



GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1

WEEK 10 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHATS ON @ GEPS

Weeks 10 & 11

- School Disco Wednesday April 3rd

DISCO



- Last Day of School Friday April 12th

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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HOLIDAY DATES 2024

March							April						
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Legend:

- 1-5 Term start and end dates
- 1-5 School development days, students do not attend
- 1-5 Public holidays

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Happy Week 10 Gosford East families and community!

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to Mrs Coles and our Year 5 leaders for a wonderful Easter Hat Parade last Friday. It was attended by so many parents and family members – it is magical traditions such as these that create such long-lasting, happy memories!

Disco Day - Wednesday

Our three discos are run by the P&C and supported by teachers. I am looking forward to my first Gosford East dance! Thank you to all those involved for their time and effort in allowing these special events for our students.

Attendance

Thank you to all of you for getting your children to school, on-time, every day. This makes sure they have opportunities to learn, develop friendships, build important skills through quality learning experiences from trained educators. Our attendance statistics have improved!

- Our overall school attendance rate is 92.3% (= to Week 8) compared to 88.2% for state.
- 🌟 245 students have school attendance of 90 -100% 🌟
- 43 students have school attendance below 85% of the time (high risk of disengagement and learning and social difficulties). (improvement!)

School Attendance Level

Attendance Level



Where is your child? Make a family effort to improve your child's attendance!

Report Continued...

PBL Focus: Being safe, respectful learners at assemblies

For the next few weeks, Pebbles is emphasising the behaviour we want to see at our whole school assemblies. Have a chat with your child/children about these expectations! We hope to see amazing behaviour this Friday!

Cultural Group

Thank you to Miss Wijaya for supporting our Aboriginal students every Tuesday to participate in various activities to share Aboriginal culture. This week, our 3-6 students helped the K-2 students make their echidnas!

**Week 11 – last week of Term 1**

Just a reminder to our families that this is a long Term 1 and we have one more week after Friday. School finishes on Friday, 12th April.

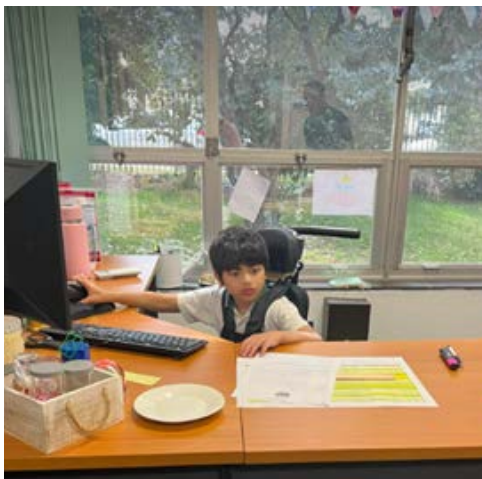


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SEEN IN THE OFFICE AND AROUND THE SCHOOL

So many clever people have come to see me this fortnight! Many students who have achieved 100 or 200 Dojos have shown me their work. Well done to all these student.

Principal Aaron did a wonderful job last week in the office! Consider me replaced.



As our term comes to an end, Ramadan Mubarak to our families who observe Ramadan their and your loved ones.

To all our families, have a fantastic and safe holiday break.

Lastly, a massive thank you to our amazing and willing staff who go to so many lengths to ensure our students are at the centre of all we do so they can thrive and succeed at school.

Nicole Burgess
Principal



Sydney North PSSA Swimming

On Tuesday, Makeytah represented our school and Zone at the Sydney North Swimming Championships. Due to such excellent swimming, she will now move on to the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships and compete against swimmers from all over NSW. Congratulations Makeytah and good luck!

Rade Travica & Shelby Jacobs
Swimming Coordinators

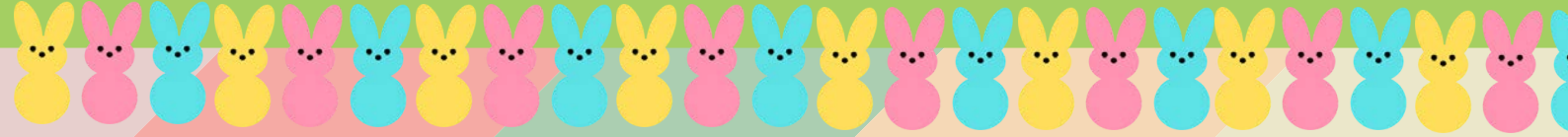


Athletics Ribbons

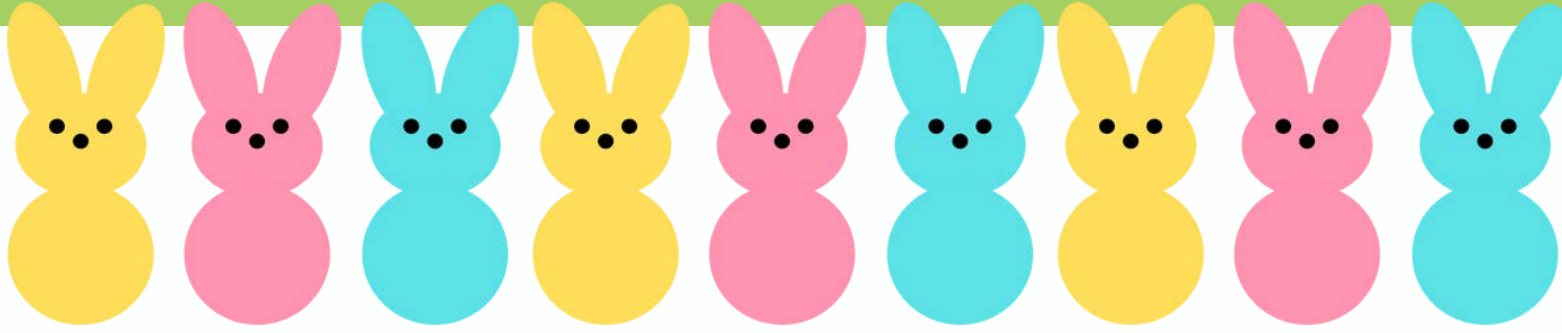
This Friday, we will be handing out ribbons from the athletics carnival. We still need to run the 1500m event at school on Thursday (weather permitting), however, that will not impact ribbons presentations.



EASTER HAT PARADE PHOTOS



EASTER BUNNY VISIT



Today our school had an egg-citing day with the Easter Bunny visiting classrooms to deliver some treats.

Thanks to Neil and Helena Mani from One Agency Real Estate - East Gosford for organising this amazing surprise for our school. We hope our students and their families had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.



*Thank
You*



Harmony Day

We had a successful week celebrating the diversity within our school and learning more about languages and cultures from around the world. During Harmony Week, students participated in many activities and at the whole school assembly we showcased a video of the many languages that are spoken by our students and staff.

GEPS students were fortunate enough to have Natalia and Sandra from Mosaic Multicultural Connections share music, culture, language and food from around the world.

African Beat put on an amazing performance with students playing djembes, singing and dancing to traditional music from Ghana.

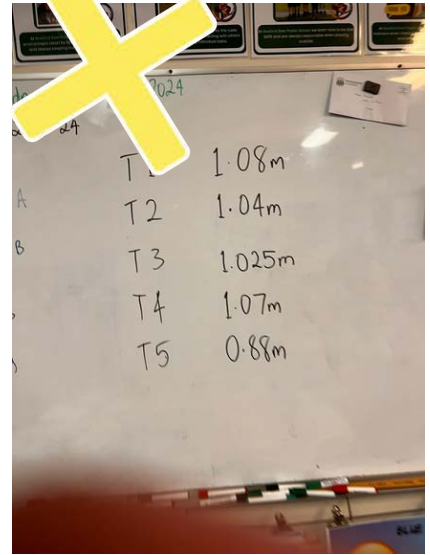


Ms Tara Edwards
EALD Teacher
&
Ms Wijaya
Classroom
Teacher

3/4R

Week 8 Mathematics for 3/4R (and most of the school), looked at measurement and estimation for length and distance. We used lots of concrete materials to become more familiar with using the metre as a formal unit of measurement including the real-world practical applications. In groups, students then built a tower that they estimated to be one metre tall with very accurate estimations!

Jesse Reid
Classroom Teacher



GEPS WORKING BEE



SCHOOL WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL @ 8AM-12NOON

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



A watercolor illustration featuring various garden-related items: a green leafy vegetable, a sunflower, a green leaf, a wooden-handled shovel, a pair of red-handled pruning shears, a green apron with a brown pocket, a small packet of seeds, a trowel, a wooden sign with the word 'GARDEN', and various green herbs and flowers. The background is white with scattered greenery and tools.

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



Dear Families,

Approximately 1.3 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes. Between 20 and 50 million people suffer non-fatal injuries, with many incurring a disability as a result of their injury. Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5–29 years. The main reason behind these road accidents is not following or knowing traffic and road safety rules.

Trafficquiz.com is a free-to use website developed with the aim of spreading awareness regarding traffic rules and road safety rules. Through trafficquiz.com, students can learn and test their knowledge about traffic and road safety rules in an entertaining way, i.e., by playing quizzes.

1. For Age group (5 to 9 years):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-junior-level-1/>

2. For Age group (10 to 15 years):

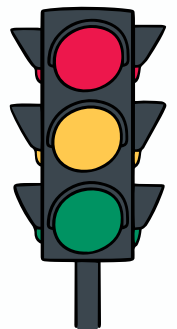
<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-secondary-level-1/>

3. For Parents (Child safety quizzes):

<https://trafficquiz.com/child-safety-quiz-for-parents-level-1/>

4. For Parents and Teachers (Traffic & road safety rules quizzes):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-for-adults-level-1/>





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.**

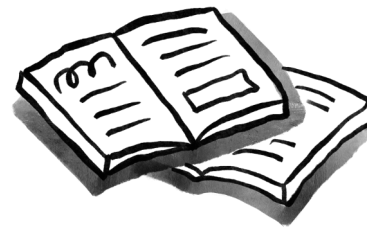
Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

- Learning
- Strengthening friendships
- 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 regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your 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.



THURSDAY
AFTERNOONS
FROM 2PM TO
3PM IN OUR
LIBRARY

OUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

PARENT OR
GRANDPARENT
VOLUNTEERS

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



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.



Pebbles Snack Cave

Gosford East Public School

8.30-1.30

canteen.geps@gmail.com



Breakfast	
Toast	50c
Fresh Fruit	\$1
Yoghurt	\$1
Hot Milo	50c
Up & Go	\$2.50
Choc, Vanilla, Banana or Strawberry Juice	\$2
Apple, OJ or Golden Pash Flavoured Milk	\$2
Chocolate or Strawberry	

Hot Food	
Beef Pie	\$4.30
Potato Pie	\$4.80
Sausage Roll	\$3.30
Yummy Drumsticks	\$1.60
Chicken Tenders	\$1.60
GF Chicken Tenders	\$1.80
Hot Dog	\$4
<i>Add Cheese 50c</i>	
Beef Pasta	\$4.50
Mac n Cheese	\$4
Nachos CM GF	\$4.50
<i>Add Cheese 50c</i>	

Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls	
<i>White or wholemeal Bread</i>	
Wrap/ Roll add	\$1
Gluten Free add	\$1.50
Toasted add	50c
Vegemite, Jam, Honey or Cheese	\$2.50
Egg Mayo or Tuna	\$3
Roast Chicken, Ham or Chicken Tender	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50
Chicken Tender Mini Wrap	\$2.50
<i>Add Cheese for 50c</i>	
<i>Salad items-lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato & beetroot</i>	
<i>50c each or \$2 all salad items</i>	

Snacks	
Fruit Salad Cup	\$1.50
Popcorn	\$1
Vege Sticks	\$1.50
Carrot & Cucumber	
Add Hommus	80c
Yoghurt	\$1
Red Rock Chips GF	\$1.50
Honey Soy or Sea Salt Pikelets x 3 CM	\$1
Garlic Bread	50c
Bread Cases CM	\$1
Chicken & Cheese Mini Pizza CM	50c
Hash Brown GF	\$1
Nuggets x 3	\$2.50
Corn on Cob GF	\$1

Pizzas-Canteen Made	
Cheese	\$3
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Pineapple	\$3.50
BBQ Chicken	\$4
Burgers	
Hamburger	\$4.50
Cheeseburger	\$5
Chicken Burger	\$5
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$5
<i>Salad items-lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato & beetroot</i>	
<i>50c each or \$2 all salad items</i>	
<i>Add Cheese 50c</i>	

Toasties	
Cheese	\$3
Ham & Cheese	\$4
Ham, Cheese Tomato	\$4.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$4

Drinks	
Plain Milk	\$1.50
Springwater	\$2
Up & Go-	\$2.50
Choc, Vanilla, Banana or Strawberry Juice-	\$2
Apple, OJ or Golden Pash Flavoured Milk-	\$2
Chocolate or Strawberry Glee 99% Sparkling Juice-	\$2.50
Tropical, Raspberry, Blackcurrent or Sour Watermelon	

Boxed Salads	
Full Salad	\$4
Egg or Tuna	\$5
Roast Chicken, Ham or Chicken Tender	\$5.50
<i>Add Cheese 50c</i>	

From The freezer	
Quelch	50c
Chocolate Moosie	\$2
Juice Tube-	\$2
Tropical or Wildberry Vanilla Cup	\$1.50
Frozen Fruit Cup Blackcurrent	\$1
Frozen Juice Cup LARGE	\$1
Frozen Juice Cup MINI	10c
BIRTHDAY BUCKETS- filled with Quelch ice blocks	\$15

Online Ordering
spriggyschools.com.au

CM-Canteen Made
GF- Gluten Free



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.

Get involved



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

 gepsandc@gmail.com

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Central Coast Autumn Holiday Junior Chess Tournament (ages 6 to 17)



Before entering,
please email me
for the full flyer

For NSW country players. Limited to 140.
Please don't pay until entry confirmed.

Monday 22 April

Must pre-enter by Saturday 20 April

Central Coast Grammar School
9.30am – 4.00pm

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

Entry fee \$10

For full entry details
please email, not text:
Gary Losh

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726

Central Coast Autumn Holiday Chess Comp

Minimum ability: Correctly move pieces
and complete games independently.

Monday 22 April

Must pre-enter by Sat 20 April

Ages
6 to 17



For NSW Country players only, as
defined at nswjcl.org.au (m'ship)



Limit 140 players
DON'T PAY UNTIL ENTRY IS CONFIRMED

Where: Central Coast Grammar School
When: Monday 22 April, 9.30am-4.00pm
Late arrivals will miss the first round
Entry: By Saturday 20 April, fee \$10
To enter, please email me, not text, the
following info ...
Player's name and DOB
Relevant medical information
Parent emergency contact number
Parent email address
Lunch: BYO Please eat and drink outside
Trophies: 1st to 5th plus age medals
Format: Swiss, everyone plays 7/8 rounds
Time control: 15 mins per player

DON'T PAY UNTIL YOUR ENTRY IS
CONFIRMED BY EMAIL
Please give player's name as online
payment reference.

IF YOU HAVE PRE-ENTERED
CASH ON THE DAY IS QUITE OK

Payment options:

- Pay me online 637000 713 826 707, or
- By PayPal to my email address, or
- Cash on the day.

Contact for info and entries:
Gary Losh 0432 453 726 or

Checkmate competition

Participation optional.
Find the checkmates
and win prizes.

Rated by the NSWJCL

All unrated players will be
given a chess rating based
on their results.

See all JCL ratings at...

www.chessratings.com.au

Non profit

Run by volunteers with the help of
our generous host Central Coast
Grammar School.

Parliament of
New South Wales

SPEAK

FREE
EVENT

MAKE

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 19 April
9.30am – 3pm

Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest
Parliament with free, fun activities for children
from four to twelve years, and their families.

- Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Learn how to vote
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Participate in a committee role play
and more...

VOTE

SHARE

DRAW

FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
5 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place
The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au



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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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