

# NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As winter settles in, our school is alive with activity. From the so many co-curricular opportunities to the day-to-day rhythm of classroom life, our kids have been coming to school, ready to engage. Amidst the busy calendar, our core focus remains unchanged: supporting every student in their learning. I hope you find the new department reports informative regarding how your child has been doing with their learning and goals that they are working towards. Thank you to our teachers for working endlessly this term to prepare and write them. We are proud of the progress being made across all year levels and grateful for the continued partnership of families in helping students thrive—both inside and outside the classroom.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

These will be Term 3 in the first weeks of school. This information will be coming out with the reports. Don't forget to check School Bytes to see when your teachers are available and book in! The interviews are for Kinder-Year 4, but you are welcome to contact the Stage 3 teachers if you wish to discuss your Year 5 or 6 report or progress.

#### **GEPS Student Voice Ambassadors**

Miss Brookes and I attended the Central Coast Student Voice Ambassador Project with Zac, Sariah, Lucy, Rohan and Ashton at Lisarow HS. We collaborated on what student voice, trust and respect looks like in our school and started a plan. We are so proud of our students for their participation and willingness to have honest conversations. Watch this space as we re-vamp the SRC!

#### **New Uniforms**

I have been very disappointed to hear about the quality of our lovely new shirts. I am talking with the company to try and see what I can do. I will continue to work with the P&C to see what our

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options are moving forward. I will report back next month.

### Seen in and out of the school

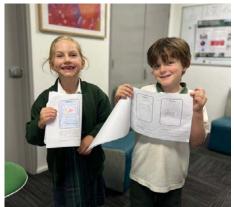
Now we have a newsletter once a month, I need more room for photos! It was lovely to see our Kinder models seeing their picture out the front of our school! Thank you, Violet, Mali, Jasper and Mia.

Clever authors writing their own mini-books from 1W: Lizzie, Jacob, Rafael and Maggie May. Ryder impressed me with his acrostic poem and illustrations. Bottom row are photos from our Student Voice Day. Over the page is our fabulous basketball and netball teams, representing our school proudly! Thank you to Olivia, Olivia and Edie for their kindness and



















making me the happiest principal. They made me a card to brighten my day. I had emotional tears in my eyes as I read Stella, Pippy, Penny, Lincoln's poetry about bushfire and survival. Kaedan and Alana showed me their clever work and I loved hearing Henry and Anna read fluently!

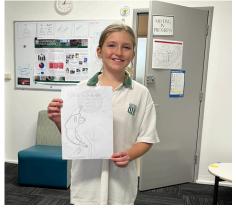
Have a wonderful safe, happy and warm holiday, Gosford East. See you back at school on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### Nicole Burgess - Principal





















## LIVIN' DEADLY

### **Livin' Deadly Girls Group**

During Week 9, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls were very excited to have a very special visitor attend their Livin' Deadly girls group.

Donnalee, a proud Wiradjuri woman and parent at GEPS, shared her wealth of knowledge about Aboriginal culture, language, stories, music and art.

This time was invaluable for our girls as they were able to connect to culture and express their own stories through artwork.

Thank you very much to Donnalee for visiting GEPS, we had so much fun!















# 2025 NSW PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

# Participation



Lachie B



Aiden J



Carolina M



Evie M



Harper M



Kaeden H



Lester Y



Sariah F



Soleil R



Timothy H











# 2025 NSW PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

# Junior School Champion Senior School Champion



Mearaj



Zachary

# Junior School Runner-up



Lester

# Joint Senior School Runner-up



Ashton



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Samsara



**SPORT** 

### **Athletics News**

Last Thursday, we finally ran the last event of our athletics carnival, the 1500m. As this concludes our carnival, I can reveal that the final points for each house are

WARRIMOO 647
CHAKOLA 631
KIARA 585
CARATHOOL 563

Congratulations Warrimoo on winning a second carnival this year. Most of the carnivals are not won on placings, but on participation – Warrimoo's participation was phenomenal.

We also had several records equaled or broken this year - Indie W equaled the junior girls high jump record of 1.10m (and still has a chance to break it outright), Mia C broke the senior girls 200m with 32.99 seconds, and two 1500m records - Indie W in the junior girls with 7.10.06 minutes and Paige J in the senior girls with 7.15.07 minutes. Well done!

Age champions will be announced at our end of year Presentation Assembly.

**SPORT** 

#### **Zone Athletics**

The Southern Central Coast Zone Athletics Championships will be held in Term 3 (5<sup>th</sup> September). This week, students are being made aware of the events in which they have qualified. Please let me know if your child cannot make this date or does not want to participate in a specific event. Last minute withdrawals may deny other students the opportunity to replace these competitors.

Notes will be sent out via School Bytes next term - please complete and submit these at your earliest convenience.

Congratulations to the following students on qualifying for the zone carnival.

Maddison Z	Luke R	Rose W	Jack O	Ivy A	Levi S	Penelope A-B
Spencer F	Sophie D-W	Ashton D	Chanel B	Royce A	Indie W	Kade V
Jane B	Javier G	lmogen W	Lincoln H	Violet H	Henri B	Abby B
Levi M	Evelyn E	Stephen P	Mia C	Sonny E	Brooklyn W	Tom F
Emilia S	Ryder F	Hannah B	Ansh P S	Sariah F	Ashton A	Sophia B
Rohan F	Samsara D	Max L	Paige J	Vailea V	Georgie M	Sullivan H
Harper M	Maleik T	Betty M	Karam A	Savannah M	Jesse W	Sophie S
Dominic F	Mikayla D	Kingsley S	Adelayde C	Jack G-J	Evie M	





# NSWPSSA BASKETBALL GALA DAY

#### GALA DAY - Breakers Indoor Stadium

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, the boys basketball team competed against Avoca Beach Public School in Round 2 of the NSWPSSA Knockout Competition. Round 1 for GEPS was a bye which sent us straight to Round 2 of the competition. We faced a very strong Avoca team who had rep level players and a sizeable advantage in height.

Despite the boys playing very well, we came up short. However, they played from start to finish with excellence and spirit and represented our school with pride.

Thank you to the parents that helped transport students to and from the venue. Thank you also to the parents that managed to come and watch.

Go GEPS!









## **ICAS 2025**

#### 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, 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.

# Please click here to sign up and pay for tests

#### **Test dates for Gosford East Public School**

4th August 2025 - Writing - \$24.95

8th August 2025 - Digital Technologies - \$20.95

11th August 2025 - English 2025 - \$20.95

18th August 2025 - Spelling Bee- \$20.95

22nd August 2025 - Science - \$20.95

25th August 2025 - Mathematics- \$20.95

Please note Year 2 are not eligible for Writing.







Join JCAS 2025





## LIBRARY NEWS







# Story Box Library

This is a wonderful resource for children's reading for entertainment, with read-along stories, Auslan story reads from Australian authors and illustrators.

We have a free <u>trial subscription that ends on 30<sup>th</sup> August</u>.

We'd love our families to use this platform so we can see if it can be continued into 2026. Hop on and have a read, watch and listen.

https://auth.storyboxhub.com/login

Username: gosford-east-ps

Password: Shadow1753





# **MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM TERM 3**



### NSW Health Mobile Dental Program











### **NSW Health Primary School Dental Program**

NSW Health is working with the Department of Education and public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care, to all students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Our school has been selected to participate the program.

Many parents may not realise two important things about their children's teeth:

- 1. Good oral health is essential for children to successfully learn and participate at school, and
- 2. NSW Health offers free public dental health services to all children under 18 years of age.

Learning and behaviour difficulties at school can start with tooth and gum problems. That's because decay and gum disease can cause pain and difficulties in eating, sleeping, talking, concentrating, and learning, which can in turn affect a child's behaviour in class. A child with tooth decay may feel self-conscious about the way their teeth look and feel, making it harder for them to join in class and social activities. Our school is participating in the program and offering students the opportunity to have free dental check-ups in a comfortable and familiar environment at school. With a parent/carers consent, students are able to have a free dental check-up and free preventive care. **The program is scheduled to visit our school from 18/08/2025 to 3/09/2025.** 

A Parent Information and Consent Pack will be sent home with each student, and includes information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/carers who want their child to receive care are advised to:

- 1. Read all the information provided in the pack
- 2. Carefully complete all the fields of the consent forms
- 3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program or how to access public dental clinics is available on the NSW Health website at: <a href="https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschooldental">https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschooldental</a>

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/default.aspx

If you have any questions, please contact CCLHD Primary School Mobile Dental Program – Wyong Hospital on 4394 4842 or email CCLHD-MDC@health.nsw.gov.au



# TERM 3 P&C EVENT SCHEDULE

**JULY Canteen Closed WK 1** 24 & 25 **Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday**Stage 1 Volunteers needed Kindy to Year 2 Parents/Carers **JULY 31 WK 2 & AUG 1** Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday **AUG WK3** Stage 2 Volunteers needed Year 3 & 4 Parents/Carers 7 & 8 School Disco - stage 1/Stage2/Stage3 **AUG WK 4** 13 Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday AUG **WK 4** Stage 3 Volunteers needed Year 5 & 6 Parents/Carers 14 & 15 Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday
Stage 1 Volunteers needed Kindy to Year 2 Parents/Carers **AUG WK 5** 21 & 22

Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday **AUG WK 6** 28 & 29

Stage 2 Volunteers needed Year 3 & 4 Parents/Carers

Father's Day Stall **WK 7** 

Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday **WK 7** Stage 3 Volunteers needed Year 5 & 6 Parents/Carers

**Father's Day Breakfast WK 7** 

Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday
Stage 1 Volunteers needed Kindy to Year 2 Parents/Carers **WK 8** 

Canteen Open - Thursday & Friday

Carers

**WK 9** 

**Canteen Closed WK 10** 

"Comedy For A Cause" **Fundraising Event TERM 3 Date TBA** 

Stage 2 & 3 Volunteers needed year 3, 4 5 & 6 Parents/

**SEPT** 5

**SEPT** 

3

**SEPT** 

4 & 5

**SEPT** 11 & 12

18 & 19

**SEPT** 

**SEPT** 

25 & 26



# Can you lend a hand?



We always have volunteer opportunities happening!

**Upcoming Events Term 3:** 



# School Disco - Wednesday 13th August



Come along and hand out glow sticks, serve our students cordial and chippies half way through their disco. Have a boogie with the other parent helpers.

Small pack down at the end.



# Father's Day Stall - Wednesday 3rd September



Come along and help are beautiful children pick that perfect gift for that Special someone.



# Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 5th September



Father's Day BBQ, we will need volunteers to help feed all those hungry mouths that morning.



# Upcoming in Term 4 -

# Bunning's BBQ - Sunday 7th December

We will need volunteers who can come and help serve snags at the the BBQ throughout the day, an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated. \_\_\_





# BIG FUNDRAISING EVENT COMING TERM 3 - DATE TBA







WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING SOMETHING UNIQUE AND FUN TO GEPS!!

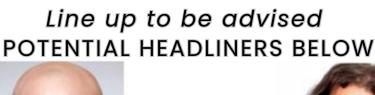
AN OPORTUNITY THAT CAN BRING OUR LITTLE GEPS COMMUNITY AND THE OUTSIDE PUBLIC TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER.

A 2-hour comedy show featuring 3-4 of Australia's top comedians.

### ★ADULT ONLY EVENT, LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED!

COME JOIN THE FUN AND HAVE A LAUGH!!!!!





















NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
12TH AUGUST 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 **gepspandc@gmail.com**Join our Facebook group: **GEPS Community** 





# Pebbles Snack Cave

### 🍎 CANTEEN UPDATE - TERM 3 🍎



No More Over-the-Counter Recess Sales

Recess will now be pre-order only through the online system.

Lunch Stays the Same

Students can still purchase ice blocks, drinks, and snacks at lunchtime.

### 📅 CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3

To make volunteering manageable, each stage is responsible for just 3 weeks this term:

- Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
- Weeks 2, 5 & 8
- Stage 2
- Weeks 3, 6 & 9
- Stage 3
- Weeks 4, 7 & 9

### VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

We need volunteers to keep the canteen running! Shift Times:

- 9:30am 10:30am  $\rightarrow$  2 volunteers
- 10:50am 11:30am  $\rightarrow$  1 volunteer
- 12:30pm 1:00pm  $\rightarrow$  2 volunteers
- 1:00pm 1:45pm  $\rightarrow$  2 volunteers

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If we can't fill the volunteer spots, the canteen will have to close. Let's keep it open — for the kids! 🦖 Sign up now and make a difference!

Follow the link or scan the QR Code below https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A9AF22A7FCC16-57361434-canteen





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WINTER DANCE CAMP

# CCDC - WINT DANCECA

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.

# ſUE8<sup>™</sup>-FRI11<sup>™</sup> 」 9AM-3PM

Located @ Green Point Christian College



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# THE ART HOUSE WED 09 JUL 6PM



**WOLFGANG IN THE STARS** 

www.thearthousewyong.com.au





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### 💈 Mister Cuts – East Gosford's Freshest Barbershop 💈

Looking for a professional, stylish haircut close to home? Mister Cuts is your local modern barbershop offering high-quality cuts, relaxing hot towel service, and friendly vibes for the whole family.

> 📍 Shop 1/78 York Street, East Gosford 📞 Call us: 0243226667 🛮 0415098872 🎉 Special Offer: \$5 off your first cut!

Just mention this newsletter when you visit. Walk-ins welcome!





# Gosford East are these collecting items!

Please bring to staffroom or office before school holidays or first week after!

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# **The Fathering Project Workshop!**

Tuesday 8th July 10.30am - 12pm

For educators and community workers

The Fathering Project educates, connects and mobilises fathers and families to create brighter futures for children.

This free workshop is facilitated by the Fathering Project and is a capacity building workshop that will support educators and community workers to better engage dads and father figures in their settings.

Where:

**Wyoming Community Centre** 147 Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming, 2250

To book your spot please

Phone: 4323 7483

or

email: kate@grcs.org.au Morning tea provided Please advise dietary requirements



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

### Entry fee \$10

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

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726



Before entering, please email me for the full flyer

For NSW country players. Limited to 88. Please don't pay until entry confirmed.

Tuesday 15 July

Must pre-enter by Sunday 13 July

Erina Trust Hall (enter via Ilya Ave off Karalta Rd) 9.30am - 4.00pm

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





# SHARE OUR SPACE



- ✓ Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-12
- Develop fundamental cricket skills in a fun and inclusive environment

#### Wyong Creek Public School

Wednesday 9 July 9:30-1:30pm



SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



It's time to solve a Crime! FREE Holiday activity! For children 10-12yrs



Collaborate with a former detective and high school teacher on a mock investigation!

These workshops are fun, with teamwork, resilience, and creativity!

# Thursday 10th July 10am - 1pm

Where:

Wyoming Community Centre 147 Maidens Brush Road Wyoming contact: Kate 4323 7483

kate@grcs.org.au









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### **VACATION CARE JULY 2025**

Gosford East Public School, East Gosford

7.00am - 6.00pm

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#### NAIDOC EXPERIENCE WITH RAPTOR REPTILES

Today the children will enjoy a hands-on experience with some scaly friends while engaged with Dreamtime Stories about our native wildlife and the land we live

Start: 1.30pm



### TUESDAY 8 JULY

#### **BRAINY BUNCH** TUESDAY

Put your thinking caps on it's Trivia Tuesday! Join us for a day full of brain-teasing fun, and exciting games that test your knowledge of everything from animals to superheroes. Whether you're a fact whiz or just love friendly competition, this is your chance to shine, learn something new, and win some cool prizes!

Start: 9.00am



#### WINTER WONDERLAND

Bundle up for a magical day our Winter Wonderland! We'll celebrate the chill with snowy crafts, frosty games, and wintery treats that will warm your heart. From icy art to pretend snowball fun, it's a cozy, festive experience filled with laughter, creativity, and a sprinkle of winter magic!

Start: 9.00am



#### ALPACA ADVENTURE DAY

Today we will be heading off to Iris Lodge Alpaca Farm at Jilliby. The children will get to opportunity to join in on an interactive farm experience where they can meet, feed, and learn about alpacas, llamas, sheep, and cows

Depart: 8.30am Return: 1.30pm

#### **COMFY COZY** ADVENTURE

Get ready to relax and unwind. Wear your favourite pyjamas, bring a cuddly toy, and settle in for a fun-filled day of movies, popcorn, and cozy comfort. With comfy cushions, chill vibes, and feelgood films, it's the perfect way to kick back with friends and enjoy some screen-time

Start: 9.00am

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#### OCEAN EXPLORERS

Dive into a day of underwater the Sea theme! Explore the oceans wonders through creative crafts, games and fun facts about sea creatures big and small. It's a day of deepsea discovery and fin-tastic

Start: 9.00am



#### LITTLE CHEFS

15 JULY

Get your aprons on - it's delicious treats on our fun cooking day! Kids will enjoy hands-on fun in the kitchen as they learn basic cooking skills and make yummy snacks to share. It's a day full of flavour, creativity, and smiles!

Start: 9.00am



#### THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

foday we will be taking a

16 JULY

waterfront to visit the circus. Featuring some of Australia's top BMX & scooter riders, exciting trampoline and Russian swing stunts, and the world's best dare devil motorcycle cage riders. This is a breathtaking aerial erformance and a circus not to be missed!

Depart: 10.00am Return: 1.30pm



#### LITTLE LUMINARIES

Get crafty and cozy with our love creating their own custom candles -choosing colours, scents, and designs to take home a unique handmade treasure. It's a relaxing, hands-on activity that sparks creativity and leaves everyone

Start: 9.00am

# FRIDAY

# 18 JULY

### MONDAY 21 JULY

#### **DUNCS HONEY**

Join us for a buzzing world of bees in this hands-on and educational experience. With a live bee display, this experience is designed to captivate and inform children, providing a unique, up-close look at these incredible insects and their vital role in

Start: 10.00am

# **GLOBE TROTTERS**

Get ready to travel the world school, on around the world day! The kids will explore different countries through games, crafts and music Come dressed in something representing your culture

Start: 9.00am

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# **Parent App**

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Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the images below.







# CATHOLIC CARE Gosford East <u>Public School OSHC</u>

#### **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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