



Gordon East Public School Newsletter

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Built on the land of the Guringai people

Principal's Report—Jennifer Simmonds

School Vision

Gordon East Public School: - a welcoming and collaborative school community that supports high quality learning. Quality teachers inspire students to be creative and critical thinkers enabling them to become active and informed global citizens.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another exciting term of learning at Gordon East Public School. The students and teachers have returned refreshed after a relaxing holiday, ready to learn.

ANZAC Ceremony

Thank you to our student leaders and Mr Fowler for running our GEPS ANZAC Commemoration on Friday 7 April. The students did a wonderful job. Once again, thank you to Eddie Giles from Killara High School for playing the Last Post and Reveille for us.



On Sunday 30 April our School Captains Anais, Darcy, Mr Fowler and I represented Gordon East Public School at the Ku-ring-gai Council 100 years of ANZAC commemorative Service at St John's Church in Gordon. "In 1914 Ku-ring-gai and the village of Pozieres in France signed a friendship agreement, to further strengthen the bond between our two communities, Pozieres was the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the First World War. The Pozieres Cross, a battlefield relic returned to Australia by the Ku-ring-gai Regiment resides in St John's". Darcy and Anais joined with the official party in the laying of wreaths.

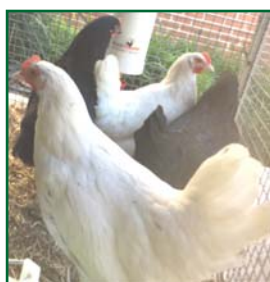


Ryde Primary Principal—Student Leadership Camp

On Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April, Anais, Darcy, Lucy and Oliver represented Gordon East Public School at the Ryde School Principal's association leadership camp. 172 students attended from 30 schools across the Ryde District. The students participated in a range of leadership activities which enhanced their skills in cooperation, communication team work and initiative. The activities were lots of fun. A great way to learn about yourself, and your skills as a leader. Thank you Mrs White for attending the camp and helping out with supervision.

New Enrolments at GEPS

We have 4 fabulous new 'students' enrol at Gordon East Public School. Their names are a little tricky. Marshmallow, Buttercup, Blossum and Madame Cluckingham!. You can find them in their classroom between J Block and Ms Sander's demountable. Thank you to everyone at GEPS for entering the competition to name our new students!. We look forward to seeing how they progress over the term! I am waiting for the golden egg!



Principal's Report—Jennifer Simmonds continued

Cross Country

We had beautiful weather for our Cross country event on Tuesday 2 May. The students participated extremely well and should be congratulated on their application and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Hutchison, the organising teacher and our Gordon East Public School teachers for monitoring the course.

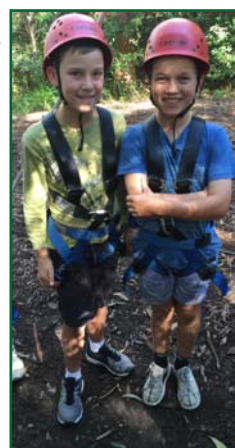


Jennifer Simmonds
Principal

Leadership Camp

On Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April the School Captains attended a Leadership Camp at Collaroy Convention Centre. There were 172 students from over 30 Schools. The camp was great fun because we got to do fun activities while learning leadership skills such as initiative. This activity involved our whole group having to work together to try and solve 5 fun activities without help from the teachers or staff. We learned that communication is very important. Overall we all had fun on the camp learning new leadership skills ourselves and also getting to know other leaders and each other. We look forward to working together more often.

2017 School Captains



Spelling Bee

Attention all Year 2 – 6 students it's time to show your spelling strategies and get involved in the Premier's Spelling Bee!

This competition is a fun and educational way to engage in spelling. Last year, Emily Tanner represented our school at the regional and state finals. Will you become our school or regional representative for 2017?



Retrieve the official word lists using the password **riddle** from the Arts Unit website at

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2017-premiers-spelling-bee-registration-now-open>.

Be part of the fun to improve and share your spelling skills. Class candidates will participate in an elimination challenge in our school Hall on Tuesday 8 August to determine our 2 Junior (from Years 2, 3 and 4) and 2 Senior (Years 5 and 6) Regional Final representatives. Happy spelling!

Mrs Reynolds—Spelling Bee Co-ordinator

Ethics classes at Gordon East

Could you be an ethics teacher for Gordon East?

Some of our current ethics teachers are moving on and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue next term.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a 2 day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available from 9-9.45am each Tuesday during term time.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Sarah Hart at ethicsgordoneast@gmail.com.

School Attendance

Parents and Carers are reminded that the school day commences at 9:10am. The process for late arrival is for the parent or carer to accompany the student to the office to obtain a late note. Students who are late to school can only be admitted to class with a late note from the office.

Starting in Term 3 the school will move to electronic roll marking. In order for this new system to accurately reflect the attendance of our students, all late arrivals and early departures must be registered at the office with the appropriate reason i.e. sick, approved leave, school business. Students not accompanied by an adult will have their absence marked "unjustified"

Diary Dates

Saturday 6 May		GEPS Band camp
Sunday 7 May		GEPS Band camp
Tuesday 9 May	7:30pm	NAPLAN-Spelling, punctuation & grammar P&C meeting
Wednesday 10 May	9:15am	Stage 1 excursion to Bradleys Head, Mosman NAPLAN—Reading
Thursday 11 May		NAPLAN—Numeracy
Friday 12 May	9:10am 2pm	NAPLAN catch up day PSSA (Netball & Soccer) Assembly. Host: 2CT, Item: Senior Choir
Wednesday 17 May	8:45am	Stage 3—Great Aussie Bush Camp depart
Friday 19 May	2pm 3:30pm	No PSSA due to Camp Assembly. Host: 1R, Item: 2/1SC Stage 3 return from Camp

Cross Country Results

8-9 Years		
Girls		Boys
Chloe Simpson	1	Dylan Allabush
Lucy McLean	2	Max Dennett
Jennifer Xu	3	Oliver Scholefield
Ainsley Benbow	4	Lachlan Morris
Michaela McLean	5	Angus Fraser
Amelia Read	6	Roman Mathas
10 Years		
Millie Robertson	1	Lachlan Heap
Penny Hart	2	Cameron Thompson
Saskia Pullar	3	Travis Landgrebe
Rio Shimizu	4	Tom Pozzecco
Gemima Gallagher	5	Zachary Worsfold
Emily Visser	6	Martin Cohen
11 Years		
Phoebe Riley	1	Ewan Allabush
Lily Matthews	2	Torben Cook
Chloe Smit	3	Alec Oldham
Caitlin Burgess	4	Patrick Millett
Charlotte Morris	5	Harrison Bunis
Ella Bose	6	Louis Corry
12-13 Years		
Claire Oslington	1	Oliver Pozzecco
Alexandra MacColl	2	Alex Bogeff
Annalisa Mendham	3	Darcy Robertson
Ella Gallagher	4	Julian Crnomarkovic
Meaghan Docherty	5	Brayden Lim
Matilda Neame	6	Cheyenne Sarir



Library News

We have been contacted several times recently by local public libraries to let us know that our books have been returned to them in error, so please check library books for the Gordon East stamp, or name above the barcode

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our latest group of PRC finishers:

Year 1: Iris L, Archie M, Chloe V, Annabel W

Year 2: Amelie L, Averie S

Year 3: Max D, Lucy M, Grace P, Kasper P, Gavin S, Jenny X

Year 4: Gemma N, Rio S, Lara V

Year 5: Harriet M, Amelia W-H

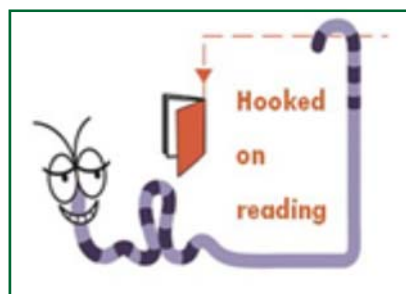
Year 6: Annalisa M, Matilda N, Gabriella P, Rachel R

So far this year 40 Gordon East students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done!

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with the username and password they use at school. If you can't get in to the website, try again at another time, as it has been experiencing some glitches.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC.

Bronwen Campbell
Teacher Librarian.



Parents are reminded to obey the School Zone signs at all times and not to drop off children in the staff car park.

Rosedale Road entrance is a stop and drop off zone only. Cars are not to park on the road.

There are often rangers on patrol.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

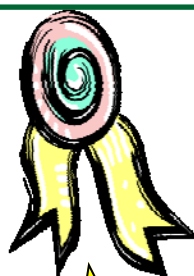
31 March 2017

KF Lara D, Darius M
 KD Aarin C, Ray W
 1C Sophia B, Alon R
 1R Molly C, Luke A
 2CT Teddy B, Anna P
 2/1SC Thomas R, Michaela M
 3/2S Caio S, Darby R
 4/3A Gavin S, Henri S, Ben F
 4/3L Kasper P, Evie D, Timothy H
 5/4S Alec O, Martin C, Emily V
 6/5W Serina W, Aiden K, Cheyanne S
 6/5H Yana G, Charlie H, Jonathan H
 6/5N Zach W, Phoebe R, Sophia K

Mini Merits: Lucinda M, Jasmine S, Emily T, Max D, Chloe S, Gemma N, Charlie H, Niall J, Abigail P, Finn S, James S, Saskia P, Martin C

Banner: Lydia R, Amelie L, Olivia M, Tom P

Medal: Rachel R



28 April 2017

KD Oscar W, Harrison H
 KF Kip R, Evie M
 1C Eli K, Ethan W
 1R Cruz C, Isaac M
 2CT Olivia W, Luke M
 2/1SC Oliver D, Madison L
 3/2Y Max D, Ainsley B
 4/3A Aidan T, Nellie C, Rio S
 4/3L Oliver S, Gabby H, Lachlan M
 5/4S Sean H, Claudia S, Daniel C
 6/5W Will S, Matilda N, Kayley H
 6/5H Anakin A, Jess M, Lachlan W
 6/5N Travis L, Harriet M, Meaghan D

Mini Merits: Neve M, Angus F, Jemima G, Thomas R, Maddy K, Rio S, Nathan D, Lachlan H, Archie M

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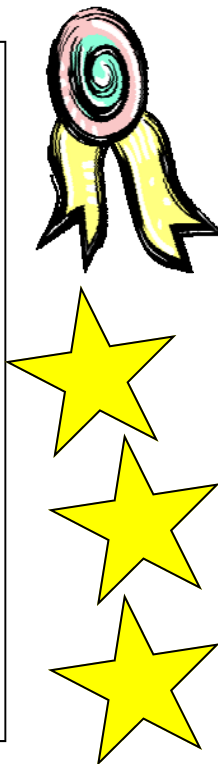
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Parents and Citizens

Presidents Report

There is heaps of activity organised for the P&C in Term 2 so please ensure you read all your emails, check the newsletters and follow the GEPS P&C Facebook page to ensure you have all the latest information.

Thank you to all those families who have paid a P&C contribution, this has allowed us to start purchasing items on the Wishlist. Please contact the P&C if you have misplaced your previous contribution form so a new one can be sent to you.

GEPS mums and special ladies - please join us for a special Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 12 May, from 7:30 to 9am. Enjoy a pastry and coffee while listening to entertainment from our wonderful bands and choirs. To pre-purchase your tickets visit www.trybooking.com/PPEI.

Our ongoing fundraising event in 2017 is open for you to restock your supplies at any time during the year Visit <http://www.thewinepoint.com.au/shop/fundraisingwines/gordon-east-public-school/>

Mark your diaries, Walk to School Safely Day is Friday 19 May – watch out for the email from the GEPS P&C account for meeting points.

The next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 9 May at 7.30pm in the GEPS Library. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you are a financial member of the P&C you can vote on all decisions being made by the group.

Band

Band Camp has finally arrived and we all look forward to an amazing weekend filled with lots of great music, fun and adventure. A reminder to all parents to arrive on Saturday at Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pomona Street, Pennant Hills from 10:30am and head straight to the registration desk.

Parents are also invited to our end of Camp Concert on Sunday afternoon. Please bring a plate of food along for everyone to enjoy at 3:30pm. The concert will begin at 4pm sharp.

Looking forward to a wonderful Camp!

Stringscoop

“If you want to become a musician you must practice. There is no other way. There are no shortcuts.” —

Ron Ottley, Now I Love Music Practice (Eileen Margaret Publishing, 2009) Pg 11

Welcome back to GEPS Strings Term 2. This term we are changing to Vivaldi in the mornings and Mozart at lunch times.

This term:

Vivaldi Strings (advanced): 7:50 am for tuning in the Hall on Tuesday mornings.

Mozart Strings (beginner): lunch time in the hall.

For more information please contact the P&C Strings Co-ordinators Michelle Morris -

mthowland@yahoo.com on 0422 327 743 , or Lauren Ainscough - laurenainscough9@gmail.com.

Environs

Have you noticed the 4 new members of the GEPS community? On Friday Luke Fowler and I went to New Leaf Nursery and purchased the first of the chooks for GEPS. The Department of Education has given us the permission to have 4 chooks for now and in the months to come we hope to extend the flock to 10 chickens.

Please welcome Buttercup, Marshmallow, Madame Cluckingham and Blossum. The girls are all about 18 week old. We are eagerly waiting the arrival of the first egg which should happen in the next few weeks.

Alison Wykes

Parents and Citizens continued

Canteen. Welcome back to GEPS For Term 2

Volunteers

We are in need of **volunteers** in TERM 2. Please email gepscanteen@gmail.com your availability. As much as we LOVE our regular volunteers, it would be wonderful to have some new ones! It brings the children so much joy seeing their loved one across the counter, volunteer today!

Week 2	Tuesday- Butter Chicken 9/5/17	Thursday- Chicken Schnitzel 11/5/17
	Sally Ng (am & pm) Ellen Dai (pm) Carla Milton (pm) Volunteer needed (AM)	Alex Terry (am & pm) Jane Scholefield (am) Mandy Wu (am) Robyn Martin (pm)
Week 3	Tuesday- Nachos 16/5/17	Thursday- Sushi 18/5/17
	Sally Ng (am & pm) Volunteer needed (AM) Volunteer needed (PM)	Alex Terry (am & pm) Kathey Zvirblis (am & pm) Lisa Lu (pm)

The 'AM' shift is from 9am to 11:30am and the 'PM' shift is from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Dates we need volunteers:

16 May (Tuesday): AM & PM

23 May (Tuesday): AM

25 May (Thursday): AM & PM

30 May (Tuesday): AM & PM

13 June (Tuesday): AM

20 June (Tuesday): AM & PM

Cheers,

The Canteen Committee

Urgent Call for Reading Volunteers at GEPS

We are very keen for any parents or grandparents to help out by listening to a few students reading aloud throughout the week. Volunteers are required for approximately half an hour per day and we are happy to organise a roster.

Some of our students will really benefit from additional reading practice.

Please contact the office with your details so we can call you back to make arrangements.



AUSSIE -OF- THE-MONTH
Congratulations
Aussie-of-the-Month
March 2017
Lydia Robertson

Lydia is a courteous and caring student who is a great role model for all students in her class, 2/1SC, and the school. She tackles tasks diligently and enjoys producing quality work. Lydia is very reliable and is happy to assist others in the class, including both fellow students and teachers. She is a wonderful asset to our class. Congratulations on being chosen as the March Aussie of the Month, Lydia Robertson!

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AUSSIE -OF- THE-MONTH
Congratulations
Aussie-of-the-Month
March 2017
Nina Giro

Nina is a polite and responsible student who is always willing to lend a helping hand both in and out of the classroom. She demonstrates outstanding manners and behaviour in class and is an excellent role model for her peers. Nina is an enthusiastic learner who contributes thoughtful ideas to discussions and completes tasks to the best of her ability. Nina is a kind and respectful friend who consistently shows care and concern for the feelings of others. She is an asset to 4/3L and the Gordon East Community. Congratulations Nina Giro

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School Security:	1300 880 021 Gordon Police: 9418 5399
Bushfire Safety:	www.dec.nsw.gov.au/bushfire-safety

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FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017



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Invitation

Kindergarten to Year 4 Families
of Gordon East Public School
are invited

to visit Killara High School

(Students from Year 4 may accompany their parents)

Date: **Monday 15 May 2017**

Time: **9.00am - 10.15am**

Location: **A Block Reception**

- Meet the Principal, Jane Dennett, and Senior Executive
- Tour the school
- Talk to students

For further enquiries, please contact
Ann Dixon, Transition Coordinator on 9498 3722
Voicemail Ext 244; Email—killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

NSW Centre for Road Safety

NSW Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW, is inviting all NSW schools and their communities to attend a road safety forum to inform the development of a new road safety plan to reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths.

These forums are being held in May 2017 and give schools and community members the opportunity to:

- Identify and discuss road safety issues of most concern to you
- Discuss possible countermeasures and initiatives to making our roads safer

Safety is a shared responsibility and your input is needed.

Transport for NSW has further information available.

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/aboutthecentre/strategies/road-safety-plan-2021/index.html>

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