



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,

Movie Night

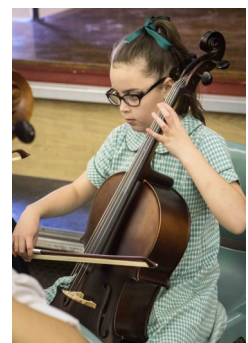
Congratulations to the hard working movie night coordination team led by Lori. This hard working event management team should be very proud of how successful the evening was for everyone that attended. It was lovely to see lots of children gathered on the oval. We even had a number of ex-students return and many made comments on how much the school environment and grounds had changed since they had left GEPS.

A huge thank you to the businesses who sponsored our movie night. Please find the list included in this newsletter.



Killara High School String Ensemble Visit

Our GEPS String Ensembles were very excited on Wednesday 13th September as they participated in the string ensemble workshop with the Killara High School String Ensemble under the guidance of Mr Thomson. The students in each group had opportunities to perform. The workshop culminated with a performance for the whole school. Thank you Mrs Berry and Mrs Wagner for coordinating this successful event.



Area Athletics

Congratulations goes to Phoebe R for her success at the Area Athletics Carnival. Phoebe will be competing in the NSW State Athletics Carnival held in Term 4 in Long Jump and Shot Put. We wish her every success.

Spelling Bee Success

Congratulations to Benjamin, Leon, Emily and Tilly for representing GEPS at the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Regional Spelling Bee Finals. We had very exciting results for our school in the Stage 3 Final. Tilly came first and Emily was second. Tilly will now compete at the State Spelling Bee Finals held at the ABC studio in Ultimo on 8th November.

2017 Zone of Origin

Last Friday 15th September, two GEPS students took part in the first ever Zone of Origin in Wyong on the Central Coast. Lucy F and Oliver P, both in Year 6, were selected to travel to the venue and compete in a football match against the Tuggerah Lakes Zone.

The Zone of Origin was an initiative put forward by the Ku-ring-gai PSSA to bring together zones from different areas for a gala day of sport and reward great students who do not always receive the accolades they deserve. In a 'barbarians' style format, each school in each zone selected one boy and girl to represent their respective zones and form a team. The team would then play in a match against the other zone. The winning team received a trophy to keep until the following year.

Crazy Day

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for the well organised and smooth running Crazy Day activities held on Tuesday 19th September.

The school was buzzing with excited children finding their way to the Treasure Hunt, Nerf Shootout, Tombola, Crazy Maze, Sponge Throw, GEPS Ninja Warrior, Ping Pong Knock Out, and Hair Spray and Face Paint activities. The Year 6 students displayed great leadership and initiative with their organisation skills. The money raised goes towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

Thank you Mr Hutchison, Mrs White, and Mrs Nelson for coordinating the students.



Planning for 2018

We have started our review process for 2018. In order to help me plan for class/staff numbers, I would appreciate written notification if your child/children are not returning to Gordon East Public School in 2018. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Thank you to the wonderful students at Gordon East Public School for your hard work and dedication to your learning throughout Term 3. It has certainly been a busy but very successful term. Thank you also to our dedicated teachers who make learning fun at GEPS.

Please note that all students and teachers return on Monday 9th October. I would like to wish you all a very relaxing Spring holiday with your family and friends.

Jennifer Simmonds
Principal

KSP News

Killara Schools Partnership Teachers Tour

Seventeen Teachers and Parents from 6 different schools from the Killara Schools Partnership including Ms Simmonds, Miss Sheehan, Mr Fowler, Mrs Reynolds and Mr Griffiths visited Harbord and Anzac Park Public Schools. They were excited about the changes in the school buildings and the pedagogy occurring at Harbord and Anzac Park Public Schools. The teachers came away with some excellent ideas that they could incorporate in to their own daily practice. The trip also helped them realise the areas where they and GEPS excel. The day also provided many opportunities for the teachers within the KSP to exchange ideas on teaching methods and resources.



Sports Buzz

Well done to Alexandra H for being selected to compete at the National Clubs Carnival Gymnastics Competition in Bendigo, Victoria from 16-19 September. Her selection for this role has required many months of vigorous training and preparation. It is a highly commendable achievement for any athlete to compete at a competition interstate. We wish Alex all the best.

We remind all students to ride their bikes safely to School and to be courteous and respect the safety of pedestrians and car drivers.

A reminder to all Families that Summer Uniform is worn in Term 4. All students must wear their correct Summer Uniform when they return to school on 9 October. The Uniform Shop will re-open on Thursday 12 October.

Library News

Gordon East students recount author Belinda Murrell's Book week visit:

Belinda showed us what she does to write and get ideas. She gets ideas by travelling to different countries with her kids and husband. Ben, 6/5H

To research her book *The Ruby Talisman* she took her family to Paris. They explored the underground tunnels that were used in the French Revolution. Nina, 4/3L

I was inspired by her talk to keep reading and writing. I also now know not to read in maths class! Amy, 6/5N

She loves pets. Her son has a pet snake. I loved that she came and hope she comes again. Oliver W, 4/3L

My favourite part was her tips for writing: persistence, pack your bags, practice and perseverance. Carolyn, 6/5H

After her visit I am very curious to read all of her books, especially *The Ivory Rose* and *Pippa's Island* series. Iris, 4/3A

Belinda started writing as a child and her first books were rip-offs of the books she loved (Enid Blyton). Then she practised more and more and went to university to study writing. She said we should practice and that good writers are good readers. Meaghan, 6/5N

Belinda told us that she needs travel, research and experiences to write her stories. I am inspired by her story and hope that I can write as well as her. Serina, 6/5W

My favourite part was when she talked about the haunted houses. Niall, 4/3L

I had a really great time learning about the books she has written. I'm glad I learnt so much about her and her writing. Now I know how to write a great story. Grace, 6/5H



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

8 September 2017

KD Melanie X, Max S
 KF Louis S, Clare H
 1C Marianne S, Evangeline G
 1R Marisa L, Edie G
 2/1SC
 2CT Sam G, Isabel B
 3/2J Katia S, Darby R
 4/3A Clara M, Iris F, Harry W
 4/3L Niall J, Oliver S, Jackson S
 5/4S Sarah G, Kian M, Fred B
 6/5H Jasmine S, Claudia R, Jacky X
 6/5W Ella G, Leo R, Jeslyn T
 6/5N Amy D, Shayli L, Alex B

Mini Merits: Alyssa R, Nida M, Fred B, Emily Z, Nina D, Sarah G, Thomas R, Matilda N

Band: Abigail P

Banner: Amy W

Medal: Charlotte W



15 September 2017

KD Nalini G, Diana T
 KF Finlay H, Maxwell G
 1C Sarah L, Alon R
 1R Ronan J, William E
 2/1SC
 2CT Ines G, Elise W
 3/2J Annika N, Anna R
 4/3A Gavin S, Abhinandan S, Archer R
 4/3L Hayden M, Sophia M, Nikka S
 5/4S Dominyk F, Tess M, Claudia S
 6/5N
 6/5W Helena C, Rachel R, Matilda N
 6/5H

Mini Merits: Maddy K, Kasper P, Amelia R, Isabella R, Cameron T, Hamilton W, Saskia P, Abigail B, Bethany W, Anna R, Ava D, Michael M, Ainsley B, Mahalia L, Lily R, Nathan D

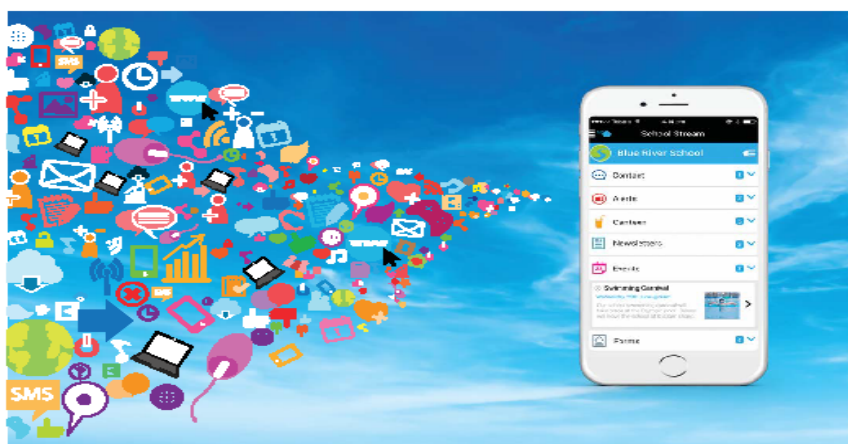
Band: Will S

Banner: Matilda N, Marisa L



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Diary Dates

Friday 22 September		Last day of Term 3
Monday 9 October		Students and staff return for Term 4 Dance 2b Fit - Stage 3, 5/4S, 4/3L, 4/3A
Tuesday 10 October		Ryde School Spectacular rehearsal @ Ryde Civic Centre
Wednesday 11 October	8:10am	PSSA Training—Modball and Cricket
Thursday 12 October		Dance 2b Fit—Kindergarten, Stage 1, 3/2J
Friday 15 October		PSSA, Round 2. Cricket @ Regimental Oval Assembly. Host: Sport Captains Item: 4/3L
Monday 16 October	9:30am 2:00pm 3:15pm	KHS Concert Band 2 Visit Surf Education talk to Years 5 & 6 Open Band rehearsal—Hall
Tuesday 17 October	9:15am	Stage 2 Excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens.
Wednesday 18 October	11:30am	2018 Band blow test Year 2 and other interested students
Friday 20 October	2pm	No PSSA due to Ryde School Spec Assembly. Host: KD Ryde School Spectacular @ Opera House

Safe, Respectful, Learners

Parents and Citizens-Presidents Report

Dear Parents,

Wow, ¾ of the year gone already!

Unfortunately I wasn't able to make the movie night due to work travel requirements, but from all reports and photos I've seen on the Facebook group, it looked like it was a really fun night. Thank you so much to all that helped – Lori our wonderful co-ordinator, with her team of Alex, Robyn, Judy, Shirley, Nicole and Nerida and their supportive families... a lot of work to get it all running so smoothly! Thank you also to all the volunteers on the night – the P&C appreciate everyone's efforts.

Thank you also to all the volunteers at the Local Council Election BBQ fundraiser.

We now have 161 people on our Facebook page. Some great photos from the recent events! Come see what you're missing out on... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/179457299209916/>

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4 after a refreshing break.

P&C meeting coming up in Term 4: Tuesday 31 October at 7:30pm in the library. Hope to see you all there (everyone is welcome!)

P&C AGM Tuesday 5 December at 7:30pm in the library.

Nils Bown
GEPS P&C President
geps.p.c@gmail.com

Local Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall—Thank You.

We would like to thank the many GEPS families who baked and volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday 9th September on either the cake stall or the BBQ. The day was a wonderful success, and we could not have done it without you. A special thank you to Elissa Laurie for supervising on the day, and to Anita McLean and Natalie Ward for organising supplies before this fundraiser.

For those interested, we took \$1,695 on the BBQ stall and \$2,518 on the cake stall. We also sold \$130 in cookbooks and \$30 in raffle tickets.

Gordon East OSHC News- September

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A reminder to all families that vacation care attendance requires booking, this assists us in making accurate bookings and rostering. Bookings can be made online through the my family lounge at <http://www.primaryoshcare.com.au/enrol-and-book>.

In the event that a child is absent from a session please let staff know prior to the commencement of the session. If you child/ren do not arrive for a session our missing child procedure will be initiated. This involved phoning the school, parents and emergency contacts. If the child is not located regional manager will be called who may advise us call the police. You can now notify us of an absence at any time via the My family app.

As the new financial year has begun child care rebates and benefits have also reset. If you are experiencing any issues in regards to these elements please let centre staff know.

If your child/ren have additional activities that they need to attend during their time at OSHC please complete an additional activities notification form. Children will be not permitted to go to additional activities unless an additional activities forms has been signed by a parent or guardian. These forms are available in the OSHC room]

We have recently conducted an internal review of our Communication systems. Results have indicated that generally our internal systems are effective and well used by all staff.

**[Fruit and Veg Month September
National Child Protection Week 3rd – 9th
September
White Balloon Day 8th September
Are you ok Day 14th September]**

This term Primary OSHCare had a term focus of Child Protection. This was in line with National Child Protection Week, during this time we took the opportunity to discuss with children various aspects of child protection, what they can do to protect themselves and who they can turn to when they feel unsafe or threatened. We also placed an emphasis on white balloon day and developed a dedicated role for a child protection officer at PrimaryOSHCare to give a louder voice to child protection.



During Term 4 OSHC staff will be aiding families in the reenrolment process for 2018]

Families can contact Centre staff on 0430 366 917 or by emailing geoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au

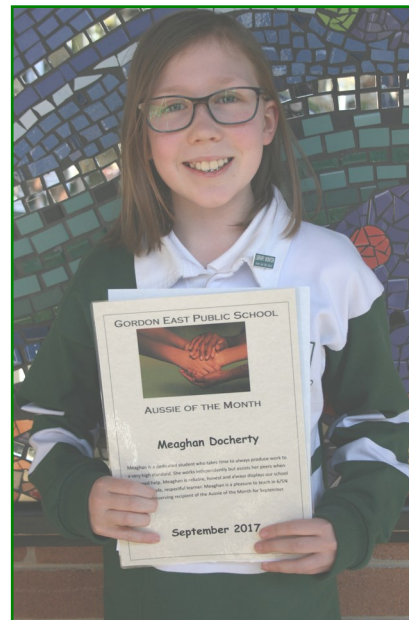
Kind regards Kirsty, Chris, Jen, Liam, Kayley and Naomi



AUSSIE -OF- THE-MONTH
Congratulations
Aussie-of-the-Month
September 2017
Archie McLean

Archie is an enthusiastic learner. He is passionate about striving to improve his skills and never needs reminding to stay on task. He demonstrates impeccable manners and outstanding behaviour in class and in the playground. Archie exhibits high resilience across a range of situations and his ready smile or complement brings joy to those around him. He is always a safe, respectful learner and a positive role model for his peers. Congratulations Archie, you are an asset to the Gordon East community and a deserving recipient of this award.

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AUSSIE -OF- THE-MONTH
Congratulations
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September 2017
Meaghan Docherty

Meaghan is a dedicated student who takes time to always produce work to a very high standard. She works independently but assists her peers when they need help. Meaghan is reliable, honest and always displays our school values as a safe, respectful learner. Meaghan is a pleasure to teach in 6/5N and a well deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month for September.

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SEPT-OCT 2017

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TUES 3RD SEPTEMBER – FRI 6TH OCTOBER

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LEARN TO SWIM 40 MIN LESSONS 9.30am – 11.30am

TERM 4 LESSONS RECOMMENCE OCTOBER 9TH

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Fun educational activities, Children's trail, guessing competition, arts and crafts. Family Fun Day is renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments.

Free Event, Tel: 9230 2047, www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

(Public café will be open and Sausage sizzle)