



RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNERS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe how fast this term has flown by. It certainly has been a busy one! I'm hoping that everyone including staff, students and families, have a well-deserved rest.

Industrial Action

This **Thursday 30th June**, teachers will be participating in planned Industrial Action. Our school will have minimal supervision. Only a few teachers will be onsite to supervise any students that may arrive on the day. **Normal lessons will not be conducted.** Students that do arrive will be combined and temporary class structures will occur to meet safety and supervision requirements.

Semester One Reports

This week on **Wednesday 29th June**, you will be receiving your child's **Semester One report**. You will notice that the reports look a little different from past years. We have endeavoured to clearly show how students have performed against the outcomes for their stage. This semester you will notice that there are no comments against other KLA's. These comments will be part of the Semester Two reports. This was an option that the Department of Education allowed schools for this semester. Please contact the school office if you do not receive your child's report.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Please ensure that you take the opportunity to **book an interview** with your child's teacher. This is done through the **Parent Portal on Sentral**. If you are having any issues with making bookings on this platform, please contact the school office and someone will be able to assist you.

Athletics Carnival

Last Friday we had our Annual Athletics Carnival which was such a great day. Our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students participated in fun activities on our back oval. The participation rate of students entering races was excellent and the sportsmanship shown by our students was exceptional. Students were congratulating and supporting each other, with special encouragement shown for those students that were not at the front of the field. It was once again, a great atmosphere with the weather being especially kind to us. It was also so wonderful to see all the parents that came to watch and support.

The Year 6 Cake Stall was also very popular on the day, raising money for our Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year.

Thank you to the parents that helped at the cake stall, staff who always go above and beyond to assist, to Kel our GA for marking out the track and to Rade Travica for his impeccable organisation.

Spelling Bee

On Monday, we had our annual Premiers Spelling Bee Challenge school final. Well done to all contestants. There certainly were some tricky words this year! Congratulations to our stage winners and runners-up. From Stage 2, Jake and Zavier, and from Stage 3, Chase and Abbee. Jake and Chase will now move onto the next level to represent our school at the regional finals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

Gymnastics
Stage 1

TERM 4

Canberra Excursion
Stage 3

Uniform Shop open
9-9:30
2nd hand only



Enjoy the
School
Holidays



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Continued

School Holidays: Winter Vacation

This Friday is the last day of Term 2. Students return to school on **Tuesday 19th July**. Teachers will have a professional learning day on Monday 18th July. I hope that everyone enjoys their holidays. Thank you for a great term.



Relieving Principal

PSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Last Thursday, Makeytah S of 3/6S went to represent Gosford East Public School in the Sydney North PSSA Cross Country. She was lucky to come away from the day with first place in the 10 Years Girls MC category. We are so proud of Makeytah's achievements and we will all be cheering her on as she progresses to the State Cross Country early next term. Well done Makeytah!

Meagan Simpson



SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the GEPS Spelling Bee challenge.

Junior Group winner was Jakee D 3/4J and runner up was Zavier M 3/4R
Senior Group winner Chase A 5/6T and runner up Abbey M 5/6B



- **Notes Home via Email**
- Canberra Stage 3 only
- Canberra payment options
- Term 1 Gymnastics

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After much angst in the lead-up, with the weather gods playing roulette with my soul, we were able to mark a track that resembled more of an egg shape than an oval. It was great to welcome back so many families to spectate at one of our drawcard events of the year, as well as an overwhelming number of participants in our Parents v Teachers v Students race, but we'll get to that shortly. The number of students that put their hand up to have a go was pleasing to see, and so were the smiles on all the faces as they crossed the finish line, exhausted but ecstatic. Age champions will be revealed as results trickle in, as well as the winning house. Now, back to the race of the day - three (read that again, three) parent teams took on the might of the teachers' team, looking to exact some revenge on last year's result. We even had a 70-year-old want a piece of us! But, alas, doomed from the beginning by a lack of shoes, the parents had to chalk it up to experience and train for next year's rematch. Sarah D final child will be leaving us this year, but I'm sure she will be back - #unfinishedbusiness.

Well done to all today, and thanks for all your support. The day wouldn't be what it is without you all.

Rade Travica
Athletics Coordinator



WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

We, here, at GEPS are trying to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill from our school. Each Wednesday, we ask that children bring 'nude food' in their lunchboxes as we are holding a school-wide competition to see which class brings the least waste. After taking data on an average day, our overall change in school waste has been:

Week 3: -20%
 Week 4: -5%
 Week 5: +11%
 Week 6: -5%
 Week 7: -7%

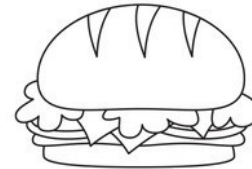
This term our weekly winning classes have been: 5/6H, 1/2C, 5/6H, 1/2D and 1/2F. Well done to those classes and the entire school for their effort. Keep it up.

If you'd like some tips on how to reduce waste in lunchboxes, here is a helpful site.

<https://www.nudierudielunchbox.com.au/blogs/nutrition-advice/what-is-nude-food-my-top-tips-for-waste-free-lunch-boxes>

Rade Travica

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY



Remember to pack a waste free lunch every Wednesday!

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property. This includes jumpers, jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles. The lost property stand will be in the infants area Please ensure you label all your child's items.

All drink bottles and lunch boxes will be thrown away on the last day of term 2.

ENROLMENT FOR 2023 KINDERGARTEN

I know it feels early, but its time to start enrolling your kindergarten child for 2023. If you are in area and have a child starting in 2023 please copy and paste the below link to your web browser and start the process. Alternatively please pop past the office to collect a paper copy.

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4218>

LIBRARY NEWS

Sami Bayly
 is coming to GEPS on Wednesday,
 3rd August

ONLY 30 KIDS Are you in Year 1 to 6?
 Do you love these books?
 Do you love creatures?

To go into the draw write about a creature that you love. Then illustrate your information just like Sami does.
 Deliver it to Mrs Coles by
Thursday 28th July.
 Winners announce Monday 1st August
 Good Luck!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Notices and Paid Advertising:

This school newsletter contains paid advertisements which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any product or service by the NSW DEC or Gosford East Public School.

Central Coast Winter Chess Tournament for ages 6 to 17

Entry fee \$20
includes lunch-pack
Payment details and food options on contact with...

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Rated by NSW Junior Chess League

Monday 11 July
Must pre-enter by Thursday 7 July
Coast Community Church, Adelaide St, Tumbi Umbi
9.30am – 4.00pm

With an educational chess puzzle competition and lots of prizes. Practice puzzles provided on entry.

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the pieces and complete games largely unassisted.



FREE

PCYC Winter Holiday Break Sports Camp 11-17yrs
Tuesday 5th July
4:30-6:30pm

Gymnastics | Sausage Sizzle | Games | Boxing



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FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAM!

Central Coast AFL Holiday Camp
Adcock Park, West Gosford
Thursday 7th of July: 10am-12pm

To secure a spot, scan the QR code



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY NIT TREATMENT

With school holidays upon us now is a good time to check and treat your child's hair ready for term 3.

What are head lice?

The head louse, or *Pediculus humanus capitis*, is a parasitic insect that can be found on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day and live close to the human scalp. Head lice only affect humans and cannot be passed on to animals.

How do you catch head lice?

Head lice are most common among primary school aged children. They cannot fly, jump or swim and are spread by direct contact with the hair of the infested individual. A head lice infestation is not the result of dirty hair or poor hygiene and it can affect all types of hair regardless of its condition or length. Head lice are rarely transferred through clothing, hats, furniture or bedding.

Female head lice lay eggs close to the scalp on the hair shaft. Eggs hatch after 5-7 days, leaving empty eggshells (nits) glued to the hair shaft. These eggshells are more noticeable as hair grows and they get carried away from the scalp. Nymphs that emerge from eggshells take 7-8 days to grow to adult sized lice. They may take another 7 days to start breeding and hence it is important to remove them to stop them spreading.

How serious is the head lice problem? Head lice are one of the most commonly reported health complaints from parents and teachers. The NSW Health Nitbuster program has found that when sampled, more than 23 per cent of primary school aged children in New South Wales had head lice.

While head lice are not known to carry disease, they are a nuisance for parents and children. The social stigma associated with head lice infestation can affect children's comfort and ability to learn in the classroom. Unsuccessful treatments can frustrate parents and lead them to seek more desperate measures that may be harmful and ineffective.

Day	Date	Event
Monday	Every Week	Uniform Shop ONLINE ONLY (Open Thurs 9-9:30 for 2nd hand only)
2nd Tuesday	Every Month	P&C Meeting
Thursday & Friday	Every Week	School Canteen (Online orders Only)
Friday	Every Fortnight	School Assembly (by stage) No parents
2022 - TERM 3		
Wednesday	Every Week	Waste Free Wednesday
	Every Week Term 3	Gymnastics Stage 1
2022 - TERM 4	30th November to 2nd December 2022	Canberra Excursion - Stage 3 only

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2022

Term 2 2022	Wednesday 27 th April 2022	Friday 1 st July 2022
Term 3 2022	Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Friday 23 rd September 2022
Term 4 2022	Monday 10 th October 2022	Monday 19 th December 2022
Please note that the 26th April, 18th July and 20th December are School Development Days and students do not attend on these days.		