

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 – Week 8

Wednesday 15th March 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Tree removal

As you may have noticed we have had two of our large trees in the school removed. Each year we pay for an arborist visit to the school to check the safety of our trees. As a result the tree near the front gate and a large tree near the Library were removed.

On the positive side the tree lopper, Trevor Roder from All Tree Solutions carved an owl out of the stump of the tree and he did an amazing job. Pebbles, who is an owl, is our school mascot and the kids and the staff are very excited to have the carving in our school. I am sure many of the kids have told you about this. I thank Trevor for doing this, I know it took him a number of hours but we will have it for many years to come. A photo is included in this newsletter.

Learning Support Meetings

During this week and next week we are holding learning support meetings with parents. These meetings are a perfect opportunity for teachers to sit down with parents and discuss how best to support their children's learning needs. Any issues, however minor, are addressed, and the school, along with parents, work together to do everything that we can for our kids.

Swim School

The students from our Support Unit are participating in the School Swimming Program at the moment and are building their confidence and skills. I thank the staff for all of the efforts that they make getting our kids to and from the pool and of course into the water.

Stomach Bug

There seems to be a stomach bug going around the school at the moment and some kids and staff have become quite ill because of it. If your child is sick please keep them home. It does seem to come on very quickly.

P & C

Our P & C Annual General Meeting was held last night. Thank you to the outgoing P & C for all of the work that they have done over the past year and congratulations to the incoming P & C. Natalie Whinerary is President, Andrew Cocks and Kim Martin are Vice presidents, Anne Sykes-Hollowed is Secretary and Ross Seabrook Treasurer. I thank them for taking on these positions. It will be an exciting year with groundworks being completed from the grant we received, an election BBQ in the very near future, the fete at the end of the year and of course the ongoing running of the Uniform Shop and Canteen. I look forward to working closely with the P & C and if you have any spare time please consider helping as I am sure all help will be gratefully accepted.

School Photos

A reminder that our School Photos are on next Thursday 23rd March. Could you please ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Graeme McLeod- Principal



STUDENT CORNER – Weeks 6 & 7

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD: Eva, Zara, Joclyn, Will, Bella, Lucy, Hayley, Sophia, Lucy, Shaun, Molly, Sam, Elizabeth, Lachlan, Zane, Josh, Destiny, Beau, Kade, Daemon, Dylan, Indie, Tanaka, Sam, Kayde, Caitlyn, Isla, Beau, Mia, Isaac, Flynn, Eva, Larna, Savannah, Bowen, Sophee, Charlie, Sarah.

QUALITY WORK: Brianna, Eva, Larna, Emma, Lucy, Olivia, Alesha, Jay, Hailee, Mackenzie, Troy, Lauren, Kade, Daemon.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK:

Week 7 – Carathool & Warrimoo – tied with an AWESOME score of 109!!!!

MERIT AWARDS:

KF – Sam & Bodi; KM- William & Eli; 1R – Francis ; 1T – Noa & Oliana; 1/2H – Macauley & William & Sophie; 2C – Ansh & Felicity; 2J – Hamish & Peta; 3/4T – Reece; 3/4E – Lachlan & Lachlan G; 3/4S – Jayden & Lily-Rose; 4/5B – Lian & Brayven & Isaac; 5/6M –Crystelle, Vincent William & Brett; 5/6S – Soraya & Sam; 3-6M – Katie & Bianca; K-6J – Samuel, Emmett & Phoenix; K-6W – Sophie.

Dates for your calendar

REMEMBER - Canteen opened Thursday and Friday

Day	Date	Event
Monday	Every week	Student Banking
2 nd 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		
Wednesday	22 nd March	Responsible Pet Program (K-2 and Support Units)
Thursday	23 rd March	School Photo Day
Friday	24 th March	Harmony Day
Monday-Friday	27 th -30 th March	Book Fair
Friday	4 th - 7 th April	Rumbalara Excursion

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES		
	STUDENTS' FIRST DAY	STUDENTS' LAST DAY
Term 1 2017	Monday 30 th January 2017	Friday 7 th April 2017
Term 2 2017	Wednesday 26 th April 2017	Friday 30 th June 2017
Term 3 2017	Tuesday 18 th July 2017	Friday 22 nd September 2017
Term 4 2017	Monday 9 th October 2017	Friday 15 th December 2017

NOTES HOME

- World's Greatest Shave
- Year 6 T-Shirt
- Naplan
- Cross Country
- ICAS Competitions
- Bullying Note
- Rumbalara Incursion
- Maritime Museum Excursion



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The NSW GOV. Responsible Pet Education Program

NSW Government cares about the safety of our children .The program is funded by NSW Government, for one visit per year to every primary school in NSW, so **NO** cost to any school. The program is design to engage the children to have fun but at the same time to learn about **safety with dogs**.

The visit to GEPS K- 2 & Support classes is planned for Week 9 – Wednesday 22nd March.

Please advise your child’s teacher of any concerns you may have prior to this visit. For example: allergies, fear of dogs etc.

PBL

Over the last two weeks we have been discussing appropriate behaviour in bus lines and while travelling on a bus.

- ✓ We show **respect** to ourselves and others by staying seated and speaking quietly.
- ✓ We are **responsible** by making sure we board and exit transport safely and move straight from class to bus lines in the afternoon.
- ✓ We ensure we are super **learners** by being a positive ambassador for our school and by following community rules such as offering our seats to adults.

Over the next fortnight we will be practising positive behaviour when we visit the school office.

At Gosford East Public School we are Respectful, Responsible Learners!



HARMONY CORNER

16 March	National Close the Gap Day	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples die 10-17 years younger than other Australians. Closing the Gap is a commitment of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to address the disadvantage faced by Indigenous Australians in life expectancy, child mortality, education and employment. School resources are available at Oxfam .
20 March	Autumn Equinox (Southern Hemisphere)	Equinox marks the time when the sun crosses the plane of the Earth's equator giving equal hours of day and night.
26 March	Neighbour Day	Neighbour Day began in Melbourne, Victoria in 2003 following community concern after an elderly woman was found dead in her home two years after her death. In 2007, Neighbour Day became a global event being endorsed by the UN Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan. It is held on the last Sunday in March every year.

CANTEEN ROSTER

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	16th Sarah H Dewi Carla Micheal (9-11) Jay Samantha H Andrew	17th Cymantha Pam Alison E Marisa B Sarah N Joanna
	23rd Sarah H Dewi Carla Micheal (9-11) Samantha H Andrew	24th Cymantha Pam Alison E Marisa B Michelle C Joanna
	30th Sarah H Dewi Carla Micheal (9-11) Samantha H Andrew	31st Cymantha Pam Alison E Marisa B Joanna

STEWART HOUSE



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.

Every family has been sent home a donation envelope. This is your chance to win a \$4000 Family Holiday and to support this wonderful cause. Please complete the envelope, enclose your money, and return to school office by Friday 26th May 2017.

P & C NEWS

The 2017 AGM was held last night along with the March General Meeting. As the Newsletter was submitted prior to the meeting, results of the appointments of the New Office Bearers, Executives and sub-committees will be published in due course. Also note that any positions that were not filled will also be published for future nominations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL DISCO - Wednesday 5th April \$5.00 per child

K - 2 5pm – 6pm

3 – 6 6.15pm – 7.30pm

Sausage sizzle on the night – order forms will be coming out shortly. Volunteers to assist with the set up, receiving of money and help with snack service will be greatly appreciated. Theme TBC.

MOTHERS DAY STALL – Tuesday 9th May and Friday 12th May

Cost of items are \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5

BUNNINGS BBQ – Saturday 29th April

The Bunnings BBQ is a huge event and raises fantastic funds for the School. We require many volunteers to make this a successful event and we generally run a 2 hour rotating roster so you only have to give up a small portion of your day. A lot is involved in organising the day and any assistance is greatly appreciated. Info to come.

EASTER HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Mel Hogston has sent out order forms for this already. If you have not received one already they are available from the School Office. Please see the Canteen News for additional information.

FACEBOOK

There is a P&C Facebook Page which is called **Gosford East Public School P & C – Canteen – Uniform – Fundraising.**

This is a P&C noticeboard for members of the School Community – we encourage you to join the page to keep up to date with news and information.

Thank you

GEPS P & C EXECS



LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers, Family Members and Neighbours,



Our Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the evening on Tuesday 28th March from 6:00pm till 8:00pm. On the Sales night as usual there will be lucky door prizes throughout the 2 hours where discount vouchers can be won.

The Fair will open again on Wednesday during the school day where classes will be invited to come along and make purchases. Families may also visit the fair on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm till 4:00pm.

We hope you will support this Fair as all funds raised will go towards purchasing school resources for classes and the library.

As a new Catalogue program has been put into action in our library there are many jobs needing to be done, relabeling resources and Premier's Reading Challenge books. I am after parents or friends who would like to methodically assist in this task over time.

Anyone who would like to volunteer some regular time each week would be greatly valued. Please come and see me in the library on Monday to Thursdays.

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.



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TELL THEM FROM ME

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for students and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with **Year 4- 6 students only**. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **March 15th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Parent surveys will be conducted later this year.

Many thanks

Lorell Masters - TTFM Coordinator



FINAL TOUR DATES

SPIRIT OF ANZAC
CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.

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

4:40 PM - 5-12 Yrs Acrobatics Concert



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