



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,

**Don't forget our P&C
Welcome Event on Saturday
24 February at 4:30pm.**

Swimming Carnival—Thursday 15 February

Congratulations to all students for your excellent participation at our annual swimming carnival. Thank you to the Ku-ring-gai Aquatic Centre swim club for your great support and use of your facilities and equipment. A number of records were broken. I was impressed by the number of students who have continued with swimming lessons / swim club to improve their swimming skills. Our Year 2 'learn to swim' program helps teach the basic water survival skills but ongoing swimming lessons are extremely important to give the children the confidence when swimming in all water activities.



Pink Stumps Day

Thank you to the students who contributed to the success of the day by wearing pink or a touch of pink. The school raised \$357.25. These funds will be sent on to the McGrath foundation.

Parent Teacher Information Evenings

The information sessions will be held in Week 5. 26, 27 and 28 February.

Monday 26 February	KC, KS & 1/KF	6pm
Tuesday 27 February	1JR, 1S/C, 2CT & 2R	7pm
Tuesday 27 February	4/3A, 4/3J & 4/3L	6pm
Wednesday 28 February	6/5H, 6/5L & 6/5W	6pm

These sessions aim to provide an overview of the classroom organisation and aspects of the curriculum to be covered throughout the year. If you have particular concerns about your child's learning that you think would be important for your child's teacher to know, please book a separate interview time.

Michael Carr-Gregg @ Killara High School

On Thursday 1 March @ 6:30pm, Michael Carr-Gregg is presenting a seminar for parents. Michael always has insightful advice for parents to help navigate the challenges of raising children in this day and age. There is no charge for this event.

Principal's Report—Jennifer Simmonds continued

Bounce Back

Please find attached to the newsletter some ways to communicate with your child about being optimistic. This information sheet supports the social skills lessons that we teach in our classrooms.

Kiss & Drop Zone

Thank you Ku-ring-gai Council for making our Kiss & Drop zone safer. Thank you to our parent community for your support while the building works occurred last week.

Pedestrian Crossing Safety

Parents and carers are reminded to stay off their mobile phones while crossing at the pedestrian crossing. This will help keep everyone safe and aware of the traffic while crossing Rosedale Road.

Welcome Event

I am looking forward to our annual welcome event on Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Thank you to the P&C parent event organisers for coordinating our first school / community event for 2018. For more information on this event, please see page 11 of the newsletter.

Jennifer Simmonds
Principal

Music

Hello and welcome back to another musical year at Gordon East. I am proud to say that every student at Gordon East is involved in singing throughout the week; either in class lesson time (K-2) or Stage singing (K-6). As well as the Band and Strings programs, we have 4 specialised groups for those students who are keen to participate in the fun, learning and rewards of being in a smaller, more intensive choral or instrumental group. Please encourage your child to come along and join in!

This year we have made some changes in structure and direction with the choirs and they are outlined here for your perusal. I have started sign up sheets for the following groups and I will leave them on the hall staircase if you would like to add your child's name to the lists. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding music in our school, please contact me by email or catch me in the playground. My days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Thank you

Beth Vallentine

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Stage 3 Choir	Wednesday 8-9am	Opera House concert, School assemblies and
Stage 2 Choir	Monday 8-9am	Sydney Town Hall concert, School assemblies
Stage 1 Choir	Monday 8.40—9am	School assemblies and special occasions
Stage 2/3 Recorder	Wednesday 1 -1:45pm	Opera House concert, School assemblies and

Swimming Carnival Results 2018

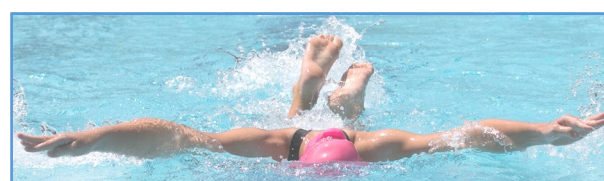
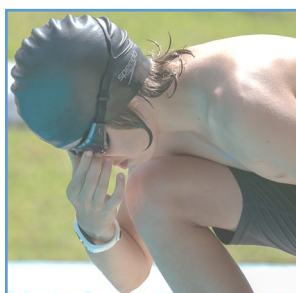
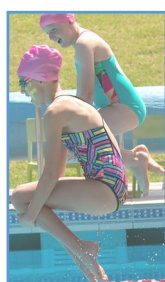
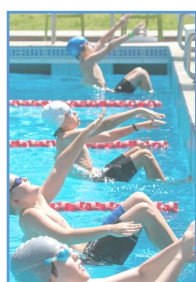
Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Freestyle 100m			
Girls Open Final	Harriet M	Lara V	Lucy M
Boys Open Final	Dominyk F	Anakin A	Harry W
Age Races			
8 Yrs Girls	Chloe V	Sophie H	Anna P
8 Yrs Boys	Archie M	Michael M	Lucas B
9 Yrs Girls	Lydia R	April K	Anna R
9 Yrs Boys	Darby R	Teddy B	Luke M
10 Yrs Girls	Lucy M	Caitlin T	Nellie C
10 Yrs Boys	Min S	Angus F	William G
11 Yrs Girls	Lara V	Millie R	Emily V
11 Yrs Boys	Cameron T	Archer R	Harry W
12 Yrs Girls	Harriet M	Charlotte W	Sarah G
12 Yrs Boys	Dominyk F	Anakin A	Patrick M
Breastroke			
Junior Girls	Lucy M	Lucinda M	Anna R
Junior Boys	Minjae C	Angus F	Lucas B
11 Yr Girls	Lara V	Millie R	Saskia P
11 Yr Boys	Cameron T	Harry W	Archer R
12 Yr Girls	Harriet M	Sarah G	Lily M
12 Yr Boys	Dominyk F	Patrick M	Anakin A
Backstroke			
Junior Girls	Lucy M	Michaela M	Clara M
Junior Boys	Angus F	Oliver S	Max D
11 Yr Girls	Lara V	Millie R	Saskia P
11 Yr Boys	Archer R	Cameron T	Martin C
12 Yr Girls	Harriet M	Sarah G	Lily M
12 Yr Boys	Dominyk F	Ewan A	Will S
Butterfly			
Junior Girls	Lucy M	Anna R	Lydia R
Junior Boys	Min S	Minjae C	Archie M
11 Yr Girls	Lara V	Millie R	Emily V
11 Yr Boys	Cameron T	Harry W	Lachlan H
12 Yr Girls	Harriet M	Lily M	Charlotte W
12 Yr Boys	Anakin A	Dominyk F	Will S

Relays				
Junior Relay	Boys	Platypus	Kookaburra	Echidna
	Girls	Kookaburra	Platypus	Echidna
Senior Relay	Boys	Platypus	Echidna	Kookaburra
	Girls	Kookaburra	Platypus	Echidna

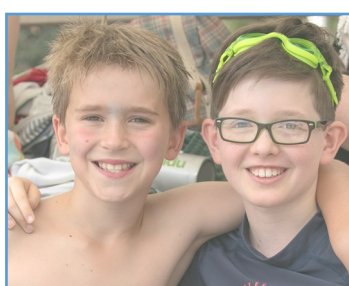
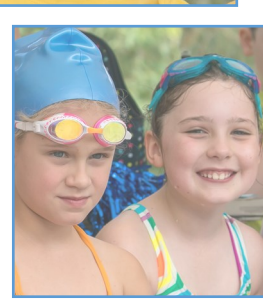
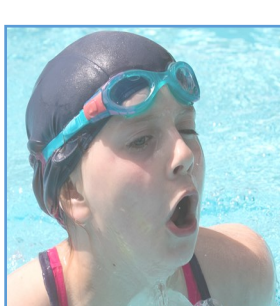
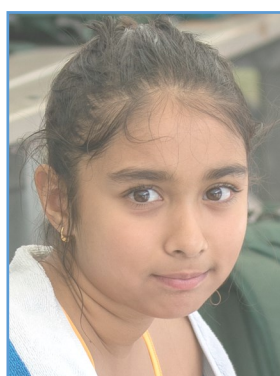
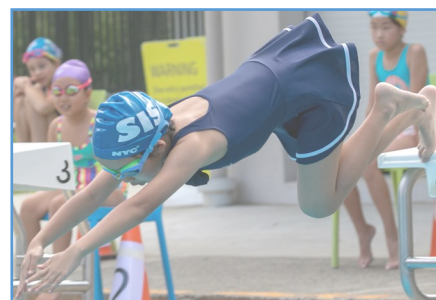
Medley			
Junior Girl	Lucy M	Lydia R	
Senior Girl	Harriet M	Lara V	Lily M
Senior Boy	Dominyk F	Cameron T	Harry W

Junior Boys	Junior Girls
Angus Fraser	Lucy McLean
11 Yr Boys	11 Yr Girls
Cameron Thompson	Lara Valmadre
Senior Boys	Senior Girls
Dominyk Fraser	Harriet McLean

1st	2nd	3rd
Platypus	Kookaburra	Echidna



Swimming Carnival



Administration

EMAIL

At this time of year the office constructs the class email lists for the distribution of important school information and events. Often the family email provided on the enrolment form has changed and needs to be updated.

Please email the office if you would like us to check your email address for school correspondence.

TELEPHONE

If you have changed your mobile phone number or any details for school hours contact please advise the office by email. These important details are used in the event of accidents and sickness.

Diary Dates

Saturday 24 February	4:30—7:30pm	School Welcome P&C Event in hall
Sunday 25 February	8am—12:30	Gordon Soccer Club Registration on GEPS Oval
Monday 26 February	6pm 7pm	Parent / Teacher Information Evenings in classrooms KS, KC, 1/KF 1JR, 1SC, 2CT, 2R
Tuesday 27 February	6pm	Parent / Teacher Information Evenings in classrooms 4/3A, 4/3L, 4/3J
Wednesday 28 February	9:30am—2pm 6pm	Stage 1 Excursion to North Head Parent / Teacher Information Evenings in classrooms 6/5H, 6/5W, 6/5L
Thursday 1 March	6:30—8pm	Michael Carr-Gregg Information Evening @ KHS
Friday 2 March	2pm	No PSSA due to Zone Swimming Assembly. Host: 6/5W, Item: SRC Induction & February Aussie & presentation of Woolies Earn & Learn resources
Tuesday 6 March		Stewart House bags being collected
Wednesday 7 March		Oz Opera—The Magic Flute
Friday 9 March	9am 2pm	PSSA, Round 4. Cricket @ Lofberg Oval Assembly. Host: 6/5L, Item: 2CT

NSW Education Term Dates—2018

Term 1

Tuesday 30/1/18 - Friday 13/4/18

Term 2

Monday 30/4/18 - Friday 6/7/18

Term 3

Tuesday 24/7/18 - Friday 28/9/18

Term 4

Monday 15/10/18 - Wednesday 19/12/18

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

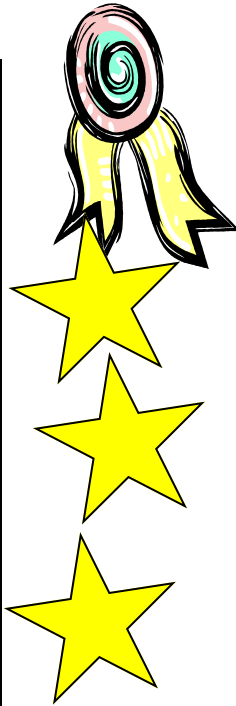
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KS Madison C, Benjamin W
 KC Kate Lai, William T
 1/KF Helena S, Joe Y
 1JR Kip R, Zoe L
 1S/C Remi U, Evie M
 2CT Ollie C, Natasha M
 2R Molly C, Alon R
 4/3L Lucas B, Samantha Y, Angus F
 4/3A Harrison S, Ethan W, Clara M
 4/3J Ava G, Asha P, Amelia R
 6/5L Oliver W, Marcus S, Lily R
 6/5H Lucinda M, Caitlyn C, Daniel C
 6/5W Will S, Charlotte W, Ava D

Mini Merits: Archie M, Issaac M, Penny H, Lucy M, Molly C, Tess M, Patrick M, Kaden S, Lucy M, Christian K, Eli K, Annabel W, Aiden M, Charlotte W, Luke M

Banner: Grace P

Medal: Millie R



Ethics News

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 in 2018.

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 two 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.

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.

Scripture



Message to the parents of children in Catholic scripture

As you may be aware, we have a shortage of volunteers instructing children in Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE). At the moment, for 2018, we do not have SRE teachers for Kindergarten or Years 1 & 2 (a combined class) at GEPS due to lack of volunteers.

You can help! If you are willing to volunteer your time once a week for about 30 minutes to facilitate a class, that would be great! SRE is on Tuesdays at 9.10am (right after the bell) to 9.45am. No previous experience necessary!

Training is provided on-line, as well as all of the class materials and on-going support. A "Working With Children Check" for volunteers is also required (free of charge).

You do not need a PhD in theology AND you do not need to be a member of the parish. All you need is a "can-do" attitude and enthusiasm.

Please contact Melanie Benbow, CCD Coordinator at Pymble Catholic Parish at 9144-2702 or at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au for a commitment free chat.



Parents and Citizens-Presidents Report

Dear Families,

P&C Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our first P&C meeting. We are now starting to prepare for our Wishlist meeting in March. If you've got an idea for the school, please contact me geps.p.c@gmail.com with your idea and I'll add it to the list.

Class Parents & Contact Details

Hopefully this week you got an email from your class parent with the class contact list. If you did not or are not getting any of the P&C emails, please contact us ASAP at geps.p.c@gmail.com.

Any errors with the class lists – please communicate back to your class parent, and we will make the necessary updates and sent out updates lists. Thanks for your support with this.

Events 2018

A schedule of events for 2018 – please add to your diary!

Event	Date
Mother's Day	Friday 11 May
Walk Safely to School Day	Friday 18 May
School Open Day	Wednesday 8 August
Grandparents Day	Thursday 23 August
Father's Day	Friday 31 August
Environs Day (working bee)	Saturday 22 September

Welcome Event

Don't forget... the Welcome Event is tomorrow!

Hope to see you all there. Please come and say hi if you've not met me!

Rosedale Road improvements

I've been really excited to see the Ku-Ring-Gai council work with us and help to improve the Rosedale Road drop-off area. It has been great to see the progression of this work.

Please help to support everyone in the community by taking care when dropping your kids off.

To allow us to make full use of this *stop and drop* area and to be as safe as possible, please move as far forward as possible when dropping off and make your stay as short as possible.

Thank you!



Before



In Progress



Nearing completion

Parents and Citizens-Presidents Report continued

Community Directory

Hopefully you will have received the community directory I sent out last week. I have a number of updates and will send out a new directory in the coming week. If you wish any club/activity/group in the area to be added, please contact me so I can add the group to the list.

Canteen – Manager Position available from Term 2

Mel Benbow has advised that she will step down from the position of Canteen Manager at the end of Term 1. As many of you know, Mel has done a fantastic job since she took over in mid-2015. The canteen is running very efficiently, is generating revenue for the P&C and we are meeting the *NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy*. From the P&C and the whole school community (especially the hungry kids), a big thank you for her help in running the canteen.

We are now looking to replace this position from within the school community. This is a paid casual position (approximately 15 hours per week). We are looking for someone to start as soon as possible.

For a full list of duties and accountabilities and to register your interest (no later than 16 March), please contact Nils Bown 0414 281 984 or geps.p.c@gmail.com

Don't forget – we still need volunteers. If you can help at all to volunteer in the canteen, please contact Mel on gepscanteen@gmail.com

Nils Bown - GEPS P&C President

geps.p.c@gmail.com

Events Committee—Welcome Event tomorrow!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the **Welcome Event** tomorrow evening. You are welcome to dress up within the theme of Under the Sea, or just come as you are! We will open the gates at 4:30 pm - come to the welcome desk to get your pack of tokens for your food and drink!

Fundraiser

Each child should have received a pack this week for our first fundraiser of the year - Picture Products! You can choose from a variety of useful items and order your child's very own creative design to be printed on the item! The finished products will be available before Mothers' Day so would be a great idea to give to a special lady! The pack your child brought home has instructions about what needs to be done and by when, but should you want to clarify any issues, please feel free to email geps.p.c@gmail.com with your query.

Thank you!

GEPS Events Committee

Band

All 3 GEPS bands have started back at rehearsals and all 3 conductors are reporting great things.

If you are new to the school and your child is keen to join the Band please email me at gepsband@gmail.com as soon as possible. There are still spots available in all of our ensembles.

Piano/Keyboard Players:

If there are any piano/keyboard players interested in joining the band I would love to hear from you. Please register your interest by email gepsband@gmail.com.

Band Camp – 7-8 April 2018

Band Camp is fast approaching on April 7-8th and important information is coming out very shortly. We have some exciting things planned and it is sure to be an incredible weekend for all our band members.

Have a musical week

Strings

The Vivaldi and Mozart ensembles have started well with 4 new students! Vivaldi is rehearsing Tuesday mornings and Mozart Tuesday lunchtime. The students have settled in well and will be ready to play over the next few weeks.

If you have a student at Gordon East Public and they are keen to join Strings, please don't hesitate to contact our director, Mrs Lynley Wagner at Lynley@wagnermusic.com.au or one of the Strings Coordinators: Michelle Howland, Lauren Ainscough and Maree Page.

Michelle Howland

Mthowland@yahoo.com

A vibrant underwater-themed poster for a school event. The background is a deep blue ocean with light rays filtering down. Various sea creatures are depicted: two dolphins in the top left, a sea turtle, Ariel with her red hair, a yellow submarine, a white submarine, a large shark with a friendly expression in the top right, a clownfish (Nemo) on the right, a shark in a tuxedo, a large shark with its mouth open showing teeth, a scuba diver in full gear, and a red crab at the bottom right. The title 'UNDER THE SEA' is written in large, bold, yellow letters across the center.

You are invited to Gordon East Public School's
2018 Welcome Event

UNDER THE SEA

Theme dress up encouraged

Venue: GEPS Hall

Date: Saturday 24 February 2018

Time: 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Featuring Music by DJ Dads A lot

Tickets \$35 Per Family,

Includes Sausage Sizzle, Drink and a Treat

Please confirm attendance by Booking at

www.trybooking.com/socx

BYO Extra Drinks and Nibbles Please No Alcohol

All Welcome, No Drop Offs



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Bushfire Safety:	www.dec.nsw.gov.au/bushfire-safety

Parent Information: Looking on the bright side

If you think optimistically it means that you expect things to mostly turn out well and you focus on the positives rather than the negatives in a situation. It also means that you understand that setbacks and difficult times happen to everyone but that things get better after a while. Teaching your child to be optimistic will help them to be better equipped to 'bounce back' when they face difficulties, frustrations and problems. It means that when they are faced with a problem they will be more likely to look for solutions rather than giving up and not trying.

Key messages to communicate to your child about being optimistic

Look on the bright side.

This means being positive and expecting that things will work out well or get better. When you look on the bright side you believe that good things CAN happen and you don't give up easily.

It's good to be a positive tracker.

A positive tracker looks for and points out the good things in themselves, in others, and in what happens in their life. They are more fun to be with and others like them more and want to be their friend.

Look for the small good bits in the bad things that happen.

Sometimes things happen that you don't like. But you can usually find something good in the situation if you try. Sometimes the good thing is that it could have been worse. Sometimes the good thing is the lesson you learned from it. Sometimes a small good thing happened anyway even if the rest was bad.

Bad times don't last. Things get better.

When a bad thing happens in your life, it isn't forever. Bad times and bad feelings always go away again although sometimes it might take a bit of time for this to happen. Things will get better faster if you talk to your parents about what's worrying you.

It's important to stay hopeful when you have unhappy times.

You will get over unhappy times in your life more easily if you stay hopeful that good things will happen again and things will get better. If you stay hopeful then you don't give up.

Be thankful and grateful.

Being thankful for the nice things people do for you and the good things that happen in your life can help you to feel happier. Letting people know that you are thankful or grateful for how they have supported and cared about you also makes them feel happy too.

Good memories of things help you to bounce back.

When you are feeling sad because you have lost someone or something you love, it helps to remember some of the good times you shared with them to help you feel a bit better.

When one unhappy thing happens in your life it doesn't spoil everything else.

When one thing in your life goes wrong or you feel unhappy or worried, try to remember all the things that are still good in your life. It's just one thing that is going wrong for a while, not everything.



Play football at Turramurra United Football Club

We are excited to announce the brand new Turramurra United Football Club, which has been formed by the merger of Wahroonga FC and Bannockburn Rovers FC. We are seeking junior boys and girls for the 2018 season and registrations open on 1st February. The allocation of teams will take place in February and March, and the matches will commence on 7th April.

The club's aim is for children to enjoy playing football and have the opportunity to develop their skills. All U6-U10 teams will have a professional T3 coach for training sessions, and all junior teams U11 and up will have a professional NSFA coach for training sessions.

All registered U6 players will receive a free football. All registered players in 2018 will receive free club shorts and socks, as well the new club shirt.

More information can be found on the club website at www.turramurraunited.com.au or by contacting the Club Secretary, Anita Stickland, at sec@turramurraunited.com.au or on 0400 985909.

We are a family orientated club, who are small enough to care but large enough to succeed, and we look forward to welcoming you in 2018.



GORDON SOCCER CLUB 2018

www.gordonsoccerclub.com.au

Registration for the 2018 winter season is now open and closes on Friday 23rd February

For more information and to register visit www.gordonsoccerclub.com.au



- ✓ U06 to U15, mixed (boys & girls) teams
- ✓ U09 Girls Only Sunday team



For registration enquiries please email registrar@gordonsoccerclub.com.au.

- ⚽ Match times for U6 to U15 teams are Saturday mornings from 7th April to August
- ⚽ U6 & U7 age groups are friend oriented and ungraded
- ⚽ U8 and above age groups are graded, and teams are formed according to grading results and match play (play with friends not guaranteed)
- ⚽ Grading Day is Sunday 25th February for U8-U11

Uniform (socks, shorts and other merchandise) will be sold on the following days:

- ⚽ Grading Day, 25th February, 8.30-11am at Gordon East Primary School
 - ⚽ Welcome to Gordon Soccer Day, 18th March, 3-5pm at Darnley Oval
 - ⚽ On Sunday afternoons, 4th, 11th, 18th of March, from 4.30-5.30pm at the equipment shed at Darnley Oval
- Payment by cash or credit card

Gordon Soccer Club accepts NSW Active Kids Vouchers (\$100 rebate)



Venue: Killara Lawn Tennis Club

Junior & Adult Programs

Based on school calendar!

- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching (4-13yrs)
- High Performance & Competition (9-18yrs)
- Ladies & Adult Clinics (Beginner & Intermediate)
- Private Lessons and more...
- **FREE** after School Bus Pick Up Service



Holiday Programs

Two weeks of holiday camps during April Holidays!

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- Casual bookings and excursions available!
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