

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 **WEEK 4 2024**

23rd February

Star 104.5 Live broadcast (Here at school 8am)

7th March

Athletics Carnival (Whole School) (Mingara Recreation Club)

8th March

School Photos (At School)

11th - 21st March

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28th March

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GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Dear Gosford East Familes and Community,

SWIMMING CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Many, many thanks to all our amazing staff who ensured our kids had a wonderful, safe day last Monday at the Swimming Carnival. We are so fortunate to have staff who care for your children with enthusiasm and dedication. A truckload of thanks to Mr Travica for his outstanding organisation.

Special mention to Miss Hassall, Miss Holmes, Mr Faunce, Mrs Donald , Dejah, Tom, Chloe and Josh for competing in the teachers/parents' race – so much fun!

TJUDIBARING AECG MEETING

Our Aboriginal Education Consultative Group is Tjudibaring and met last Wednesday. Our next meeting is at our school! Wednesday 27th March at 4.30pm. All our Aboriginal families welcome to join.



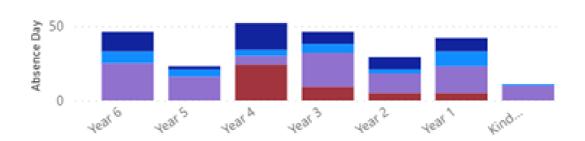
ABORIGINAL STUDENTS' PLP SURVEY

We are changing the way we are preparing for our PLP meetings. Please ensure the survey is completed and returned to the office!

Absence Type Leave

ATTENDANCE

We have **HIGH EXPECTATIONS** of our students being at school – on time, every day, all day. Thank you to those parents and carers who are making sure every absence is explained. We are aiming to have NO unexplained absences – this means no light blue in the graph. Please either reply to the Sentral email or call the school to let us know your child is absent and what reason. Please note that three sick days requires a doctor certificate.





GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Report Continued...

NEW ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are thrilled to have our new school Acknowledgement of Country up in our foyer. It is stunning and we thank Marara Designs for creating this for us! Come in and have a look. https://mararadesigns.com.au



STAR 104.5FM VISIT - This Friday!

StarFM are broadcasting this Friday from 6am. We (the school) are running the BBQ -\$3 a snag sandwich. Mariners are coming to run some soccer drills and there will be a petting zoo! **Families are welcome from 8am**.

PBL FOCUS – Transitions

We are focusing on moving safely around the school. I have seen an incredible improvement in our transitions – congratulations GEPS! Our transitions are safe, quiet and calm so we are ready to learn or play. Ask your child about the transitions they have been learning about this week!



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Report Continued...

SEEN IN THE OFFICE/AROUND THE SCHOOL

Congratulations to these amazing students for doing their best work and being wonderful learners!

I loved reading our students' writing from Stage 2 Zayden, Indie, Olivia, Lincoln, Evie, Lester and Lucy.

Congratulations to Ashton from 3/4R for exemplary behaviour and being a role model for his peers. More incredibly engaging writing from Stage 3: Sophie and Sariah, Brooklyn and Mia, Saskia and Taj, Leo and Kobi.

Well done to Hannah and Emily on always trying their best.

Lastly, learning in KS and 3/4B looks so fun! Well done to our littlest learners and our Stage 2 kids!

Have a wonderful week, GEPS community! Let's get our students to school, on time, every day, all day.

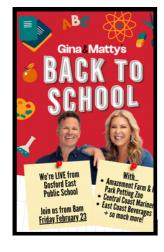
Nicole Burgess Principal



GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

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STAR 104.5 IS COMING TO GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL!!





CHANGE OF DETAILS

Did you move or change your phone over the holidays? Do you have a new emergency contact? We need to know! Please let the office staff know.

Explaining every absence



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



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Let us know So we can plan continued

support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters

Recurring events

MONDAY EVERY WEEK UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ONLY

2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH P&C MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

FRIDAY EVERY FORTNIGHT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (EVEN WEEKS)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVERY WEEK SCHOOL CANTEEN (ONLINE ORDERS ONLY)

> EVERY WEDNESDAY IS WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

> > COFFE AND COVER EVERY THURSDAY 2PM-3PM

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFE MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

ANTI-RACISM POLICY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Racism impacts on student wellbeing, participation at school and learning outcomes. Racism and racist behaviour are not tolerated in NSW public schools. The Anti-Racism Policy promotes respect and harmony in the school environment. It aims to ensure that educational opportunities are fair for all students regardless of their culture, language or religious background.

The Anti-Racism Policy:

· recognises the impact of racism on Aboriginal people

• ensures that schools hold high expectations of all students and that no one group of students is stopped from reaching their full potential because of their cultural, religious or linguistic background

• requires all members of the school community to think about their own behaviour and make sure their actions don't result in other people experiencing racism

• requires all staff to complete training so they understand their responsibilities in preventing racism

• requires each school to have a trained Anti-Racism Contact Officer.

What is an Anti-Racism Contact Officer?

An Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) is a teacher nominated by the principal who assists in leading anti-racism education in the school. At Gosford East Public School our nominated ARCO is Ms Tara Edwards.

The ARCO assists the principal by providing:

• support to build staff understanding of the impact of racism on student learning and wellbeing

- advice to students and staff on how to respond when they see or hear incidents of racism
- advice on what strategies the school can implement to address racism.

The ARCO is trained to provide advice to parents and carers, and teachers and students about the procedure for resolving complaints about racism. If requested, the ARCO can also act as a support person or advocate during the complaints resolution process.

Our commitment to Anti-Racism Education at Gosford East Public School

With the support of the whole school community, we do the very best we can to ensure culturally inclusive, cohesive, safe and engaging learning experiences for all our students at Gosford East Public School.

If at any time you find that you have a concern about racism in our school, you are encouraged to come to the school and talk with a member of staff so that your concern can be resolved. The NSW Department of Education has a Complaints Handling Policy to ensure that complaints are handled fairly.

In the case of complaints relating to racism in schools, you can also contact our school's Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) Tara Edwards Ph - 43252178 Email- gosfordest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Tara Edwards English As Aditional Language Co-ordinator



SPORT

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF SPORT AT GEPS!

SCHOOL SPORTING TEAMS

Several teachers have volunteered to coach a school sporting team. This is done in their own time, and I want to thank them for dedicating their time to giving our students these opportunities. Without these volunteers, the teams would not be able to compete.

This year's sporting coaches are listed below:

Basketball: Mr Reid Boccia: Mrs McCranor Netball: Mrs Simpson Soccer (Football): Mrs Keenan Tennis: Mrs Simpson Touch Football: Mrs Foster Cricket: Miss Hassall



SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Each term, our school applies for a financial grant from the Australian Government to have coach run sessions for all classes across a wide array of sports. Some terms there may be a small financial cost to families, but we try to have these programs covered by the grant. This term we were successful in attaining the grant and have opted to have Netball NSW teach the students some netball skills. Sessions will be on Friday of every odd week.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival was held last week, and participation levels were higher than they have been in previous years. The weather was fantastic, and behaviour was top notch. We are currently going through the results and organising ribbons to be presented in the near future. Students who qualify for the Zone carnival will be informed soon and a note will be sent home. A list of students will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

A reminder when selecting student swimming ability on the school carnival permission note, we are after their ability to swim freestyle correctly.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school athletics carnival will be held at Mingara on Thursday 7th March. A note has been sent via SchoolBytes. Please indicate if your child will be competing in the 800m race (Must be 8-13 years old and will need to make their own way to Mingara), everyone else will come to school and take the bus. We are also after any parents that can volunteer to help on the day as age managers or judges. Please complete the section on the note, if you are available.



SCCPSSA SPORTING TRIALS

Throughout the year, the Southern Central Coast PSSA will call for any First Division / A Grade players interested in trialing for various sports. If your child plays a sport outside of school at the top-level, they may be eligible to trial for the Zone team. When I call for these players, students can nominate themselves. Permission notes will need to be completed and signed off by myself and Mrs. Burgess, then taken with the student to give to the trial convener. Please use the link below to check the calendar for upcoming trials and events.

Southern Central Coast PSSA - Home (weebly.com)

CLASSIFYING ATHLETES

Children with diagnosed disabilities may qualify for a national classification that could open new representative sporting pathways.

Classification is an assessment process, which groups athletes and swimmers into a variety of categories based upon their limitations in a particular sport.

The classification system exists to provide a fair and equitable competition for students and athletes with disabilities. -School Sport Unit, NSW Government

For more information, use the link below. School Sport Unit: Classification (nsw.gov.au)

Once they turn 8, they may compete in multiclass events at carnivals.

Rade Travica Sport Coordinator



GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORT

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School Sport Unit

NSW Netball Primary All Schools Boys 12 Years & Under Selection Trial 2024



Registration

To register for the Primary All

Schools Selection Trial in your

area, follow the link or QR Code

below to complete the applicati

form by the closing date

Thursday 29 February 2024.

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Students must only register for

Further trial information

Follow the links for each trial or utilise the QR Code below to access the School Sport Unit website representative school sport calendar for further trial information.

Note: Each trial is posted on the calendar as a NSWPSSA trial event and will occur during weeks 6 and 7.



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School Sport Unit

NSW Australian Football Primary All Schools Girls 12 Years & Under Selection Trial 2024

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The NSW Australian Football Primary All Schools Girls 12 Years and Under Pathway Program is a School Sport Unit initiative. Initial trials will be held during Term 1 to select 6 All Schools teams from identified areas around NSW. These selected teams will participate in a final championship to be held in Albury on 20 and 21 May 2024. A NSW All Schools team will be selected from the final championship to compete at the School Sport Australia, Australian Football Girls 12 Years and Under Championship in Victoria from 4 to 10 August 2024.

Who can register to trial?

This trial is only for primary school girls 12 years and under. Girls can be 12, however must not be turning 13 in 2024. Girls enrolled in secondary school are ineligible to trial. Tackling is permitted and will occur at this level of competition. Girls turning 9 years of age or younger during 2024 are deemed too young for selection and will not be eligible to trial.

Cost?

Cost per student is \$10.00, payable through the registration process.

Metro East - Robertson Road Fields, Centennial Park Metro West - Greenway Park, Hoxton Park Mid North Coast & Inland - Tulkaba Park, Teralba Southern Inland - Bolton Park, Wagga Wagga

Tuesday 5 March 2024 Northern Coastal & Inland - Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga

esday 6 March 2024 South Coast - Gundary Oval, Moruya

day 20 and Tuesday 21 May 2024 All Schools State Selection Trial - Lavington Sports Complex, Albury

Registration

To register for the Primary All Schools Selection Trial in your area, follow the link or QR Code below to complete the application form by the closing date. Thursday 29 February 2024.



Students must only register for and attend one of the trials.

Further trial information

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Trial dates & veues Monday 4 March 2024



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GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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Some photos from the swimming carnival.



GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

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Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to 'Be Bus Aware' Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 19 – 25.

Bus Safety Week, part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'.

The initiative provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are. We all have a part to play in bus safety.

The 'Be Bus Aware' campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW.

For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, visit

https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/camp aigns/be-bus-aware/ or visit the Busways website https://www.busways.com.au/.



BE BUS AWARE

Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross



GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL EVERY DAY MATTERS

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

NSW Department of Education



Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Strengthening

Build skills through fun

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support reqular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your build child will and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and caregivers must ensure:

• Their children of compulsory school age are enrolled in a government or registered non-government school or, they are registered with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) for Home Schooling.

• Their children who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for their instruction.

• They provide an explanation for absences by means such as a telephone call, written note, text message or email to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

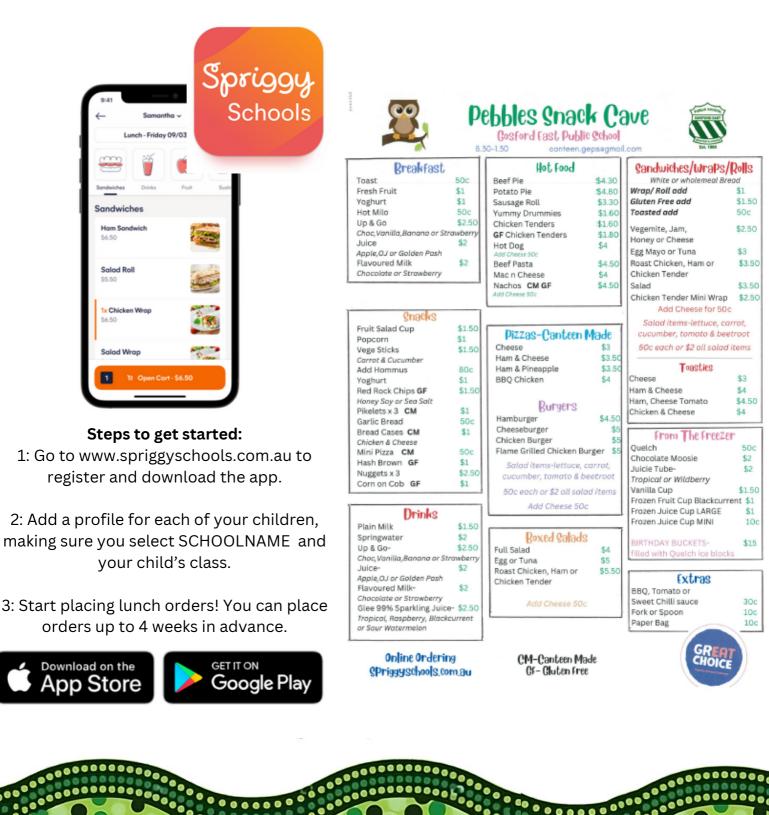
• They work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.



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The all-in-one school payments app



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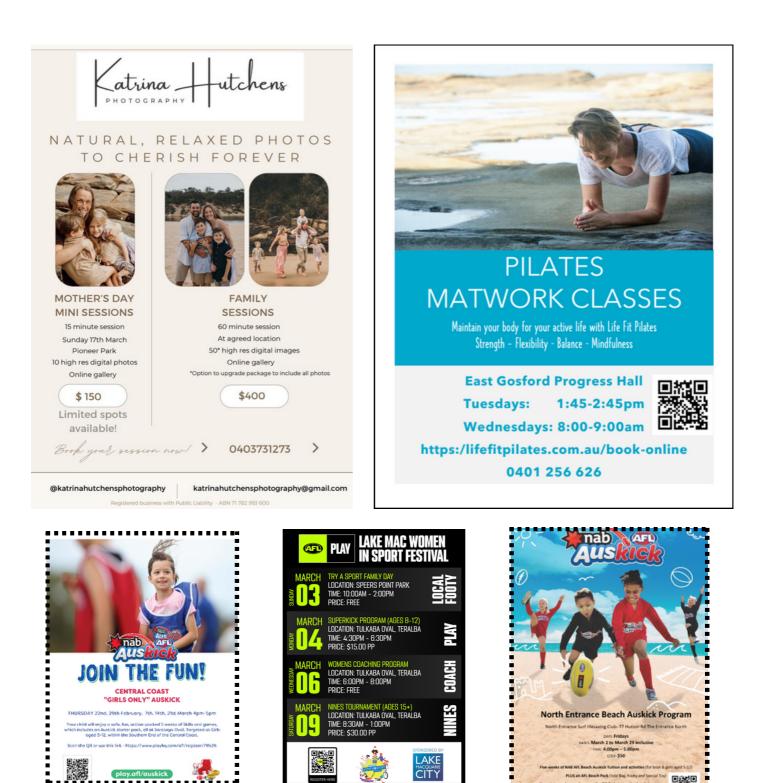
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Premier's Debating Challenge

Years 5 and 6

Hunter/Central Coast Primary Debating Days

The Arts Unit's Primary Debating Workshops are back for another year! In 2023 we had a limited return from the COVID pause and nearly 2,000 primary school students from regional NSW came along to a full day of coaching and practice with some of the state's most senior (but also least scary) adjudicators and coaches.

If you haven't been before, the days will cover all the things you need to know for primary school debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles, as well as a few games and activities and a chance for every single student to deliver a short debating speech and get some feedback. The days are appropriate for Years 5 and 6 kids of all levels from beginner to advanced, and are a great way for both students and teachers to learn more about debating and hear from the people who will be adjudicating the finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge in 2024. The days planned for Hunter/Central Coast are:

	11 March ford PS	Tuesday 12 March Singleton PS	Monday 25 March Berkeley Vale PS	Tuesday 26 March Erina Hts PS							
Wednesday 27 March Budgewoi PS		Tuesday 2 April The Junction PS	Wednesday 3 April Belair PS	Thursday 4 April Merewether PS							
Times:	Times: Days run from 9:30 AM until 2:45 PM (try to arrive by 9:15 AM if you can).										
Open to:	Teachers and a maximum of 8 students per school. Note that it may be possible to bring more than 8 students to some days – just let us know if you'd like to bring extras and we'll get back to you.										
Cost:	\$25.00 per student. The Arts Unit will debit schools after the event.										
Bring:	Students should bring morning tea and lunch as well as a clipboard and things to take notes with. We'll provide palm cards and a light morning tea and lunch for the adults.										
RSVP:	It'll help if we can hear back from everyone at least a week beforehand.										
How to register:											
Call or ema	ail if you hav	e any questions about t	he workshops, any troub	le registering, or							

Call or email if you have any questions about the workshops, any trouble registering, or want to know anything else about debating and public speaking in NSW. Cheers for taking the time in another busy year!

Tony Davey The Arts Unit, NSW Department of Education T: 0405 181 178

