

# GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 – Week 8

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Unfortunately I was in Sydney for the Father's Day Breakfast which from all reports was a great success. There were over 350 bacon and egg sandwiches ordered. Thank you to the many Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles etc. that was able to attend. Also thank you to the P&C for ordering the food for us and to our amazing staff that cooked and served on the day.

### **Election Day BBQ**

This Saturday the Council Elections are once again being held at our school. The P&C are running a BBQ at these elections to raise funds for our school. If you can help on the day please contact Kim Martin through the canteen, the P&C's Facebook page or through our office. If you are attending please come and say hello and buy something to support the P&C.

### **Bathurst Excursion**

I have the great pleasure of going with Stage 3 to their excursion to Bathurst and the Blue Mountains this Wednesday to Friday. Jodie Campbell and her team have put much effort into planning this excursion and I am sure it will be a lot of fun and the kids will learn many things along the way. This is a great experience for our students and I thank the Stage 3 team very much for taking the time away from their families to take our students on this excursion.

### **P&C meeting**

A quick reminder that the next meeting of the P&C is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the staff room commencing at 7:00pm. Your attendance will be welcomed.

**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 3		
Wednesday-Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> September	Book Club Due
Monday-Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Book Fair
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> September	Scholastic Book Fair & Character Parade "Escape To Everywhere"
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> September	Book Week Grandparents & Friends (K-2, K-6J & K-6W)
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Central Coast Choir Festival Rehearsal at Ettalong
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Farewell Meeting

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES		
	STUDENTS' FIRST DAY	STUDENTS' LAST DAY
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
Term 1 2018	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Term 2 2018	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

# NOTES HOME

- Year 6 Farewell Dinner Meeting
- Powerpoint Skills 1R and 1T
- Book Week Grandparents & Friends (K-2, K-6) & K-6W
- Scholastic Book Fair & Character Parade "Escape To Everywhere"



## News from the Office

### Office Staff

I just wish to let you all know of a few changes that are happening in the office. Our SAO Nicole Dorratt has accepted a secondment to a relieving SAM job at another school until the end of this year. In her place we have Amanda Malone returning to help us and Danni Mavin. These ladies will be job sharing her role.

We also have a few ladies that are new to our school. I am letting you know this as it may impact on your interaction with the office. Our new ladies do not know our children and our families as yet so when you ring or come into the office they will need to ask your name, your children's names, their class and teachers names. They will need to see photo ID if you come to collect your child early as they do not know you. You may get put on hold as they try to find out the answer to your questions.

I appreciate your patience as I train these girls up.

### ERN student and family information update & statement of accounts

Coming home in the next week families will receive their statement of account showing outstanding invoices for events or excursions that their children have or will participate in.

If you have any queries about the details listed on the statement or your child did not attend a listed excursion, you may write the details on this statement and return it to the school office with the balance of your account. Alternatively, you can contact me in the office on 4325 2178.

Also, every child will receive an information update form that needs to be completed in full to ensure we have the correct and most up to date information to care for your child. It would be appreciated if this form can be completed and returned to the office as asap but no later than the end of this term.

**Julie Griffith**  
**School Admin Manager**

# PBL (Positive Behaviour For Learning)

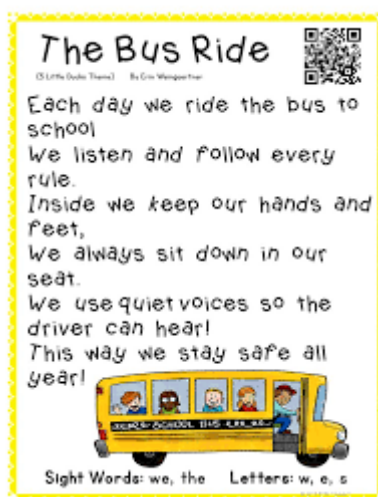
Over the last two weeks we have been discussing appropriate behaviour in bus lines and while travelling on a bus.

- ✓ 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 GEPS we are Respectful, Responsible Learners!



## OZ-TAG

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August our Stage 2 Oz-Tag teams participate in the Central Coast Oz-Tag Gala Day at Adcock Park. Our teams both played four games and represented our school with pride. The girls had not only never represented our school in team sports, but had never played Oz-Tag before, and showed their ability to pick up the rules quickly. They ended up winning one game and losing three, however, their losses were generally quite close. The boys had a bit more experience and picked up two wins and two losses, only falling short of making the quarter-finals due to another team leap-frogging them in the final game.

Well done to both teams, they really enjoyed the day and I hope they try again next year. Finally, thanks to the parents who came along and ferried kids to and from the event.

Mr Travica

# ENGINEERING

Last Wednesday, two Stage 2 engineering teams entered the local competition at the Imperial Centre in Gosford.

After an initial interest from over 40 students, they found out how difficult the task was to create a straw tower that could withstand an earthquake. The tower had to be 50cm tall, have a platform no larger than 7 x 7cm and weigh no more than 60g. Sounds easy enough!

Over the past six weeks, these students researched, designed and tested many ideas and finally settled on their designs. Their numbers dwindled from 40 to only 8 (2 teams of 4). Finally, their day had come and thanks to some last minute scrambling from Mr Coote, both teams were able to enter their towers.

Ava F, Tania M, Roseanna S and Olivia S were Team 1 and Madison C, Trae GB, Nicholas HT and Brian C were Team 2. To the absolute excitement of myself and the students, Team 2 ended up winning the entire competition. Their straw tower was able to support 4.5kg, after which it succumbed and collapsed.

Well done to our budding engineers as they learnt skills that I only learnt in Years 11 and 12. I'm super proud of their determination and perseverance in sticking to the task, when quitting could have been the easier option. A special thanks to Mr Coote for his last minute flexibility and congratulations to everyone that had a go!

Mr Travica

## WE NEED PHOTOS!!!

Dear Parents,

I am on the hunt!

I am organising our end of year Sports Assembly and need photos and the assistance of a couple of our students in order to make a power point presentation to showcase our GEPS students sporting highlights for 2017.

I have seen parents at sporting events taking photos and would greatly appreciate if you could provide me a copy as soon as possible so we can get working on it.

**Please email any suitable photos you have in jpeg format to our school email**

**[gosfordest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gosfordest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**

Mr Emery

# LIBRARY NEWS

## BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be in Week 10 of this term.

Sales will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September up until 5:30pm. I will send a note home soon with more details.

**The Book Character Parade will also be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

**The theme for our Parade is "Escape to Everywhere".**

Open a book and it can take you anywhere!

Imaginary islands, favourite countries and much, much more!

You can dress up as your favourite story book character and even a non-fiction topic. If you like reading about planets, experiments or magic come as one of these, Astronomer, Scientist or Magician.

Let your imagination run wild!!!

**Mrs Coles**

**Librarian**

# P & C NEWS

Did you know there is a Local Council Election on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017?

GEPS will be a polling place which gives a great opportunity for an election BBQ to be held by the P&C to assist in raising funds for new educational resources for our school.

Kim has volunteered to help organise the day, but will be needing other parents to volunteer their time too (it's her son's birthday that day so as much help as you can give would be hugely appreciated ).

If you can help in any way on the day, be that an hour or more or all day it would greatly help, please contact Kim on 0425 270 106 or email [gepspandc@gmail.com](mailto:gepspandc@gmail.com). Just remember you can get your voting done and out of the way too!!!!

If you can't spare time on Saturday but you (or anyone you know) could do some baking such as slices, cupcakes, lamingtons, biscuits, etc. and donate them to sell to the voters that would be greatly appreciated.

Just drop them to Mel at our school canteen on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, or you can drop them in when you come to vote on Saturday at the school.

Please remember, we need a list of ingredients written out along with your yummy baked goods!

If you don't bake and no time to spare to assist on the day, please show your support for the volunteers when you arrive to vote by buying a democratic sausage sandwich or bacon and egg roll or sweet treat. This will support our kids at GEPS!

Mel Hogston

**Canteen Coordinator**



## STUDENT CORNER- Week

**CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD:** Nerys, Katy, Cherry, Grace, Yoel, Charlie, Jared, Phoebe, Ava, Will, Lucinda, George, Lucy, Cooper, Kaleb, Bonnie, Alannah, Quinn, Shyla, Stevie, Peter, Sarah, Mia, Jill, Gemma, Bella, Dylan, Heidi, Zoie, Matilda, Peter, Eloise, Aleeta, Chloe

**QUALITY WORK:** Alannah, Jackson, Sam, Amaya, Poppy, Baxter, Charlee, Trae, Kayden, Makedde, Kobi, Anthony, Amelia, Brianna, Emma, Eliza, Samuel, Stevie, Jimi, Aaron, Rufus, Amy

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK:** Chakola

**MERIT AWARDS:** **KF-** Angel, Matilda; **KM-** Eli, Freya ; **1R-** Mia, Xenia; **1T-** Joshua, Ashlyn; **1/2H-** Hannah, Jasmine; **2C-** Jorge; **2J-** Fabian, Chloe ; **3/4E-** Peter, Alecia ; **3/4S-** Owen, Syeda; **3/4T-** Madison; **4/5B-** Arthur, Kira; **5/6M-** Dylan, Brett; **5/6S-** Haylee, Ashlee; **3-6M-** Katie; **K-6J-** Mark, Emmett

## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders can be placed online at [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

The Uniform Shop operates every Friday **8:45am - 9:15am**.

Orders will be processed every Friday and sent to your child's class.

Please contact Kim on 0425 270 106 if you require any more information.

## HARMONY CORNER

10 <sup>th</sup> September	<a href="#">National Bilby Day</a>	The Greater Bilby is a nocturnal marsupial belonging to the bandicoot family. The bilby is an endangered animal with fewer than 1,000 animals of the species remaining. The rapid decline in numbers is due to destruction of habitat, other exotic animals such as rabbits competing for food and feral predators such as foxes and wild cats. In 1991 a campaign was started by the Anti-Rabbit Research Foundation to replace the Easter Bunny with the Easter Bilby (an endangered species). The <a href="#">Australian Bilby Appreciation Society</a> promotes the Easter Bilby.
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<a href="#">Clean Up The World Weekend</a>	'Clean Up The World' is a community based environmental program that encourages and supports individuals and communities across the globe to clean up, fix up and conserve their environment. Since the first 'Clean Up The World' campaign in 1993, millions of volunteers have been involved in a wide range of clean up, recycling, tree planting, water conservation and 'fix-up' projects.
17 <sup>th</sup> September	<a href="#">Australian Citizenship Day</a>	Australian Citizenship Day is an opportunity for all Australian citizens to celebrate and take pride in their citizenship and reflect on the values which unite us as Australian citizens. On this day a range of activities are held including special citizenship ceremonies and affirmation ceremonies for people who are already Australian citizens.

# Tell Them From Me Survey

## Tell Them From Me- Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey 2017

Research indicates that partnerships between home and school improve student learning outcomes. As a school we run this survey each year to gain a better understanding of parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements for the future.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take fifteen minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open as of now through till October 2017. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

The link to access the survey is: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/geps>

Let's see if we can beat our 50 responses last year, I am hoping for 75. I know we can do it.

## Lorell Masters

NAPLAN Online Training Facilitator/ Macquarie Operational Directorate

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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**

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**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**

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# Gosford Little Athletics Registration Dates 2017/2018

Friday 15 th September and Friday 22 th September between 6pm – 8pm  
Practice night Friday 29 th Sept – Season starts Friday 6th Oct  
Adcock Park 9, West Gosford

Cost is \$160 for 1st child, \$125 for 2nd child, \$120 for 3rd any further siblings in the same family is free  
Trial = \$10

Athletes can trial for 2 consecutive weeks for the first 6 weeks of this season. If after your child has trialed and wish to register their trial fee is deducted from the registration fee.

Duel Registration with Senior Athletics is free  
There is a \$30 Refundable Parent Assistance Levy/Bond per family

We DO have credit card facilities, so please have cash or cheque payable to  
Gosford Little Athletics Centre Inc. Further information on our website

[www.gosfordlittleathletics.com.au](http://www.gosfordlittleathletics.com.au)

or contact our President Stuart Farrant on 0404 466 848



## Terrigal Surf Lifesaving Club 2017 Registration Days

September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11am upstairs

Terrigal Clubhouse

New members will need to provide 'proof of identity' (Birth Certificate, Drivers licence)

Or you can register online

([www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au)) or call 43856933



# North Avoca



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 17

10am – 3pm

North Avoca Parade, NORTH AVOCA



# REGO DAY

Enquiries please email us @ [office@northavocasls.com.au](mailto:office@northavocasls.com.au)

Visit: [www.northavoca.com.au](http://www.northavoca.com.au)



**SATURDAY 28  
OCTOBER 2017  
AVOCA BEACH**

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- ✓ Fitness & Nutrition
- ✓ Working towards individual goals

Bring the kids (ages 5 - 14 years) down Sunday's 9:00am for some fun in the sun.

Our club has an inclusive social atmosphere and welcomes new families to join.

### REGISTRATION DATES @WAMBERAL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Can't make those dates, please register online anytime at: [join.sls.com.au](http://join.sls.com.au)  
or at the club office Monday & Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00pm, Fridays 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

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- Friday night competition
- October-March (break over Xmas)
- Duffy's Oval, Terrigal
- 5.45pm for 6pm start till approx. 8pm
- Tiny Tots (4yrs as at 1/10/17) through 17yrs
- Family discounts (excl. Tiny Tots)
- Uniform included with rego
- Free weekday training/technique sessions (sprints, middle distance, shot/discus, long/high jump).
- Compulsory parent/carer duty roster
- Fun event/dress up nights
- Access season results via ResultsHQ app

## Celebrate Family Fun Day Parliament of NSW

Children from 4 to 12 years  
Friday 6 October, 10am - 3 pm

### Ghosts of our Colonial past

Fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament; Children's trail, guessing competition, arts and crafts, role plays, tours of the Chambers, and the opportunity to visit areas rarely open to the public.

Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



### FREE EVENT

T (02) 9230 2047 E: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)



Parliament of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney  
[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au)



## The Great Benefits of the School Bus

Have you considered looking into using the school bus service as a way of getting to and from school? Here's some information you may not have known that will help you make up your mind.

Kids catching the bus instead of parents driving them to school has so many benefits, mainly it can help by reducing the congestion that increases unsafe behaviours.

Did you know that bus travel is the safest form of land travel in Australia?

Did you know that school children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, travelling to and from school, are substantially safer travelling by bus than other modes of transport?

Did you know that studies run by the Institute of Transport and Logistical studies, University of Sydney show that travelling by bus is 4.4 times safer than walking, 55 times safer than riding a bike and 1.38 times safer than being driven to school?

Did you know that until the end of Year 2 bus passes are free for all students?

Did you know that if you live over 1.6km (most direct route) from the school, you can get a free bus pass?

Did you know that it only costs approx \$1/per day (\$52/term) to get a bus pass?

Other benefits of catching the bus to and from school include:

- Reducing traffic around the school, thus increasing safety for all our kids
- Reducing environmental damage from running your car
- Not having to get to school ½ hour early to get a parking space
- Promoting and encouraging safe independence with our children
- Drop off right outside the school gate (or closer to the school gate then you can get dropping your child safely with your car)
- Extra 'me' time for busy mums.

Talk to your school office or local bus company about bus routes for your school and getting a bus pass.

