

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 – Week 6

Wednesday 20th March 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Year 4 Class

As you may remember at the beginning of the year we were only able to form 16 classes due to a drop in numbers. We have had a number of new enrolments and are now able to form another class. This now means in the primary section of the school we now have 2 classes of each grade. The change has only affected some students in Years 3, 4 and 5 and we kept the movement to a minimum. This also means that we are able to keep class sizes down as many of our classes were getting quite large. The new class is a Year 4 class and we welcome Jillian McLean who is a most experienced teacher to our school.

It was a very difficult time to move students as both students and teachers were settled and nobody wanted to make a change but we are aware of more students that are coming to our school so we had to make a move.

P & C

Congratulations to our new executives who were elected at last week's P & C AGM. Jess Schwetz is our new President and I thank her for taking on this important role. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Kim Martin our outgoing President and new Secretary for all the work she not only did as President but also the large amount of work she continues to do running the Uniform shop and school banking (plus many other things). We will provide a list of the new executives in the next newsletter.

School Photo's

School Photo's will be taken this **Thursday 21st March**. School photos are a good keepsake of a student's year at school and our students always look their best on this day.

Swim School

Most of our students in the Support Unit are participating in the Departments Swim School Scheme which is held at Gosford Pool. Students in our mainstream classes will be given the opportunity later in the year.

Graeme McLeod
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event
Monday	Every week	Student Banking
2nd Tuesday	Every month	P&C meeting in staffroom 7:00pm – All Welcome!
Thursday & Friday	Every week	School Canteen open
Friday	Every week	Uniform Shop open from 8:45am – 9:15am
Friday	Every week	School Assembly from 1:45pm
TERM 1		
Thursday	21 st March	School Photos – Summer Uniform
Mon – Friday (2 weeks)	18 th March – 29 th March	Swim Scheme – Support Unit
Monday	25 th March	Book Club Due

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2019

	STUDENTS' FIRST DAY	STUDENTS' LAST DAY
Term 1 2019	Wednesday 30 th January 2019	Friday 12 th April 2019
Term 2 2019	Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Friday 5 th July 2019
Term 3 2019	Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Friday 27 th September 2019
Term 4 2019	Monday 14 th October 2019	Wednesday 18 th December 2019

NOTES HOME

- New Class 2019
- Operation Art

OFFICE NEWS

Parent Online Payment

We are encouraging all parents to please try and make payments online. This is to try and avoid cash being transported to and from school by your children.

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. Only the fields with an (*) are needed to complete the payment. If paying for an excursion please tick the box and write receipt number on the permission note to show this.

Student messages

Arrangements for how students are getting home each day should be conveyed to the child in the morning before school. **For urgent unplanned changes**, please call the office prior to 2:30pm where possible, and the message will be relayed to your child.

If you are worried your child may not remember the arrangements you have told them, please send a note with your child each day so the teacher is aware of the arrangements you have already made.

Julie Griffith
School Admin Manager



A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please send this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Prescribed Medication

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during school day, parents are responsible for:

- Bringing this need to the attention of the school and negotiating an individual health care plan for your child with the Principal, who will assess the request and work out arrangements **if** the school can meet the request;
- Ensuring that the information is updated if it changes;
- **Supplying the medication IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING, LABELLED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME AND DOSAGE and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way. Medication that needs to be removed from its original packaging, for example tablets that need to be cut in half, must be provided in a blister pack from the chemist. Medication cannot be cut in half by parent or office;**
- Collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

Non-Prescribed Medication

In general, schools do not administer medication which has not been specifically requested by a medical practitioner for an individual student for a specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write 'a prescription' for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. Department of Education advises that schools should follow the same procedures for such medications as for 'prescribed medications'.

'Over the counter medicine', that has not been prescribed by a doctor (no supporting letter on letterhead from their doctor or a copy of the prescription), cannot be administered at school even if the medication is only for short term administration.

**Please do not send medicine to school with your child.
Parents must come into school with the
medicine and follow the above procedures.**



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photos are being held this Thursday 21st March.

Students are to wear summer uniform and bring in their envelope to their Teacher on the day.

There is no catch-up day this year.

Regards,
Linden Connell

OPERATION ART

Operation Art entries are due no later than Monday 6th May 2019.

Regards,
Linden Connell

P & C News

Book club order forms have gone home today. **Orders are due 25th March.**

Anne Sykes-Hollowed



LIBRARY NEWS

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

All students at Gosford East PS take part in the PRC. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 and our Unit Classes complete the challenge as shared reads with their class teachers.

In Years 3 to 6 the students are to read 20 books between the middle of March to August. Each class has a collection of 30 titles and there are many more in our library. Each book is labelled with a green Years 3-4 or purple Years 5-6 sticker on the spine. Premier's Reading Challenge books are also available from Erina and Gosford libraries. Students are awarded a certificate at the end of the school year.

You can find out more about the Premier's Reading Challenge by visiting <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.

Students can log in with their student portal Log In that they use at school to access technology.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge launched a new Student Site this year where students can browse the whole collection. This is worth checking out. All classes in years 3-6 have had a demonstration over the last few weeks during our library lessons of the new site and how to record their books.

Lyndall Coles

Teacher Librarian

Gosford East Public School and the

Treasurer, CBCA (NSW) Central Coast Sub Branch



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Free Shuttle Bus
@ the
Avoca Beach Hotel

Live Music
on the Fairplay Stage
from 9am

Avoca Beachside Markets

HEAZLETT PARK FORESHORE 9AM TO 2PM

2018 MARKET DAYS:
JAN 28 > FEB 25 > MAR 25 > APR 22 > MAY 27 > JUN 24 > JUL 22
AUG 26 > SEP 23 > OCT 28 > NOV 25 > DEC 8 (TWILIGHT)



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PIANO LESSONS

Flexible times available
(Monday to Saturday) &
I come to you!

Background in Early Childhood music teaching.
For students from Year 1 to Year 6.

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MIGHTY MARINERS GIRLS* CLINIC

15, 16 & 17 APRIL

REGIONAL SPORTING COMPLEX, TUGGERAH

10AM - 1PM
(REGISTRATION: 9.15AM)

- FREE TICKET TO MARINERS v WANDERERS ON SAT 20 APRIL
- TRAINING SHIRT • MEET THE PLAYERS!
- END OF CLINIC BBQ • LOCAL COACHES

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO BOOK: WWW.CCMARINERS.COM.AU
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