the hats that are still for sale in the Uniform Shop and we recommend that all parents do the same. Kim from our Uniform Shop will be bringing in some other samples to the P & C meeting in a few weeks so we can consider other options.

### **Labelling of clothing**

You probably would not be surprised to hear that we find many items of clothing, hats, drink bottles, etc. lying around the school. If a child's name is on the item it is much easier to get back to them. We are approaching the time where the mornings get a little colder and the days are warm. This is when our kids take their jumpers off and leave them around. Can you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. There are always many items in our lost property that is in the stairway going upstairs not far from the office.

### **School Grounds**

We are in the planning for the revamping of the area between the Library and the Oval. The school is putting \$30000 towards this and along with the Grant that the P & C were successful with, which was around \$60000 we have a considerable amount of money to spend on this area. We have put concept plans together and will be formalising this along with the P & C during this term. The process to get this approved and get the contractors is quite lengthy but it will be most worthwhile. Thank you to Nathania Learmonth for driving this project. Nathania is a parent and sometime staff member of this school and has done many hours of work coordinating this. Sarah Hole is the P & C rep on this committee which also has about 5 staff members. Once we have come up with a final design we will take this to the P & C for consultation. It is an exciting project and I thank Kate Glasson once more for gaining these funds through submission.

### **Kindergarten**

Our Kindergarten students have fitted in so well and it is like they have always been here. Thank you to our staff and our children's parents for ensuring that the transition to school has been so seamless. We do have a great school and I am lucky enough to see what our kids and teachers do every day.

**Graeme McLeod- Principal**

## Dates for your calendar

*REMEMBER - Canteen opened 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		
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

## STUDENT CORNER – Weeks 4 & 5

**CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD:** Savannah, Bella, Alex, Connor, Crystelle, Shyla, Mrs Sammo, Lucy, Rhia, Daina, Heidi, Jett, Macaulay, Caitlyn, Arham, Kayde, Sam, Chase, Brianna, Matilda, Poppy, Jayden, ,Charlie, Zara, Liana, Owen, Peter, Archie, Zara, Francis, Addison, Lucy and Stevie.

**QUALITY WORK:** Tanaka, Bailey, Tyler, Emily, Lila, Amelie, Caius, Max, Lucy, Kody, Lara, Charlie, Xavier, Miya, Bella

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK:**

Week 4 – Chakola

Week 5 – Carathool & Warrimoo

**MERIT AWARDS:**

KF – Lia ; KM- Matilda; 1R – Hayley, Xenia, Giavonna; 1T – Jett, Jayden, Emily; 1/2H – Isla, Harvey, Yoel; 2C – Ronan, Molly, Reegan; 2J – Anabella, Brock, Chace; 3/4T – Anne, Connor, Mackenzie; 3/4E – Amelia, Acacia, Amy, Taitem; 3/4S – Dylan, Isabelle, Kaden; 4/5B – Tania, Cooper, Tianah; 5/6M –Anthony, Mitchell, Dylan, Alexander; 5/6S – Jimi, Zara, Dallan; 3-6M – Lauren, Liana, Bianca; K-6J – Phoenix, Emmet, Mrk, Samuel; K-6W – Charlotte, Jethro.

**LIBRARY:**

Week 5 saw the new Library Monitors receive their badges for 2017! Well Done!

## NOTES HOME

- Harmony Day
- Operation Art
- School Photo Day
- Clean up Australia Day
- Bathurst Expression of Interest
- Special Swimming Scheme
- Bathurst Deposit Note



# OFFICE NEWS

## CHANGES TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

As of 2017, the rules regarding people working or volunteering in our school have changed. Most paid and voluntary workers or helpers are now required to have a Working With Children Check number and / or Statutory Declaration completed with ID shown.

### For Parent Helpers:

A new Statutory Declaration form must be completed and returned to school office along with 100 points of ID.

This will need to be completed by any parent / carer wishing to help in classrooms, school canteen, or accompany students on excursions. These forms have to be screened by the Department of Education prior to the parent / carer volunteering, and will take approx. 1 week to process.

If you think you will be wanting to do any of the above this year, please collect a form from the school office.

### Support Class Volunteers:

If you are volunteering in the support classes, and are assisting with the personal care of these students, you will be required to obtain a Working With Children Check number issued by the Children's Guardian, as well as provide 100 points of ID. Please collect the form from the school office. This will take approx. a week to process.

### Driving Students to School Events:

For parents / carers that sometimes drive students to the occasional sporting event throughout the year, the above forms for "Parent Helpers" will need to be completed in advance, along with a Transporting Students form so your registration details can be verified. On the day of the event, the supervising teacher will add the names of the children you are transporting to your form.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the school office on 4325 2178.

Julie Griffith

School Admin Manager



**Come & join us for our Annual Garage Sale & Fete**

Many stalls to choose from:  
cakes, plants, books,  
Pre-loved clothing,  
White elephant,  
baby items, craft

**A great all-day breakfast**  
sausage, eggs & bacon  
soft drinks  
tea & coffee

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & FETE**

**FRIDAY 31st March**  
**11am - 6pm**  
**&**  
**SATURDAY 1st April 2017**  
**8.30am - 2pm**

**Narara Uniting Church,**  
**91 Wyoming Road,**  
**WYOMING**

Bring your goods for us to sell on commission

Friday 11am - 6pm

Enquiries: Heather Mogg  
43239404

All funds are donated to charity projects in the Uniting Church. Your support is appreciated.

# HARMONY DAY

## GEPS Harmony Day Celebrations 2017

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Harmony Day promotes inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Together GEPS teachers and staff will create important opportunities for students to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

There are a number of extra special activities planned for this year's celebration including a fun musical way to foster tolerance, acceptance and Multiculturalism. The day will include two 'Drum Beats' performances featuring rhythms from around the globe including Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. These interactive and hands-on performances by passionate and award winning musicians playing an incredible collection of drums, will develop school spirit and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity.

Students are encouraged to wear **orange** mufti on this day, as this is the Harmony Day colour for celebration.

## HARMONY CORNER

**1 March** - Ash Wednesday\* (Christian) This is the first day of Lent. In many churches ashes made from palms used in the previous year's Palm Sunday services are used to make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of parishioners.

**3 March** - Clean Up Australia Day for Schools - On this day, schools are encouraged to clean up their school grounds, a nearby park, creek or other local environmental area. Schools should register their Clean Up site either online or by calling 1800 024 890 and submit their Rubbish Report so that the national results can be documented.

**4 – 5 March** - Thirlmere Festival of Steam is Australia's largest rail heritage festival. The Festival is a family day out featuring market stalls, amusement rides for teens, interactive children's activities, an animal farm, train rides, face painting, roving entertainment, helicopter joy flights and a large display of vintage steam machinery, classic cars and hot rods.

**12 March** – Purim (Jewish) -Purim is the celebration of the Jews' deliverance from genocide in Persia, where the Prime Minister Haman had vowed to exterminate them, around 470 BC. On this day Jews read the Purim story from the Scroll of Esther, the Jewish queen and heroine who saved her people. Purim is celebrated by giving charity to the poor, sending gifts of food to friends, wearing fancy dress costumes and enjoying a festive meal.



# LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the Library for 2017. All students have been encouraged to borrow since returning with Kindergarten borrowing for the first time in Week 4.

Library books can be borrowed for a fortnight; however, I do encourage weekly borrowing to have a good reading routine. I also encourage students from Kindergarten to Year 2 to borrow Picture Books. Some people wonder why this is, if students are already reading novels? I truly believe that to instil a love of reading that will go beyond the early years of school, shared reading with a parent or a significant adult, enjoying the illustrations and discussing the books concepts helps build that love of books and reading. If you want to know more about reading aloud with children see the Guru of Australian Literature for young children Mem Fox, she is a good place to start. You can find her at <http://memfox.com/category/for-parents/>

This year we have also begun to use our new Library Catalogue system 'Oliver' with a child friendly version called 'Orbit'. Students can log into 'Oliver' through their Department Portal from home (if your child knows their log in details) and here they can open the 'Orbit' link on the top left hand side of the page. Students can browse books, search and go beyond our School Library. On the front page you will find under *Online Links* Worldbook Online, which is a fantastic online encyclopaedia that the school is subscribing to and students in years 3-6 will begin to explore and use for research in their library lessons this term.



Oliver also as an App that parents or students with a mobile device can access. Unfortunately, only one student from a family can be added to a parent's device at this time. The App is called Library Link and can be used when you're out and about to see if we have a text in our school library when at a book store or to check what's on loan or books that have been borrowed in the past. The instructions will come home on a flyer with this newsletter.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Lyndall Coles

# PHOTO DAY



## say cheese

### School Photo Day is

23 March 2017

*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)
- Pre pay online.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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# P & C NEWS

The P & C held their first 2017 meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Mel Hogston resigned from her Executive Position to take on the new role of Canteen Co-ordinator therefore we have a vacancy for a Fund-raising Convenor and Vice President. We did not elect anyone for these positions at the February meeting as the AGM is coming up in March where all positions become vacant. The Executive Team however are taking steps towards organising the first 2017 Disco and Mother's Day Stall.

Information pertaining to the AGM will be sent out within 14 days prior to the AGM with details on what takes place at the AGM. The AGM is then followed by the monthly meeting run by the newly Office Bearers. The first of these meetings will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The P & C raise crucial funds for the School. We are currently waiting on quotes to spend the 2016 funds which are going towards seating around the School. We have secured a \$60,000.00 Grant of which again the School is now working on quotes and where this will be allocated to will be announced in due course. The teachers present a wish list to the P&C each year and the P&C then decide what the fundraising will go towards for that year.

## MEMBERSHIP

### CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER

- To be a current financial member you must have paid your membership on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> February. If this is the case you have full voting rights at the AGM. You must however pay your 2017 membership of \$2.00 before or during the AGM to have any voting rights at the March meeting and to continue your membership into 2017.

### NEW MEMBERS

- If you are not a current financial member and wish to be one, or if you paid your membership after the close of the February meeting you do not have any voting rights at the AGM and cannot be nominated for a position at the AGM. You also have no voting rights at the March meeting as you are not a financial member until the close of the March meeting where the register is then updated. However, if you are interested in a position, please express your interest before or during the AGM and if the position remains vacant after the close of the AGM it can be put forward to the March meeting and you can then be elected.

Membership can be paid to the School office and they will pass this on. We will issue you with a receipt and your membership will be valid after the close of the March meeting. Please come and see any of the current team or members if you want to discuss the AGM, Membership and any of the position descriptions.

2017 is going to be an exciting year for the P&C with some great fund-raising projects ahead of us and we welcome everyone to join. Please keep in mind that if you do not wish to be a member but still want to help out, we are always looking for volunteers to assist with the events. Even if you can only help with 1 event your assistance is appreciated.

Please feel free to email us on [gepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:gepsandc@gmail.com) or leave your details at the office and I can call you.

Thanks and we look forward to a positive and hopefully financially rewarding 2017.

Natalie Whineray

PRESIDENT, GEPS P&C



# 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.

Each year Gosford East Primary School enters 3 artworks in to the NSW Operation Art competition.

Last year a very talented GEPS student achieved the ultimate Operation Art Award. His artwork was one of 50 selected from 850 for the 'Touring 50' criteria. His artwork is currently being displayed at the Australian Gallery of NSW and will then tour regional galleries this year before being donated to the Children's Hospital at Westmead as part of their permanent collection.

In 2015, two very talented GEPS 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 in 2016 but only 50 are selected for ArtBank awards.

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.

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.**

A note with the details has already been sent home, however if you need another just see the office.

**Entries close: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

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

Kind Regards,

Linden Connell





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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



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**COME & TRY JUNIOR LEAGUE** **Free Entry!**

**Roosters**

**CENTRAL COAST FAN DAY**  
FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

GATES 4:30PM TRAINING 5:30PM TO 6:30PM  
CENTRAL COAST STADIUM

Come to the Roosters Fan Day at Central Coast Stadium for a fun night out with all the family! Don't miss the open training session - the only place to see Coach Trent Robinson put his new look 2017 squad through their paces.

**What's On**

- ✓ OPEN TRAINING SESSION
- ✓ PLAYING SIGNINGS
- ✓ COME & TRY CLINIC
- ✓ FACE PAINTING
- ✓ ROCKY THE ROOSTER
- ✓ GIVEAWAYS & MORE!

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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)



20 February 2017

## Spend for your School

Imperial Centre is giving local families the opportunity to win money for their school whenever they shop in the centre between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Customers will simply need to spend at selected retailers at the Imperial Centre in order to receive a token. Each token has a different value attached to it.

**Orange** = \$50 or more (equals 1 point)

**Red** = \$80 or more (equals 2 points)

**Green** = \$100 or more (equals 3 points)

Customers will need to collect their tokens and redeem their receipts from our centre management office on level 2 and then place it in the school box of their choice. The school with the most points will win either of the three prizes below.

- ➔ First Prize - \$3000
- ➔ Second Prize - \$1500
- ➔ Third Prize - \$500

The following schools have been identified for this campaign based on proximity to the Centre:

**Gosford PS, East Gosford PS, Wyoming PS, Our Lady of the Rosary, Chertsey PS, Niagara Park PS, Narara PS, Valley View PS, St Patricks Catholic School, St Phillips Christian College.**

This is a great opportunity to gain additional resources for local schools. For further information contact 4324 4299 or [info@imperialcentre.com.au](mailto:info@imperialcentre.com.au)

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### JOIN US

NRL and ST Edwards Bears would like to announce that we are conducting a come & Try day in your area, time 4:30pm-5:30pm. Participants can attend for free, a 1 hour rugby league clinic.

ST Edwards Bears Junior League club will be in attendance

**PLAYNRL.COM**

