

# GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 – Week 6 - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## NEWS 'N' VIEWS

*“Creating Our Future Through Learning”*

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **NAIDOC Week**

Last week at GEPS, our staff and students participated in various indigenous-inspired activities during NAIDOC Week. The theme was **‘Always Was, Always Will Be’**. Usually celebrations occur in July but due to COVID 19, these events had to be postponed to the week starting 8<sup>th</sup> November. To celebrate, students wore colours and read books that reflect the indigenous culture and participated in learning activities and games that recognised Aboriginal traditions. Thank you to Mrs Coles for helping teachers organise these activities.

#### **Kindergarten 2021**

Our new Kindergarten students for 2021 are half way through their orientation program and we have enjoyed getting to know them. It was so lovely to wander into the Kindergarten classrooms and see how settled and excited they are to be starting school. We are very much looking forward to them joining us next year.

#### **End of Year Activities**

It is that time of the year when we start planning all of our major assemblies and functions. This year it will be a little different than previous years for our school. Due to some of the restrictions that still exist related to COVID 19, we have had to put on our thinking caps, to try and still have these events for our students, abide by regulations, as well as try to have our families involved in some way.

***Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to these events as it would exceed regulations specified by the Department. All our award recipients and their families will receive a special memento to commemorate the day.***

#### **Christmas Concert**

This will not be going ahead in the traditional way but it will be going ahead. Teachers and students are in the process of planning a special surprise for families. Details will be revealed in the coming weeks.

#### **Sports Assembly**

The date for this will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm. Mr Travica will present awards to recognise students who have gained sporting achievements this year.

#### **Presentation Day Assembly**

Our big end-of-year assembly, will still go ahead on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This year it will run all day and stages will receive their awards in different sessions. Stage 3 will have their awards presented from 9am, Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 from 11:30am and Stage 2 at 1:45pm. Classes will only attend their own stage awards and the program will be cut down quite significantly to mainly the award presentations. If your child is receiving an award, you will still receive a letter to let you know.

#### **Kindergarten and Year 6 Graduations**

These will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Kindergarten from 9am and Year 6 from 2pm.

## Year 6 Formal

As restrictions have been slightly lifted, this allows us to now have a send-off for our Year 6 students. This will be held on *Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm-7pm*. Activities and times have been modified but we are pleased to still be able to give our Year 6 students an opportunity to celebrate their time together at GEPS. Unfortunately, Year 5 will not be able to attend.

## Leavers

If you are leaving the school at the end of the year could you please make sure that you inform the office. We are well into the planning phase for 2021 and it is very important that we know how many students we will have for next year so that we can plan for classes.

## Captains and Leaders/ Sport Captains & Vice Captains

Next week, our students will have an opportunity to vote for Prefects and Captains. Students wishing to be prefects in 2021 will present their speeches to the students of GEPS on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November via a zoom assembly. With so many quality kids in our school it will be a hard choice. We look forward to hearing their speeches.

This week the students wishing to be House Captains & Vice Captains, gave their speeches to each stage in their house groups during different parts of the day. Students have voted and we eagerly await these winners to be announced at the Sports Assembly.

**Graeme McLeod**  
Principal



## Dates for your Calendar

Day	Date	Event
Monday	Every Week	Student Banking ( <b>POSTPONED till further notice</b> )
Monday	Every Week	Uniform Shop <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>
2nd Tuesday	Every Month	P&C Meeting ( <b>Via Zoom</b> )
Thursday & Friday	Every Week	School Canteen <b>Open</b>
Friday	Every Fortnight	School Assembly from 1:45pm ( <b>Via Zoom in the classroom</b> )

### 2020 - TERM 4

Monday	Every Week	Gymnastics Stage 1 (K-2)
Wednesday	Every Week	Waste Free Wednesday
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	Sports Assembly 2:00pm (students only)
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation day (students only)
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation 2pm-3pm (students only)
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	9am Kindy Graduation (students only)
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell 5:30-7:00pm (Year 6 students only)
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	6F & 6B Fun Day (Water Park)
Tuesday	15 <sup>TH</sup> December	Kindy & Stage 1 – Fun Day (Movies)
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Stage 2 + 3-6M Fun Day (Movies)
Tuesday	15 <sup>TH</sup> December	5C & 5T Fun Day (Movies)

### NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2020

<b>Term 4 2020</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b>Term 1 2021</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Term 2 2021</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Term 3 2021</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Term 4 2021</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021

Please note that **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> December** are School Development Days and students do not attend on these days.

# Out of School Hours Care Survey

Dear Parents

We want to offer families more flexibility with their work commitments and child care arrangements and to create more opportunities across the whole community. Having Out of School Hours Care available at local schools is a great way to achieve this.

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them.

We are now asking all parents to complete a [quick follow-up survey](https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey) by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>. This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas

If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at your school.

The BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au)

## P&C NEWS


We would love to assist GEPS in purchasing new home readers for each stage if possible. Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets, if you haven't done so already, there's still plenty of time to be in the running for some awesome prizes.

All prizes are available for viewing online. Ticket sales will cease on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am prior to the raffle being drawn electronically at 11am. Winners will be notified via email and SMS.

Please use this link to purchase your tickets: <https://go.rallyup.com/53c748>

Good luck!

Jess  
President  
GEPS P&C



### P&C Christmas Raffle

Gosford East Public School

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE ONLY:** <https://go.rallyup.com/53c748>

10 tickets for \$3.00 🍀 15 tickets for \$5.00 🍀 25 tickets for \$7.00 🍀 30 tickets for \$9.00

This year our raffle will run online. We have some awesome prizes up for grabs kindly donated by many local businesses. We highly encourage our GEPS community to get behind these businesses and support them as they are supporting us. All funds raised will go towards home readers for each stage. All information can be found online via the link above.

**OPEN:** 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9am 🍀 **CLOSE:** 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am 🍀 **DRAWN:** 7<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Winners will be drawn electronically then notified by email and text message on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 12pm.

Good luck,  
GEPS P&C Exec Team

TICKET	Family pass (donated by Tree Tops Adventure Park, Central Coast)	RRP \$172.00	TICKET
TICKET	Tahwalhi off road scooter + Tahwalhi helmet	RRP \$170.00	TICKET
TICKET	Family pass (donated by Taronga Zoo, Sydney)	RRP \$152.00	TICKET
TICKET	Repco mountain bike + helmet (donated by Neil & Helena Mani - One Agency)	RRP \$125.00	TICKET
TICKET	Whip Pro stunt scooter + helmet	RRP \$120.00	TICKET
TICKET	Umbro pop up goal, Nike soccer ball + Adidas ball pump	RRP \$105.00	TICKET
TICKET	\$100 gift card (donated by Bunnings, West Gosford)	RRP \$100.00	TICKET
TICKET	2 x Body board, water skimming ball, wahu surfer dude + snorkel set	RRP \$95.00	TICKET
TICKET	Wahu beach footy, water skimming ball, aerobie, Adidas ball pump & zee rocket	RRP \$85.00	TICKET
TICKET	Under Armour backpack + cap	RRP \$79.00	TICKET
TICKET	AFL beach footy, water skimming ball, zee rocket & aerobie	RRP \$75.00	TICKET
TICKET	2 x Family passes (donated by Walkabout Wildlife Park, Calga)	RRP \$72.00	TICKET
TICKET	Nike backpack + Nike water bottle	RRP \$70.00	TICKET
TICKET	Beach cricket set, water skimming ball & 6er's cap	RRP \$70.00	TICKET
TICKET	Buncho balloons & 2 x wahu aqua force sling shot	RRP \$54.00	TICKET
TICKET	Dominante basketball + Adidas ball pump	RRP \$50.00	TICKET
TICKET	\$40 prize (donated by Body Shop Consultant: Melissa Campbell-Woodley)	RRP \$40.00	TICKET
TICKET	\$40 bowling voucher (donated by Gosford City Bowling)	RRP \$40.00	TICKET
TICKET	2 x Under Armour backpack, Nike drink bottle + hand ball	RRP \$39.00	TICKET
TICKET	2 x Family passes (donated by MONKEY Mania, Gosford)	RRP \$33.00	TICKET
TICKET	Double movie pass (donated by Hoyts, Erina)	RRP \$30.00	TICKET
TICKET	2 x Double passes (donated by Laser Mania, Gosford)	RRP \$23.00	TICKET
TICKET	Wahu Slip 'n Slide	RRP \$20.00	TICKET
TICKET	5 x \$20 vouchers (donated by Gosford RSL Club)	RRP \$20.00	TICKET
TICKET	3 x VIP vouchers (donated by Clip 'n Climb, Gosford)	RRP \$15.00	TICKET
TICKET	Discount voucher x 5 (donated by Clip 'n Climb, Gosford)	RRP \$10.00	TICKET



# P&C NEWS

News from Pebbles Snack Cave.

Unfortunately the oven is still out of action so mini pizzas and lunch pizzas are off the menu until further notice.

Birthday Buckets are ready to go so please see attached sheet with how to order.

If anyone is keen to help out in the canteen I'd really appreciate it. You don't have to commit to a whole day, even an hour is extremely helpful and we have a lot of laughs and coffee. Just send me a message on 0413 199 647 and we'll arrange something to suit you.

Mel  
Canteen Supervisor



New to the Canteen are Birthday Buckets filled with delicious and healthy Quelch ice blocks. Your child can celebrate their birthday at school by sharing a bucket amongst their classmates.

**Available on Thursdays and Fridays only**

Please order 1 week in advance

**Online**

Choose the date, go to Lunch-Frozen treats-Birthday Buckets. Please write child's name and age in the notes.

**Counter orders-**

Fill in a lunch bag with the date, child's name, age and class with money inside. *(Sent with your Child, no parents allowed on school grounds)*

**Phone-**

You're welcome to call the order through and pay by Eftpos.

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**ev christmas**  
*A weary world rejoices!*  
We'd love you to come along this Christmas and rejoice with us in Jesus – the hope for a weary world.

Christmas Eve  
4PM • 6PM • 8PM

Christmas Day  
8AM • 9.30AM

More info online-Live stream and Auslan Interpreted  
EVCHURCH.INFO/CHRISTMAS

**ev summerfest KIDS**  
An epic holiday program for primary-aged school kids. Come and enjoy awesome games, challenges, Bible talks, friendship and fun!

**ev summerfest Nights**  
LIVE MUSIC • LATE NIGHT ONE  
TEENS YEARS 7-12  
more info: evyouth.com

MON 4 TO FRI 8 JAN. 2021  
2 SESSIONS: 9-11.30 AM & 2-4.30 PM  
BOOK ONLINE EVCHURCH.INFO/SUMMERFEST

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COVID SAFE

## Dance Classes

Fontaine Academy of dance  
From 12 months old

- \* Baby fun music and dance to the beat
- \* Ballet adventure dance
- \* Jazz dance
- \* Hip hop
- \* Lyrical
- \* Acro
- \* Teenager dance classes

Grow through dance Classes for girls and boys

**0415-964 688**  
Email - fontaineacademy@hotmail.com  
Classes Held at Russell Drysdale Street East Gosford

Fontaine Academy of dance  
SCAN ME  
Facebook page

Covid safe practices are in place to help with social distancing and ensure you and your family stay safe

## Thank You to Our Raffle

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TARONGA ZOO SYDNEY For the Wild  
BUNNINGS warehouse  
ONE AGENCY NIEL & HELENA MAR  
HOYTS  
THE BODY SHOP  
AUSTRALIA WALK WILDLIFE PARKLANDS  
gosford city TEN PIN BOWL  
Monkey Maria THE PLACE TO PLAY & PARTY !!!  
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