

Gordon East Public School Newsletter

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Built on the land of the Guringai people

Principal's Report—Ruth White

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.

Principal's Report

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students on their participation, spectating and cheering at our annual swimming carnival last Thursday. It was a most enjoyable day where everyone had a lot of fun swimming or cheering as their peers competed. Thank you to Mrs White, Mr Hutchison and Mrs McClean for their help coordinating and organising sections of this event.







School Carparks on Rosedale Road and Cameron Road

Just a reminder that the school carparks are for staff only. To ensure student safety, parents are asked to use the kiss and drop zone at the front of the school or park in the surrounding streets to drop off or collect students. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

This week, we held our Meet the Teacher evenings. These were an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, gain an overview of classroom organisations and aspects of the curriculum to be covered throughout the year. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held towards the end of term 1.

Extended Absences

Whilst travel during term time is not encouraged, on occasion there may be a reason to travel during that period. For any travel for 5 days or more an *application for leave-travel form* must be completed prior to the travel commencing. You are able to collect a copy of this form from the front office. When submitting your form, travel documentation such as travel itinerary or e-tickets is required. Once the application has been considered and or accepted, a certificate of Extended Leave – Travel will issued and sent home.

Pink Stumps Day

Today was Pink Stumps Day. It was lovely to see the children wear a touch of pink and fundraising for the Jane McGrath foundation.









Ruth White Principal

Administration

Hopefully by now you will have received your Term 1 Statement of Account. These were emailed to all Families on Tuesday of this week.

The office has implemented a comprehensive school management platform called 'School Bytes'. This facilitates the emailing of all Statement of Accounts. This allows us to easily generate and email statements of accounts to parents. Statements will no longer be posted to Families.

Therefore it is very important that the office has your correct contact details including email addresses. Please contact us with any changes. Currently the statements are only emailed to one Parent only. We are working on a revision to allow us to email a second contact. Please let us know if you require your Statement of Account to be emailed to a secondary contact.

Term 1 Invoices are due for payment by the end of week 7 (Friday 15 March) Please bear with us whilst we get familiar with this new software platform. Thank you for your understanding.

2019 Choir Information

Junior Choir (Yrs 1-2) Wednesdays 8.30am-9.00am - Hall -Commencing March 6 (Wk 6)

Intermediate Choir (Yrs 3-4) Fridays 8.30am-9.00am— Spare Classroom—Commencing March 1 (Wk 5)

Senior Choir (Yrs 5-6) Fridays Lunch 1—Spare Classroom—Commencing March 1 (Wk 5)

Recorders (Yrs 3-6) Tuesday Lunch 1



No Nut or Nut products

Due to children and members of our school community with allergies and life threatening Anaphylaxis at Gordon East PS, we ask that children NOT bring food containing nuts to school. This includes such things as peanut butter, Nutella, biscuits/muesli containing nuts or snack packs. We appreciate your support with this.

Diary Dates

Monday 25 February	9:10am—3.05pm	Stage 1 Science Incursion 'Slime, Sherbet & Bubbles'
Tuesday 26 February	9.10am-9.40am 2.00pm	Scripture Classes Commence SRC Induction Assembly Individual Swimming Carnival ribbons handed out
Friday 1 March		No PSSA—Zone Swimming Carnival @ Homebush
Monday 4 March	9.00am-10.15am	KSP Killara High School Tour
Tuesday 5 March		Stewart House Bags being collected
Friday 8 March		PSSA Cricket @ Warimoo Oval

Safe, Respectful, Learners

Swimming Carnival Results 2019

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Freestyle 100m			
Girls Open Final	Lara V	Millie R	Lucy M
Boys Open Final	Cameron T	Harry W	Niall J
Age Races			
8 Yrs Girls	Sophia B	Phoebe M	Melanie X
8 Yrs Boys	William E	Harry H	William C
9 Yrs Girls	Chloe V	Sophie H	Anna P
9 Yrs Boys	Archie M	Hamilton W	Michael M
10 Yrs Girls	Lydia R	Anna R	April K
10 Yrs Boys	Tal F	Darby R	Luke M
11 Yrs Girls	Lucy M	Chloe S	Lucinda M
11 Yrs Boys	Niall J	Angus F	Minjae C
12 Yrs Girls	Lara V	Millie R	Emily V
12 Yrs Boys	Cameron T	Harry W	Lachlan H
Breastroke			
Junior Girls	Anna R	Lydia R	Chloe V
Junior Boys	Archie M	Troy H	Hamilton W
11 Yr Girls	Lucy M	Lucinda M	Neeve M
11 Yr Boys	Niall J	Nathan D	Angus F
12 Yr Girls	Lara V	Millie R	Emily V
12 Yr Boys	Harry W	Cameron T	Christian K
Backstroke			
Junior Girls	Michaela M	Lydia R	Anna R
Junior Boys	Niall J	Angus F	Nathan D
11 Yr Girls	Lucy M	Chloe S	Clara M
12 Yr Girls	Millie R	Lara V	Emily V
12 Yr Boys	Harry W	Cameron T	Martin C
Butterfly			
Junior Girls	Anna R	Lydia R	Sophie H
Junior Boys	Archie M	Hamilton W	Darby R
11 Yr Girls	Lucy M		
11 Yr Boys	Niall J	Angus F	Dylan A
12 Yr Girls	Millie R	Lara V	Maddison K
12 Yr Boys	Harry W	Cameron T	Christian K

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

Medley			
Senior Girl	Lara V	Lucy M	Millie R
Senior Boy	Cameron T	Harry W	Niall J

Junior Boys	Junior Girls
Archie M	Lydia R
11 Yr Boys	11 Yr Girls
Niall J	Lucy M
Senior Boys	Senior Girls
Harry W	Lara V

1st	2nd	3rd
Platypus	Kookaburra	Echidna















swimming Carnival

































p&C Welcome Event





















pink Day!

















































Sports Buzz

PSSA Cricket Locations

Friday 1 March— No PSSA—Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 8 March— Warimoo Oval

Friday 15 March—Lofberg Oval

Friday 22 March—No PSSA

Friday 29 March—No PSSA

Friday 5 April— No PSSA

Friday 12 April—PSSA Cricket BYE

PSSA NOTIFICATIONS

Ku-ring-gai PSSA are on Team App. Go to https://www.teamapp.com/ and search for 'Ku-ring-gai PSSA'

PSSA Sports Reports

Modball Senior—15 February 2019

Today we played St Ives North Pubic School and we won. The score was 6-0. The best players on our team today were Lachie for pitching, Nina for Fielding and Tom for hitting a home run.

Reporter: Tom P

Modball Junior—15 February 2019

Today we played St Ives North Public School. We won. The score was 23-10. The best players on our team today were Isabel, Anna R, Anna P and Michaela.

Reporter: Lydia

ASSEMBLY AWARDS









19 February 2019

KS Archie S

Bella R KC

1L Isabelle M, Evan S

1R John S-F, Jasper A

Anika P, Zach M 2R

Christian E, Scarlett M 2A

4/3S Thomas R, Ollie C

4/3L Mila V, Hamilton W

4/3W Abigail B, Colby H

4/3F Amelie S, Charles G 6/5W Nina G, Henri S, Millie R

6/5H Saskia P, Fred B, Rohan P

6/5L Dylan A, Abjomamdam S. Daphane F

Mini Merits: Haewon J, Harry C, Joe Y, Kasper P,

Madeline B, Madison C

Sophia B Mahalia L Banners:





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 2019.

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

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.

Welcome Event

Thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome Event. What a fabulous day we had – it was quite a challenge getting everyone to leave!

A huge thank you to Tanya Griffiths for organising and coordinating and everyone who helped behind the scenes and on the day. Your help and support is greatly appreciated by the community.

P&C Contacts

Do you have the **School Stream app**? Download to get timely information from the school office and use the app to inform the school of student absences.

Play store: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.unlimitedfx.schoolstream&hl=en

App store: https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/school-stream/id680416544

Have you joined our *Facebook* page? Join to get timely information and some nice photos of events and happenings at the school. https://www.facebook.com/groups/179457299209916/

If you are not getting emails from the P&C or class parent, then we don't have your email address. Please get a yellow form from the office or request an electronic version via geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Reminder that we have updated all the P&C email addresses. The new generic email address for the GEPS P&C is: geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Other new GEPS email addresses:

President@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Nils Bown)

treasurer@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Marcelo Manigot)

vicepresident@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Kiah Wolton-Phillips)

secretary@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Tanya Griffiths)

<u>Uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au</u> (Katie McAvoy)

<u>Canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au</u> (Alex Terry)

bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Melinda Duker)

environs@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Alison Wykes)

WWCC@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Nils & Kiah for Working With Children Checks)

P&C Meeting & Wishlist

We had a wonderful turn out for our first P&C meeting. Thank you to all the parents who attended. We have the P&C Wishlist voting meeting on Tuesday 19th March.

We are drafting the Wishlist now – if you've got ideas for this list, please let me know as soon as possible. Meeting Dates for 2019 (7:30pm in school library)

Term 1	Tuesday 19th March (wish list voting)	
Term 2	Tuesday 14th May	
Term 3	Tuesday 6th August	
Term 4	Tuesday 29th October	
	Tuesday 3rd December (2019 AGM)	

Class Parents & Contact Details

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a class parent. If you haven't yet, you should hear from your class parent very soon introducing themselves (If you don't then we may not have your details for them to get in touch). Nils Bown

GEPS P&C President

president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Uniform Shop

An important notice from the Uniform Shop:

The Uniform Shop is now open **Tuesday mornings (8:30am** to 9:45am).

Remember you can buy uniforms online on Flexischools (https://www.flexischools.com.au/).

Katie McAvoy Uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Parents and Citizens-Presidents Report continued

Canteen

Canteen is off to a great start for 2019. We always need volunteers though, so if you or a family member or au pair can help, we'd love you to sign up at https://volunteersignup.org/ACKK8

Remember to go back into Flexischools to nominate the class your child is in this year. We still have a few children with just Y3 or Y1 on their lunch label and it would be good if they had their own class to make it easier for them to find their lunch order.

We have just begun selling smoothies for morning tea. They are \$1.50 and will vary in flavour each day. We started this week on Tuesday and they were very popular. If your child is interested in trying them, please let them know that they come in a reusable cup and that it should be returned to the canteen when they're finished and NOT go into the bin.

We will be introducing the fish finger burger to the specials list for next week (Tuesday 26th February) and it will come with optional mayonnaise, tomato sauce or salad (lettuce and tomato) and the choice of a white or wholemeal roll. The fish will actually be a battered fillet baked in the oven rather than fish fingers. We have more new menu items coming later in the term.

Alex Terry & the GEPS Canteen Committee

Events Committee

Dear GEPS families

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at GEPS. We have lots of exciting events at the school planned for 2019, and we would love for some parents to get involved in helping us make them successful. If you are able to give us a small amount of your time and/or skills this year, please contact Sally Pearman (via geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au) Thank you

Sally Pearman & GEPS Events Committee

Band

Rehearsals are underway and it's great to see such enthusiasm from all our GEPS band students. A reminder that all students need to take their band music to their private lessons, so they can work on their parts with their private tutors. This is a very important part of participating in the band programme.

As you all know, Band Camp is coming up on March 30th and 31st. Planning is underway and it is looking to be an amazing weekend of musical activity.

Registration forms will be coming your way very soon. Please make sure to return them promptly. Please can all parents check they have submitted their working with children number and date of birth to be added to the school WWCC register. If you have not yet done so, please make sure you apply for your working with children number ASAP (https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check).

If you have any enquires regarding band camp feel free to contact Georgie Robertson on 0402 083 463 It is not too late to join our Band Programme. If your child is interested, please email me at gepsband@gmail.com Have a musical week!

Kellye Bettman GEPS Band Director

Strings

The Strings students have settled back into rehearsals and are sounding great. We are rehearsing for performances later in term 1.

Strings group rehearse Tuesday mornings and are keen for new members! Any student from K-6 who has an interest in joining can. Contact our Director, Lynley Wagner at Lynley@wagnermusic.com or our Strings coordinators Michelle or Lauren.

Michelle Howland

Mthowland@yahoo.com

Working With Children Checks

Welcome to the new year at Gordon East!

This is a great time to check that your Working With Children Check is valid - and to renew your check if it has expired.

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check

If you have any queries, we are happy to assist and you may contact us about the WWCC requirements in confidence at <a href="https://www.wwc.upan.com/www.com/www.upan.com/www.com/www.upan.com/www.com/www.upan.com/www.com/www.upan.com/www.u

Environs

Please put in the annual Environs working bee in your diary – Saturday 14 September 2019. Many hands make light work!

We are currently working on the wish list items for the school for 2019. If you have any suggestions for the grounds or wish to become involved, please get in touch

Alison Wykes environs@gordoneastpandc.org.au



A great school close to home

Invitation

Families of Gordon East Public School are invited

to visit Killara High School

(Students from Year 4 upwards may accompany their parents)

Date: Monday 4 March 2019

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

Please allow extra time for parking





Ph: 0430 366 917 Email: geoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au

WELCOME BACK TO OSHC 2019!

Contact details: Families can contact the centre via email us at: geoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au, by phoning us on 0430 366 917 or by coming into the centre.

Menu and Program: Families can view our menu as well as the weekly program which is displayed on the community noticeboard next to the family sign in table.

How to Enrol Dlease go to http://www.primaryoshcare.com.au/enrol-and-book and click the blue register button. For more information please contact the centre

Community Meeting: This term our community meeting will be a trivia night held on the 28th of February at 5:30pm -7:00pm. Please RSVP to the centre before the 22nd of February.

Staff. Current centre staff are listed below, you can find our more about our staff by reading their staff profile on the parent notice board in the OSHC room.

Co-Ordinator Kirsty



Regional Manager and **Educational Leader** Gabrielle



Jen

Chris

Liam

Educator Educator Educator Regan

Educator Naomi

Educator Kayley

Educator

Educator Jackson

















Homework Club, Additional Activities Notifications: Homework club and additional activities forms are now available on the parents table.

Notifiable absences (Absent Missing Children procedure): If a child who is booked in to the Centre does not arrive after school, a staff member must find out why the child is not present. This usually involves making several phone calls and contacting school staff. In some cases, where no contact can be made with either a parent or emergency contact person, the Police are called. In each case, staff must also complete an absent and missing child report. Apart from the worry caused by non-notification of your child's absence, it is a costly, time consuming and potentially dangerous exercise to follow up absent children each afternoon. It can be avoided by each absence being reported to the Centre staff by you, the parent, in advance. To minimize expending valuable staff time spent on this task and to ensure the safety of all enrolled children, a fee of \$30 will be charged to each account where no notification of absence is received

Health and Wellbeing Programs: This term we are doing dance on a Tuesday afternoon and Circus on a Friday morning.

Centre Clubs: This term our clubs are 9+ Club, Sustainability, Kindy Club, Cultural and mindfulness.

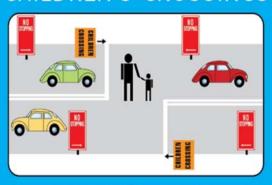
GEOSHC Team: Kirsty, Jen, Chris, Liam, Regan, Kayley, Naomi, Tim and Jackson

Jan 19

FOR DRIVERS

- This is only a part time crossing. It operates when orange 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed.
- Drivers must stop at the solid white line and give way to any pedestrians on or about to use the crossing.
- You must not proceed until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.
- When approaching a crossing drive at a speed at which you can stop safely.
- Never stop in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing.

CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS



Crossing supervisors may be present at some crossings around schools. Please follow their instructions as they are there to keep children safe.

FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Ensure that drivers in both directions have seen you and have stopped before crossing.
- Walk between the two red and white posts.
- When flags are not displayed on a children's crossing you do not have right of way unless combined with a pedestrian crossing.
- Do not loiter and chat on or near a crossing. This is dangerous, can confuse motorists and holds up traffic.

Stop on or near children's crossing

- fine exceeds \$448 + 2 demerit points.

Proceed at children's crossing while pedestrian at crossing

- fine exceeds \$561 + 4 demerit points.

Pedestrian crosses the road within 20 metres of a crossing – **fine exceeds \$75**.

Pedestrian stays on crossing longer than necessary

— fine exceeds \$75.

These fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current at time of printing February 2019

Perfect Placement Tennis Coaching

Start your child's tennis journey with Perfect Placement Tennis Coaching. Holiday camps / before & after school coaching. Gordon location, 5-12 years age and all abilities welcome!



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Live Life Well @ School

IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST



NSW

It's the most important meal of the day, but 1 in 4 children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class and have no energy for playtime.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- · Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- · Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- · Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Handy tip:

Discourage children from eating breakfast in front of the

This can also

your morning routines!

help speed up

Health Northern Sydney Local Health District

Live Life Well @ School

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Pack the five food groups!

Include all five food groups into your child's lunchbox and water as the best drink!

Breads & Cereals:

Wholegrain bread, pasta, noodles, wrap or crisp bread.

Vegetables: Carrot, capsicum or celery sticks, salad on a sandwich.



Meat & Alternatives: These provide protein. Try cooked lean beef or lamb, skinless chicken or turkey, egg, legumes or hummus.

Dairy: These provide protein and calcium. Try a slice of cheese, yoghurt or milk.

Fruit: Serve in a fun and creative way. Try fruit skewers or fresh cut up fruit in a container ready to eat.

Provided by Cancer Council NSW

More tips and recipes: healthylunchbox.com.au



Health Northern Sydney Local Health District



Come discover a wide range of programs and agencies who offer direct support to parents.

Sign up for workshops, ask questions of our panel, and learn more about supporting your young person with:

- **★**Mental health **★**Flexible education **★**Drugs and alcohol,
- **★**Youth services ★Legal advice ★Parenting skills and more.



Thurs, 28 Feb 2019







M Enquiries: admin@phoenixhouse.org.au

📞 Enquiries: 9437 0077

III Eventribe Bookings: https://bit.ly/2S4HgCx





















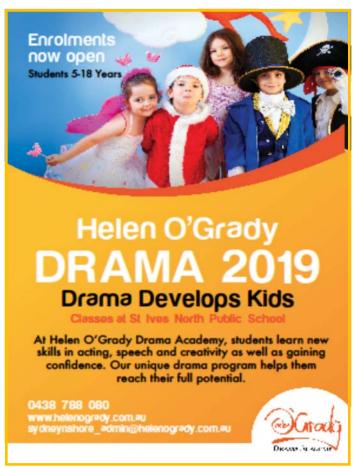


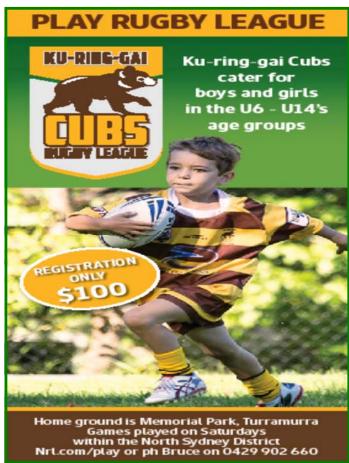






LOWER NORTH SHORE YOUTH INTERAGENCY









Casual Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community 1 x Casual position – Ku-Ring-Gal Local Government Area (00006T4E)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8:00am to 9:30am and/or 2:30pm to 4:00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. You may be required to work morning, afternoon, both shifts and no shifts. As a casual you will be filling in for existing part-time staff and on call basis as required. The base rate is \$23.02 - \$27.62 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to Iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 17 February 2019

TINSW are committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the Transport cluster, planning for and promoting diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups. TINSW recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of NSW.

