GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 – Week 6 - Tuesday 2nd March 2021



NEWS 'N' VIEWS

"Creating Our Future Through Learning"

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning Support Meetings:

From next Monday, for about three weeks, we will be holding Learning Support Meetings for students that teachers have identified as having some learning support needs. This may be for a myriad of reasons such as they may be struggling with reading or numeracy, anxiety, some behaviour issues, health needs etc. We will be holding over 100 meeting with parents. We find these meetings extremely beneficial and the feedback from parents has always been very positive. Where parents are not available to come to the school in person we will endeavour to organise a meeting by phone.

School Photo Day:

This year our School Photos will be taken on Thursday 18th March. MSP photography have been taking our school photos for a number of years and the results are generally very good. We always remind parents that these are school photos and not professional portraits. This year we will encourage children to be in full school uniform.

Zone Swimming:

Generally for the zone Swimming Carnival we usually send the two fastest times for each event to the carnival. Due to the covid regulations and the smaller number of people that are able to be at the pool there are qualifying times for each event and swimmers must have achieved these times at the school carnival to be able to swim at the zone. We have only a very small number of students going this year and we wish them the very best. Mr Travica will give us an update after the Zone Carnival.

Dance Groups:

Over the past few weeks our students have been putting their names down to be included in our Dance Groups. The Central Coast Dance Festival will be much smaller this year due to the numbers of dancers being able to be held in the venue. This year we have three Dance Groups who have to have part of their Dance videoed by the end of this term so that it can be sent to the CCDF committee. Hopefully one of our Dance Groups will get in the festival this year.

Helmets:

Students must wear a correctly fitted helmet when they ride their bike, scooter or skateboard to school. If your child is not prepared to wear a helmet, they must walk or an alternate mode of transport must be used.

Graeme McLeod Principal

Dates for your Calendar						
Monday	Every Week	Uniform Shop ONLINE ONLY				
2nd Tuesday	Every Month	P&C Meeting				
Thursday & Friday	Every Week	School Canteen Open				
Friday	Every Fortnight	School Assembly from 1:45pm				
		(Via Zoom in the classroom)				
2021 - TERM 1						
Wednesday	Every Week	Waste Free Wednesday				
Friday	Every Week	Gymnastics Stage 3 Years 5 and 6				
Tuesday	9 th March 2021	Art House Excursion Stage 3 Years 5 and 6				
Monday	15 th March 2021	Special Swimming Scheme 3-6S, K-6W, K-6B				
Thursday	18 th March 2021	School Photo day – WHOLE SCHOOL				
Wednesday - Friday	15 th – 17 th September 2021	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion				

NSW GOVERNMENT	SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2020
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Term 1 2021	Wednesday 27 th January 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
Term 2 2021	Tuesday 20 th April 2021	Friday 25 th June 2021
Term 3 2021	Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Friday 17 th September 2021
Term 4 2021	Tuesday 5 th October 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021

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

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills





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Notes Home

- Stage 3 Canberra Deposit required by Friday 26th March
- Special Swim Scheme K-6B, K-6W & 3-6S
- Year 6 Hoodie Order
- School Photos

GEPS Swimming Carnival

We held our swimming carnival at Gosford Pool in Week 3 and it turned out to be a wonderful day. Our numbers were down this year and there weren't as many heats as usual, so the carnival wrapped up quite early. If your child is a non-swimmer, it may be an idea to place them in the School Swimming Scheme when it becomes available later this year. I have held off on letting students know results as we must first get the qualifying times from the SCCPSSA. Due to COVID, we cannot send as many swimmers this year and, again, it will be a 'no-parent' event. Information and notes will be passed on as soon as we find out times and which swimmers have made it through.

Kind regards, Rade Travica

Scripture 2021

Scripture began Thursday 25th February (week 5). Your child is already placed into the scripture class you indicated. Students will have up until the end of Term 1 to change their scripture class preference but unfortunately after that there will be no changing due to high numbers and limited classroom space.

We appreciate your understanding. Jilliann McLean

Library News

Our Library is all about instilling a **Love of Reading** in our students and we have a wonderful collection of both fiction and non-fiction books, that is always being added to with new releases.

In the Library over the last few weeks we have gotten back into the swing of things with students borrowing regularly. I do encourage students to have a **LIBRARY BAG** to carry books to and from school as squashing them into a school bag beside a lunchbox and toys can damage the books. I do have spare bags labelled GEPS Library and I do expect these to be returned if your child brings one home.

We like students to borrow every week in Kindergarten to Year 2, however, once students are in Years 3-6 they are borrowing more complex books and may keep their books for a fortnight. I am always happy to extend loans beyond this for another 2 weeks if needed.

In the early years of school I encourage students to borrow age appropriate books; books that are for sharing with their family. Reading aloud to children is a very special time where adults and children can enjoy a time away from screens and share stories and have some fun. This also develops student's language skills and vocabulary.

The more you read the more you know, the more you know the more you grow! Dr Seuss

Happy Reading Everyone! Mrs Lyndall Coles, Teacher Librarian.

Uniform Shop News

In light of COVID we're moving with the times. Our uniforms can now be purchased via the square site. You will no longer need to complete an order form or email your orders to us.

Our new contact email is listed in the 'contact us' section, should you have any enquiries regarding uniforms.

You will incur a small transaction fee at checkout, like most other sites and our online canteen ordering system.

We will offer fitting by appointment for new students, although we encourage our current families to continue ordering online and have it delivered to the classroom each Monday.

All orders should be received by 5pm Sunday to be filled on Monday, should you miss the cut off, your order will be filled the following Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Jess

https://geps-uniform-shop.square.site/



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2021 Expression of Interest – Supporting GEPS Daily Individual Reading Program





Dear Parents/Caregivers,

With sincere regards

Your Childs name:

Yes/No

The involvement of our community at GEPS is very much valued and appreciated. With this in mind we are asking if any members of our community are available to commit their time.

The Stage One Reading program will need a consistent commitment of two hours (9am-11am) on one morning each week. Training will be provided.

If you are interested and available to make the commitment to support this program, please complete the slip below and return it to the office.

Should you require any further information or have any questions please contact myself.

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Mrs Hextall	Graeme McLeod
Reading Program Coordinator	Principal

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9am -11am

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Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Available	Please circle				

Yes/No

Yes/No

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Yes/No

Parent helper full name (please print)	Daytime contact number

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