

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER** TERM 1 WEEK 8 2024

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GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Happy Week 8, Gosford East families and community!

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all our students who are at school, every day, on time. Thank you to our parents and carers for continuing to provide reasons for why their children are away. I had some happy parents come and tell me how lovely it was to receive their 100% attendance letters.

I also had a few parents confused as they didn't think holiday leave days were counted as part of the absence percentage, but they do. There is an intensive focus, state-wide, to have students come to school every day during the term. The department asks parents to take their family holidays in school holiday time.

- Our overall school attendance rate is 92.3%
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 *★*188 students have school attendance of 95-100%
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- .27 students have school attendance of 85-90% (risk of disengagement and learning and social difficulties)
- •49 students have school attendance below 85% of the time (high risk of disengagement and learning and social difficulties).

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:



Learning





Build skills through fun

NAPLAN

Many thanks to Mrs Boyd and Mrs Brookes for their organisation and dedication to running NAPLAN again this year. Whilst Stage 2 are complete, Stage 3 are continuing this week. It's a whole school effort with all the 3-6 teachers, Mrs Arkell, Mrs Thursby, Mr Wynne and Mrs Edwards being flexible with their usual routines to help support our students. With so many composite classes it is logistically very difficult, and I appreciate the flexibility of our staff.



Report Continued...

SPORTING STARS

Congratulations to 🛧 Makeytah 🛧 who will compete at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival in 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke AND butterfly as the Southern Central Coast PSSA record holder for all four races! Outstanding!

Well done to \neq Will \neq who made it into the SCCPSSA Zone Rugby League team and \neq Josh \neq who made it into the Combined Central Coast PSSA AFL teams! We are so proud of you both!

REGIONAL DANCE ENSEMBLE

I am so proud of Sariah, Ellie and Lily who auditioned for the Central Coast Regional Dance Ensemble, Years 5-8 at Kincumber High School last Sunday. They had wonderful attitudes and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Sariah who was successful! Thank you to Miss Holmes and Miss Jacobs for giving up part of their weekend to support the girls as well as run the ensembles.

HARMONY WEEK

Did you know we have 57 students from around the world that speak 27 different languages? We are so fortunate to have so much diversity in our school to learn from each other. I can't wait for this Friday to see our students dressing in their cultural dress or in orange. Students will be completing Harmony Day activities in their classes over the week.

All students will be treated to the African Beat Interactive Drumming Performance on Monday 25th March. There is no cost. Thanks to Mrs Edwards and Miss Wijaya for their meticulous organisation.

ABORIGINAL PLP MEETINGS

Miss Wijaya, our classroom teachers and I want to thank our Aboriginal families and students for a wonderfully successful day last Friday. It was a highly valued day, meeting our families and sharing their lives as well as setting goals for the year. I am very appreciative of Miss Wijaya for her organisation and commitment to leading Aboriginal Education and moving forward into a year of shared experiences and learning for all our students.



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Report Continued...

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

EASTER HAT PARADE: Thursday 28th March CROSS COUNTRY: Friday 3rd May (Week 1 Term 2)

SEEN IN THE OFFICE

I always love seeing what our amazing students have been up to! I had many students visit me as they had earned 100 Dojo points! Thank you for being wonderful learners: Archie & Willa (KS), I loved your art!. From 2C: Cheyenne – creative artwork. Cullen, Isla and Maddison – impressive writing. Amir and Royce – clever mathematicians.



Our wonderful captains greeted and met Dr. Gordon Reid MP last week and had a discussion about leadership and their future. I was so proud of them as they were wonderful ambassadors of our school! Well done, Lily and Hugo.

Have a wonderful fortnight, GEPS! Happy Easter, be safe over the long weekend (29/3-1/4)



Nicole Burgess

Principal



GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL **OFFICE NEWS**

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

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* WEEK		MONDAY EVERY WEEK UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ONLY
Whats O	n This Week @ GEPS	
25/03	Support Unit Swim School Africian Beat Drumming Performance	2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH P&C MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
26/03 TUESDAY	Support Unit Swim School	FRIDAY EVERY FORTNIGHT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (EVEN WEEKS)
27/03 WEDNESDAY	Easter Raffle Drawn Support Unit Swim School	THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVERY WE SCHOOL CANTEEN
28/03	Easter Hat Parade Support Unit Swim School	(ONLINE ORDERS ONLY)
29/03	Easter Friday	EVERY WEDNESDAY IS WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY
29th March	- 1st April Public Holidays 🛛	COFFE AND COVER EVERY THURSDAY 2PM-3PM

Recurring events

EEK

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

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Harmony Day



Harmony Day is this Friday, March 22nd. Wear the colour **orange** to show your support. Students are already having fun this week creating posters, flags and learning new games from around the world. More photos will be in the next newsletter.



We are inviting families to engage in reading bilingual stories to a class, teaching traditional dance or games, making multicultural craft, or cooking and sharing foods from around the world.

Can you demonstrate to your child's class how to speak in your home language? Do you know how to teach children simple origami or yoga? Can you show us how to play a game?

Please contact the office on 4325 2178 if you would like to be part of Harmony Day.



EASTER HATE PARADE

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Our Easter Hat Parade 2.20pm Thursday 28th March

K-2 make hats with their class teachers who do super cute designs on the Wednesday before our parade.

3-6 come with Easter themed Crazy Hair

SPORT

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SCCPSSA Zone Swimming Championships



Last week, several students represented our school at the Southern Central Coast PSSA Zone Swimming Championships. All students did themselves and our school proud. Mrs Steinbeck was our team manager and had nothing but praise for the effort and behaviour of our students. We were lucky enough to have one swimmer make it through to Sydney North. Congratulations to Makeytah S who will compete against other schools from the Central Coast and Sydney areas on 2nd April.

This year, our Zone moved to include Multi-Class records, aligning with NSWPSSA. The following records are now held by two of our students:

Makeytah S (S14): Senior 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke Hayden B (S14): Senior 50m Freestyle

Rade Travica & Shelby Jacobs Swimming Coordinator



GEPS Athletics Carnival

What a day! We were blessed, or cursed, depending on how you look at it, by the weather gods with sunshine and 29-degree heat. We'd barely finished setting up when students began arriving at 8:15 for the 800m event. Once everyone got into the swing of things, the day flowed smoothly, and I feel the students really embraced the experience of competing at a state-of-the-art athletics track. We even had a record broken by Mia C in the 11 years girls 100m sprint. Her time of 15.22 shaved sixteen hundredths off the previous record.

A big thank you goes out to the teachers that managed their events quickly and fairly. They made it work on the day. We were lucky enough to be sent some amazing students from Erina HS who assisted our teachers and represented their school commendably. A special thank you to the parents who volunteered to help. Without your assistance, the carnival couldn't have been held at Mingara. We simply don't have enough staff.

Well done GEPS for your effort throughout the day!

Rade Travica & Jesse Reid Athletics Coordinators

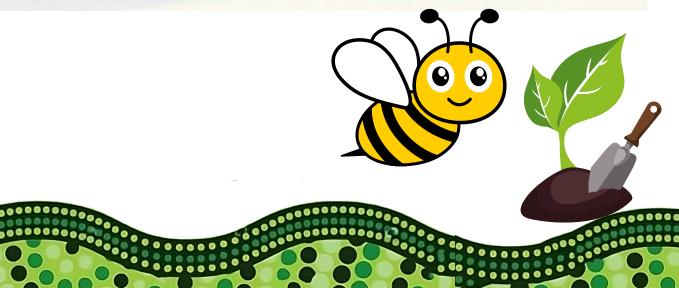


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- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT (GLOVES/BUCKETS)
- LAWN MOVERS/WHIPPER SNIPPERS/BLOWERS/GUERNEYS WELCOME!
- HATS& WATER ARE A MUST!
- MORNING TEA PROVIDED
- MEET MISS HASSELL @ HALL AT 8AM FOR SAFETY BRIEFING.

RSVP: HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DXWZDVQVISRPWKTE7 OR LET THE OFFICE KNOW!



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GARDEN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

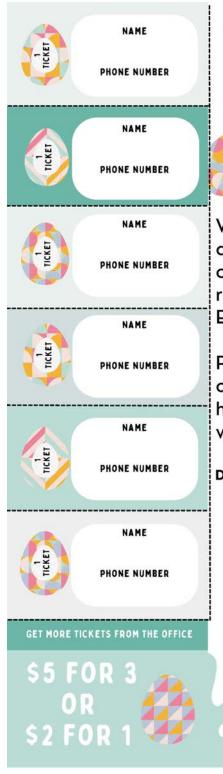
We are looking for volunteers to assist with Garden Club. If you're interested in running a session for students from K-6 in the garden contact the office or Miss Hassall.

Time: Wednesdays 1:15 - 1:40 PM

Please see the office and complete your paperwork prior to volunteering

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

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GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C EASTER EASTER BASE AFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

We are kindly asking families for donations of Easter eggs, chocolates, baskets and Easterrelated goodies for our upcoming Easter raffle.

Please take your donations to your classroom. The class with the heaviest weighing donations will win an iceblock party bucket.

DONATIONS TO CLASS BY 26TH MARCH DRAW WILL BE ON 28TH MARCH













All money raised will go directly to helping your kids and our awesome school.

ONLINE PURCHASES WILL GO STRAIGHT INTO DRAW

> helping your kids and our awes school.

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL EVERY DAY MATTERS

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Strengthening

friendships Build skills

through fun

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which adds up to over 1 year

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missed over their school life.

Every Day Matters



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 encourage and to support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and vour child will build 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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THURSDAY AFTEROONS FROM 2PM TO 3PM IN OUR LIBRARY

DUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU

We have lots of book covering and other small tasks that need your hands. Training given .

LIBRARY Announcements

Class Library Days

Monday - 1M, 3/4R & 3/4J Tuesday - Kindergarten & 3/4B Wednesday - 5/6H, 1W, 3-6K, 5/6T, 5/6B Thursday - K-6W, K-6M, 2C, 2F

Remember to pack a Library Bag



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The all-in-one school payments app



Steps to get started:

1: Go to www.spriggyschools.com.au to register and download the app.

2: Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select SCHOOLNAME and your child's class.

3: Start placing lunch orders! You can place orders up to 4 weeks in advance.



Breakfast Toast Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	50c	Hot Food			
Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	000	Beef Pie	\$4.30	Sandwiches/WraPs/ White or wholemeal Bree	
Yoghurt	\$1	Potato Pie	\$4,80	Wrap/ Roll add	\$1
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Hot Milo	50c	Yummy Drummies	\$1.60	Toasted add	50
Up & Go	\$2.50	Chicken Tenders	\$1.60		1
Choc, Vanilla, Banana ar Stra	wberry	GF Chicken Tenders	\$1.80	Vegemite, Jam,	\$2.
Juice	\$2	Hot Dog	\$4	Honey or Cheese	
Apple,OJ or Golden Posh		Add Chease 50c		Egg Mayo or Tuna	\$3
Flavoured Milk	\$2	Beef Pasta	\$4.50	Roast Chicken, Ham or	\$3
Chocolate or Strawberry		Mac n Cheese	\$4	Chicken Tender	
		Nachos CM GF	\$4.50	Salad	\$3
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Fruit Salad Cup	\$1.50	Diana On Law	44.1	Salad items-lettuce, car	
Popcom	\$1	Pizzas-Canteen		cucumber, tomato & beet	
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Carrot & Cucumber		Ham & Cheese	\$3.50	*	
Add Hommus	80c	Ham & Pineapple	\$3.50	Toasties	
Yoghurt	\$1	BBQ Chicken	\$4	Cheese	\$3
Red Rock Chips GF	\$1.50			Ham & Cheese	\$4
Honey Soy or Sea Salt	22	Burgers		Ham, Cheese Tomato	\$4.
Pikelets x 3 CM	\$1	Hamburger	\$4.50	Chicken & Cheese	\$4
Garlic Bread	50c	Cheeseburger	\$5		_
Bread Cases CM	\$1	Chicken Burger	55	From The Freezer	÷
Chicken & Cheese Mini Pizza CM	50c	Flame Grilled Chicken B		Quelch	5
Hash Brown GF	\$1		-	Chocolate Moosie	\$
Nuggets x 3	\$2.50	Salad items-lettuce,		Juicie Tube-	5
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Up & Go-	\$2.50	Full Salad	\$4	BIRTHDAY BUCKETS-	- 5
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Juice-	\$2	Roast Chicken, Ham or	\$5.50		
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GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UPDATE

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Join the P&C! What does the P&C do?



The P&C plays a vital role in our school community by managing the canteen and running the uniform shop. We actively fundraise for resources supporting a range of educational programs, facilities and equipment needs. It's also a chance for parents, carers and teachers to come together, fostering a collaborative school environment.

When do we meet?

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join, but to be a voting member costs \$2 per year.



Annual General Meeting

The upcoming AGM will be held Tuesday 9 April and all financial members can nominate for executive positions (President, Treasure etc.) Without the executive committee, we cannot have a P&C.



There are so many ways you can help, and even the smallest contribution can have a huge impact on our school. We always welcome new faces and fresh ideas, so join your P&C today!

Contact us

gepspandc@gmail.com

Join GEPS Community on Facebook



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THE OUTLOOK RIDING ACADEMY



A family-run equestrian centre in Terrigal. We offer horse riding lessons, pony parties, trail riding and holiday day camps.

Join our Easter Day Camp in March & April 2024!

Perfect for equestrian enthusiasts of all levels and ages - Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned rider, our camps and riding lessons cater to everyone.

Ph 0427189567 to learn more or visit us www.theoutlookridingacademy.com.au

Welcome to Notherhood

4 week program for young mums under 25 years with babies under 6 months old

Join fellow young mums to learn new mum skills and tackle the challenges together.

Where: RYSS 129-131 Frina Street

Each week learn how to connect with Gosford your baby by learning baby massage. When: Tuesdays Gain new information about feeding and caring for your baby and how to look after YOU too! **Cost:** FREE

Connect, Learn and Thrive!



Bookings:

Please contact Tina by phone 4337 2202 or email intake@cccwhc.com.au

Morning Tea Provided

There's a gift for those who complete the 4 sessions!









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Autumn School Holiday Activities

COST: \$55 per day or \$32 half day AGES: 5-12 years TIME: AM 8:30am-12:30pm PM 12:30pm-4:30pm

BOOK NOW



ADDITIONAL INFO: Please make sure you bring a water bottle, morning/afternoon tea, lunch, enclosed shoes

Mon 15th	AM Painting + Floor is Lava PM Archery + Tramp
Tues 16th	Meet My Squad Day AM Team Gym + Collaborative Art PM The Amazing Race
Wed 17th	AM Free G + Giant Battleship PM Boxing + Minute to win it
Thur 18th	AM Escape Room PM Mini Golf & Melty Beads
Fri 19th	AM Bingo + Dance Party PM Science + Tramp
Mon 22nd	Earth Day AM Poppy Flower Art + Tramp PM Multi sports
Tues 23rd	AM Outdoor Activities PM Gymnastics + Bingo
Wed 24th	AM Cookie Decorating + Tramp PM Archery + Free G
Thur 25th	CLOSED
Fri 26th	AM Laser Tag + Craft PM Dodgeball
Mon 29th	Healthy Heart Day AM Fitness Scavenger Hunt PM Gymnastics + Laser Tag

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