



# GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**June 2025**

Week 6 is here and we are halfway through Term 2 - time flies too quickly! I want to congratulate our students on their behaviour during the last two weeks of wet weather. It is always a challenging time to be inside for days on end. Thank you to our teachers and SLSOs for always preparing activities to keep their students engaged and busy.

### RECONCILIATION WEEK

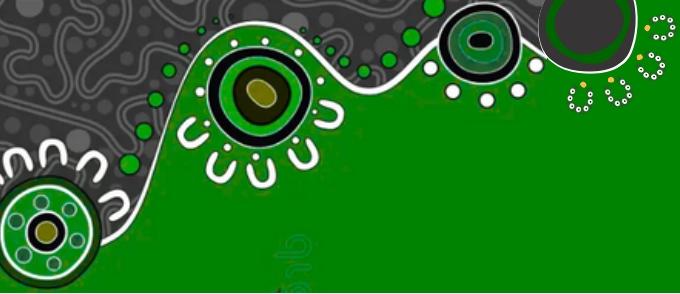
National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.



Our students have been having discussions and learning about what Reconciliation means to them and their personal commitment towards reconciliation. I have seen some amazing artworks in students decorating handprints. Keep an eye out for these around our school soon!







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All families are invited to our Reconciliation Assembly that will showcase students' learning. Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June in our hall.

## STRANGER DANGER

Last week, there was a report from another local school of a white van seen in our area, with individuals attempting to give students a lift home. It was reported that a man and a woman were in the van. I urge everyone to talk to your children about "stranger danger" and remind them to never approach or get into a vehicle with someone they don't know. Please stay alert and contact the police if you see anything suspicious.

## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Many thanks to Mr Reid and Mr Travica who took our students to represent GEPS at the SCCPSSA Zone Cross Country Championship last Friday. Our kids displayed grit and great sportsmanship, running at Roger's Park and we are proud of them all.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to KS for Class of the Week in Week 3 and KS and 3/4R for Week 4! And the 187 students so far who have received their 10 Green Week Reward!

## SEEN AROUND THE SCHOOL

Thank you to Taylan and Jake from 2F for clever author self-descriptions; To Rohan for an entertaining, funny and well written story called 'The Sign'. I couldn't stop reading! And to Piper and Mearaj for convincing me that



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Ned Kelly was a villain with their excellent arguments. Ellie from 1W enjoyed her 10 Green Week Award treat in our staffroom. And great work to our Stage 3 students for their creative and thoughtful reconciliation hands.

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AWARD

Our incredible staff were presented with an award by the Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator and Learning and Wellbeing Advisor from the department's Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing Division. We proudly accepted the honour of being recognised for our work in welcoming new students and families into our inclusive school so fabulously, with outstanding commitment to supporting all students. I am beyond proud of our committed and caring staff.



## NEWSLETTERS

As you are aware, before technology, schools used to use newsletters as a way to keep parents updated about upcoming events and important information. Now we have the capacity to contact all families as easily as pressing a 'send' button, we are reducing the frequency of our newsletters. Instead of sending them out every fortnight, we'll be sharing important updates and highlights once a month. As always, urgent updates or key information will still be shared through School Bytes or Facebook page.

Have a safe, warm and healthy June, GEPS community.

Nicole Burgess  
Principal

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# RECONCILIATION WEEK

## Reconciliation Week 2025

This year, Reconciliation Week fell on 27<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Teachers and students had rich discussions in class based on this year's theme: Bridging Now to Next. The theme calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

As part of GEPS commitment to Reconciliation, we held a cake stall for Wear It Yellow day to raise money for the Children's Ground Foundation. Thank you so much to all the parents and staff who donated some delicious treats for this fundraiser!

On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm, GEPS will be holding a special Reconciliation assembly to showcase some of the activities classes engaged in throughout the week. Kindergarten and K-2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will be sharing performances. All parents are welcome!





# ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Last Friday, GEPS had 49 students compete at the NSWPSSA Zone Cross Country Championships. After being postponed initially because of adverse weather conditions, we were lucky to have sunshine all day for the event. Our beautiful runners behaved spectacularly and represented themselves, our school and our community with pride and excellence. Special mention to:

Karstan who finished in 10th place;  
Javier who finished in 8th place, and;  
Ansh who finished in 9th place





The poster is for ICAS 2025. It features a young boy holding a certificate that reads: '2024 ICAS ASSESSMENTS MATHEMATICS Distinction Year 3 JEM TESTING CENTRE - VIC'. The background is light purple with various geometric patterns. Logos for ICAS assessments, Janison Assessments, and The University of Sydney are present. A pink box at the bottom left of the boy says 'Aadvik Year 3'.

ICAS assessments

Janison Assessments.

**Our school has signed up for ICAS 2025.**

**Register your child today**

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Aadvik Year 3

### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



## P&amp;C ASSOCIATION



**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7PM  
VIA ZOOM**

### What does the P&C Do?

As a not for profit organisation, we can apply for grants on behalf of GEPS that the school is not eligible for. Without the P&C we also wouldn't have:

- The uniform shop
- The canteen
- Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls
- Trivia night and other community events
- Fundraising opportunities directly benefiting our kids

### Join us at our next meeting!

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm via zoom. It's a great opportunity to hear updates from the principal and teachers, get involved with what's happening around the school and help shape our fundraising plans. Email us for the link so you can join.

### We would love you to join our P&C!

The best way to find out more about what our P&C does and how you might be able to be part of it is to join and become a member!

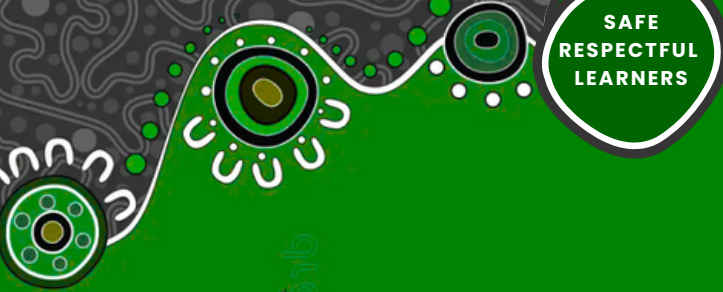
Membership is only **\$2 annually** and can be purchased through the uniform shop

### Questions?

Email us at [gepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:gepsandc@gmail.com)

Join our Facebook group: [GEPS Community](#)





## CANTEEN SURVEY RESULTS

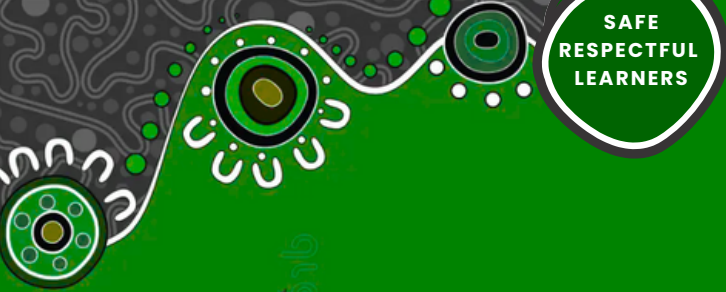
WE ASKED OUR GEPS COMMUNITY WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE IN THE CANTEEN AND WE RECEIVED A MASSIVE 92 RESPONSES.

Q1. WHAT LUNCH FOOD ITEMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE CANTEEN ON A FRIDAY, BY SELECTING THEIR BOXES.



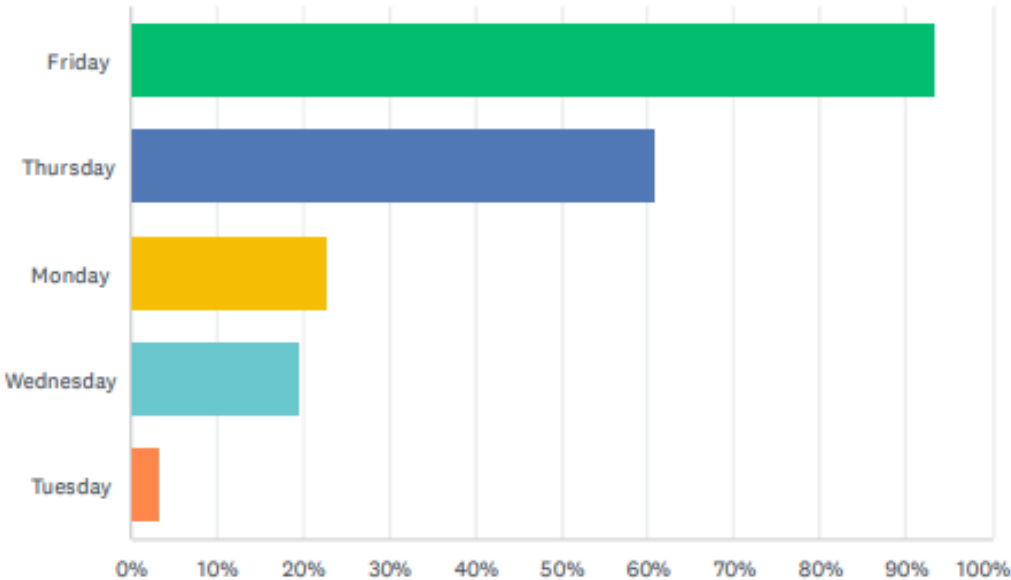
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nachos	47.83%	44
Macaroni & Cheese	43.48%	40
Beef Sliders	39.13%	36
Bolognaise Pasta	34.78%	32
Butter Chicken	30.43%	28
Lasagna	28.26%	26
Burrito Bowl with rice	26.09%	24
Stir fry with noodles	21.74%	20
Stir fry with Rice	17.39%	16
Potato Pie	16.30%	15
Curry Chicken	14.13%	13
Tuna Pasta	14.13%	13
Roasted Spud Potato with Taco mince or Bolognaise	14.13%	13





CANTEEN SURVEY RESULTS

Q2. WHAT 2 DAYS OF THE WEEK WOULD YOU PREFER THE CANTEEN TO BE OPEN?

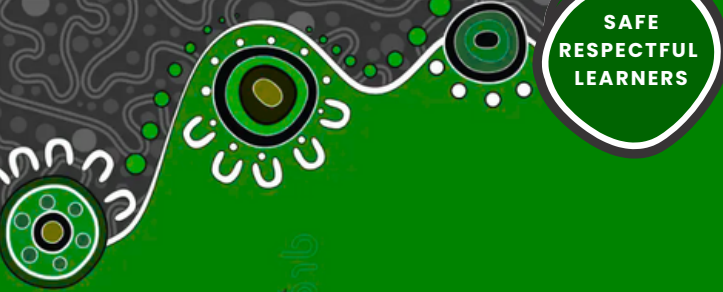


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Friday	93.48%	86
Thursday	60.87%	56
Monday	22.83%	21
Wednesday	19.57%	18
Tuesday	3.26%	3
Total Respondents: 92		



THURSDAY

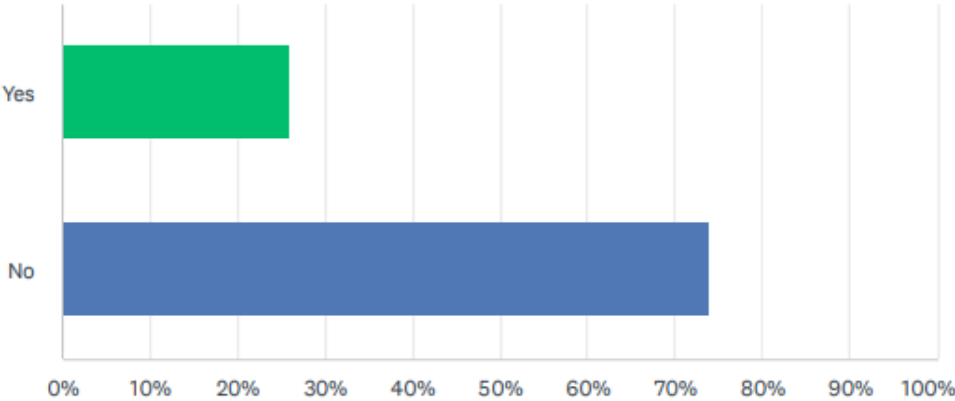
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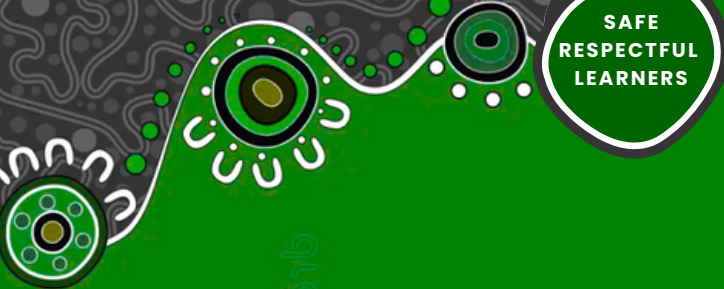
**Q3. IF WE OPENED THE CANTEEN 5 DAYS A WEEK FOR BREAKFAST SERVICE FROM 8.40AM TO 9AM WOULD YOU USE THIS SERVICE? PLEASE WRITE IN COMMENTS THE ITEMS YOU WISH TO SEE SERVED AT BREAKFAST?**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.09%	24
No	73.91%	68
Total Respondents: 92		







DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE THIS  
THURSDAY OR FRIDAY?  
IF WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERS  
SIGNED UP, WE WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE THE  
CANTEEN.

✨Your canteen relies **SOLELY on volunteers**. Without your assistance, we cannot operate ✨

✨The Canteen is managed and run by The P&C Executive Team, who are Volunteers **ONLY** ✨

✨We are **mums volunteering** and operating the Canteen, we do not have paid employment outside of the Canteen ✨

✨We **do not** get paid to work in the Canteen ✨

✨The Canteen does **NOT** have any paid employees, just Volunteers we can rally up from the School Community giving up their time for the children to have a canteen twice a week. ✨

✨We are also time poor working mums doing the best we can, **just like everyone else** ✨

✨We are giving up countless hours not only in our free time but also during our normal working time, to help keep the Canteen Open. ✨

✨It is becoming **unsustainable** for us to continue putting in all the hours we are without **more HELP** from more of our community, as it is **heavily impeding on our work life** ✨

Please refer to the sign-in sheet below or comment on this post if you are able to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44AAAD2AA6FCC34-55022555-canteen#/>

THE SAD REALITY IS; IF WE CANNOT FIND A WAY TO GET **REGULAR VOLUNTEERS** GIVING UP AT LEAST ONE HOUR A WEEK, ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT OR EVEN JUST ONE HOUR A MONTH WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CLOSE THE CANTEEN PERMANENTLY.

**FREE LUNCH  
MEAL DEAL**

TO ANY CHILD/CHILDREN  
ON THE DAY THEIR  
PARENT/CARER  
VOLUNTEERS AT THE  
CANTEEN.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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**CENTRAL  
COAST  
DANCE CAMP****2025***WINTER DANCE CAMP***CCDC - WINTER  
DANCE CAMP**

The Winter School holidays are the perfect time to get your friends together and learn Dance, Styles in Jazz, Hip Hop, Acro and Musical Theatre.

Each day of camp builds to work towards a mini-showcase at the end of the 4 days. We have storytelling, arts and crafts, and work on other dance styles in the 4 days.

**TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
9AM - 3PM**

Located @ Green Point Christian College

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## Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions Give
- consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts



## CATHOLIC CARE Gosford East Public School OSHC

### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

6.30am - 9.00am

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3.00pm - 6.00pm

### VACATION CARE

7.30am - 6.00pm

Our passionate team of educators strive to create a space where children feel welcome and encouraged to experiment and grow. We provide a range of activities so that each child can engage in their interests including sports and active play, imaginative play, music, art and craft, games ... and much more!

We pride ourselves on knowing the children that we care for and tailor our program around their interests so if there's something that the children want to explore, we try to facilitate that opportunity. Central to this is creating strong relationships with the children.

We focus on getting to know each child, their interests and hobbies, so that we can provide the best possible care and the children feel comfortable.

We know that OSHC is a priority for working families. Our goal is to have the children love coming here due to our fantastic program and caring educators.

## MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

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