

# Gordon East Public School

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# **School Newsletter**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Monday 11 March
   9.00am KSP Strings @ KHS
- Tuesday 12 March
  - **1.30pm** Ukulele Club in the hall
  - 2.00pm Assembly –
     Library Monitor Badges
     Host: Sport Captains
     Item: Strings

#### Thursday 14 March

- Selective high School Placement Test
- 10am Kindy Incursion –
   Wildlife Encounter –
   (oval)
- Friday 15 March
   9am PSSA Cricket @ Lofberg
   Oval
- Tuesday 19 March
  - World of Maths Yrs 3-6
  - **2pm** Assembly Host: 4/3W, No Item
- Wednesday 20 March
   World of Maths Yrs K-2
- Thursday 21 March
   Harmony Day Theme "It's
   Up to Us"
- Friday 22 March No PSSA
- Saturday 23 March
  - NSW State Election
  - P&C Fundraising BBQ and Cake Stall

## From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

This week we see the launch of our newly formatted newsletter. We hope that you enjoy the new layout. Thank you to Mrs Reynolds for her assistance in formatting the new design.

#### **SRC – Student Representative Council**

Congratulations to the Semester 1 SRC representatives who were inducted at last week's assembly. They will represent their class at regular meetings and provide a student voice within our school community. I look forward to hearing their contributions.

#### **Extra Curricula Opportunities**

Throughout the year students have a number of extra curricula opportunities to participate in. This term, on Monday's children are able to enjoy being part of the Garden Club and on Friday's Art Club. The library is also open a number of days as well as the wonderful musical opportunities the children can participate in, both choral and instrumental. An addition this year is the ukulele club organised by Mrs Lynley Wagner.



**School Vision** 

Gordon East Public School is 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.



#### **Street Library**

You may have noticed our new Street Library just inside the school on Rosedale Road. A very big thank you Alan Beattie - Grandfather of Jasmine D for building and installing the library over the weekend. His hard work is very much appreciated. Street Libraries are a wonderful way to encourage and share the joy of reading. Books can come and go, noone needs to check them in or out, simply leave a book, reach in and take what interests you and when you are done you can return them or pass them on to a friend. For more information <a href="https://streetlibrary.org.au/">https://streetlibrary.org.au/</a>

#### **School Communication**

Here at Gordon East we have a range of ways to keep you informed and enable communication. To ensure that you are well informed, and we are able to communicate with ease, please find each way detailed below.

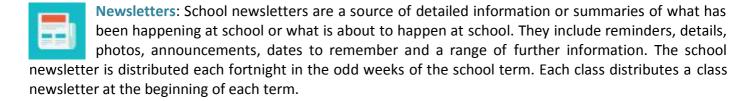


School Stream: This app is available for apple and android devices. Reminders are sent out via alerts or notification. You are also able to submit an absence by going to the forms tab. Please make sure that you have downloaded the free app and have signed up to the school's school stream page.



Email: Email can be used to arrange parent teacher meetings, submit absences or communicate with the school or class teacher. Not all teachers use their personal email accounts to communicate with parents. If you are unsure, please email the school directly. All emails for the attention of teachers are forwarded on to the relevant class teacher. The school email address can be found in

the footnote of the school newsletter.





Phone: Please phone the school between the hours of 8:30am - 3:30pm week days for any enquiries. Our office staff will answer your question, assist you or forward on your enquiry to the appropriate person.



Website: We are currently working on improving our school website. Please keep an eye out for the improvements as they arrive. Currently, we are uploading the school newsletter each fortnight as well as emailing it to parents. Shortly, we will be adding a school calendar where you will be able to keep up to date with school events.



Notes: Notes are frequently sent home as a means of gaining permission to attend excursions, an expression of interest to join a group, participate in an event or for general information. Sometimes, these may get lost at the bottom of bags, so we ask parents to do a weekly check of school bags for notes etc. Notes are usually distributed on Fridays.



Class Dojo: Some teachers at Gordon East use Class Dojo to share what has been happening in the classroom and to share any reminders with parents only. For other communication, please use phone or email.

#### A couple of tips:

- Need to send in an absence explanation?: Absence reasons can be communicated to the school via written note, phone call or email direct to the school only. Class Dojo should not be used to send in absence explanations. Please note, absence explanations are required within 7 days to avoid an unexplained absence marked on the roll.
- Change in student collection arrangements?: Please call the school and office staff will speak directly with the class teacher to ensure that the student concerned receives the message in a timely fashion. We appreciate your support as email notifications for arrangement changes may not get read until after the end of the school day.
- Need to meet or chat with the class teacher?: Please call or contact the school via email and your request will be forwarded on to the relevant person.
- Missing a note or permission form?: Please check school bags first. Permission notes are also often emailed home. If you are still unable to find it, please contact the school and we will ensure that you receive a copy.

# Ruth White - Principal



#### From Administration

#### Reminder:

Term 1 Invoices are due to be paid by Friday 15 March (Week 7). Please contact the office if you are unable to make payment.

# **Library News**

#### The Premier's Reading Challenge

"The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely." PRC Website.

The PRC is open for 2019. Students from years K-6 can take part in the challenge from March 4 to August 30.

K-2 students read 30 books (25 from the PRC lists, 5 personal choice) Years 3-6 read 20 books (15 from the PRC lists, 5 personal choice) To complete the challenge, books must be recorded on the PRC website: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

The website explains how to complete the challenge and lists all the books you can include.

Students use the same username and password they use at school to logon to the PRC. Please contact

your child's class teacher if you don't know their username or password.

Gordon East encourages all students to take part. We have hundreds of PRC books here at GEPS and Ku-ring-gai Library also supports the challenge. You probably have many books at home that are on the PRC lists.

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

It's always a great time to read!

Bronwen Campbell Teacher Librarian.



## **Music News**

### 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

#### **Drama News**

This term the children have been participating in drama lessons. They have been enjoying working with Ms Johnson. Please find a message below detailing our end of term performance.

Marquerite Sander **Assistant Principal** 

#### All the world is a stage, and the men and women merely players

My welcome to GEPS has been so wonderful. The students are already passionate about William Shakespeare and his stories. From Romeo and Juliet, to Bottom the Donkey, to Titania Queen of the Fairies, to the Ladies and the Lords in 'THAT' Scottish Play.

At the end of this term each class will take to the stage in the GEPS amphitheatre. Students will provide their own simple costume. PERFORMANCE DAY IS THURSDAY 11TH APRIL, the last week of Term 1. Performances will be at 10am, 12noon and 2pm. Each class performs once.

#### Times for performances are:

10am: 1L, 2A, 4/3L, 6/5W

12pm: KC, KS, 4/3S, 4/3F, 6/5L

2pm: 1R, 2R, 4/3W, 6/5H

Here are links to a 4 minute insight into The Bard and a hilarious rendition of Tragedy. We watched these

in class.

CBeebies: Who is William Shakespeare?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhEQDKZxvZY

CBBC: All Over the Place - 'Shakespeare' Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJK5ku-iNIE

I am at school every Monday and Thursday and I am loving the books and pictures that the students are bringing in to show me. "The show must go on".

Ms Karyn Johnson

Drama Teacher

# **Sports News**

#### Please find below amendments to the School Swimming Carnival results. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Jnr 200m Medley		
Junior Girl	Lydia R	Anna R
Junior Boy	Archie M	Hamilton W
Junior Girls Champion		
Anna R		
Senior Boys Champion		
Cameron T & Harry W		

#### **PSSA Sports Reports**

#### Modball Junior - 22 February 2019

Today we played Pymble Public School and we won 20 to 18. It was a fun game. Everyone had a blast and it was very challenging, but we pushed through it.

Lydia, Anna P, Ines and Lily were our best players.

Everyone tried their best and they had a good game.

Reporter: Anna P

#### Modball Senior – 22 February 2019

We played Pymble Public School today and we won.

Our best players today were Emily V, Lucinda M, Lachie H and Harry W.

Reporter: Maddy K

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

# 2019 Zone Swimming Carnival















# **Assembly Awards**

# 26 February 2019

ZO I CDI	uary 2019		
KC	Ryan H	Mini Merits:	Amelia R, Angus F, Dilan W
KS	Sienna P		
1L	William T, Chloe T		
1R	Ana Luiza E, Daniel S	Banners:	Zachary M, Mahalia L, Amelie S,
2A	Zoe L, Parker M		Amy A, Harry C
2R	Harry H, Troy H		
4/3F	Luke M, Connor W		
4/3L	Isabella Y, Hazel C		
4/35	Lydia R, Anna R		
4/3W	Sophie H, James A		
6/5H	Lachlan M, Sophia M, Georgia R		
6/5L	Eden P, Fernando J, Zonghan W		
6/5W	James S, Emily V, Kasper P		
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#### Semester 1 SRC Induction

2A	2R	4/3F	4/3L	4/3S	4/3W	6/5H	6/5L	6/5W
Phoebe M	Aleisha L	Amy A	Hazel C	Lydia R	Edith G	Georgia R	Mary L	Amelia R
Parker M	Jacob M	Edward B	William R	Leon L	Alex V	Lachlan M	Alex M	Jacob C



#### 5 March 2019

КС	Benny M	Mini Merits:	Millie R, Will T, Abigail B, Natasha
KS	Ava W		M, Anna R, Aleisha L
1L	Tom M, Scarlett P		
1R	Catherine F, Mia H	Banners:	Sophie H, Ethan W
2A	Ariane AM, Jasmine D		
2R	Karishma P, Oliver H		
4/3F	Aiden M, Sunita P	Medals:	Mahalia L
4/3L	Matthew K, William R		
4/35	Nicolas S, Leon L	Aussies for	Nalini G, Emily V
4/3W	Alexander V, Alyssa R	February:	
6/5H	James B, Sophia V, Bill G		
6/5L	Tal F, Joshua B, Lara V		
6/5W	Cameron T, Lucinda M, Darby R		



















## Special Religious and School Ethics Education News

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.

faith

gift catechisted

worship

prayer

peace

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

**C**ould 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.

#### From the P&C

Dear Families,

#### **Volunteers**

We are in real need of volunteers please!

**Canteen** – if you haven't yet had a chance to volunteer, please help us out and take a few hours out of your Tuesday or Friday. If volunteer numbers continue to dwindle, we may need to close some days. <a href="https://www.volunteersignup.org/ACKK8">www.volunteersignup.org/ACKK8</a>

**State Election BBQ** - Please also help us with the BBQ and cake stall for the upcoming state election. This is a really important fundraiser for the P&C and let's face it, who wants to vote if you can't have a sausage and a lovely cake to take home? 
www.volunteersignup.org/9HDAF

#### Wishlist

A reminder for everyone: we are busy preparing a list of items for the 2019 Wishlist. If you have any items that you would like to suggest, please contact Nils on president@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

Please note - for any items that you suggest, we need a quote or pricing of the item to include it in the Wishlist vote (responsibility of the person adding the item to the list).

#### **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: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.unlimitedfx.schoolstream&hl=en">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.unlimitedfx.schoolstream&hl=en</a>

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 <a href="mailto:geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au">geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au</a>

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)

Uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au (Katie McAvoy)

Canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au (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**

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)		

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

#### Canteen

We had our first day of fish finger burger as the special last week and it went very well so we will definitely be doing it again. Thanks so much to all the volunteers that have signed up so far, we still need more! Please go to the signup sheet and put your name down when you can. www.volunteersignup.org/ACKK8 Alex Terry & the GEPS Canteen Committee

#### **Events Committee**

We are looking forward to the Election BBQ and cake stall on Sat 23rd March! Thanks to those who have already signed up to volunteer. We are in need of a few more volunteers, so if you can help out for an hour on the day, please sign up via this link: http://www.volunteersignup.org/9HDAF

Next Friday we will be sending home a cake box with each child. Please bake as much as you can (ask your family/ friends/neighbours to help too!) and return it to the canteen as per the instructions that will come with the boxes. If you're not a baker, don't worry - you can make lolly bags, or donate money instead. Thanks everyone!

Sally Pearman & GEPS Events Committee

#### Band

All bands are rehearsing well, and we can see the progress already in such a short space of time. Please make sure your child takes their band music to their private lessons and works on it in their private home practice.

As you all know Band camp is coming up on the weekend of the 30th and 31st of March. Please complete the registration and stay tuned as you will be notified of your volunteer/supervision duty in the coming weeks.

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 <a href="mailto:gepsband@gmail.com">gepsband@gmail.com</a>

Have a musical week! Kellye Bettman GEPS Band Director

#### **Strings**

The Strings ensemble rehearse Tuesday mornings from 8 am, led by our Director, Mrs Lynley Wagner. The students are currently learning several new and exciting pieces. Our strings students have been invited to attend a Killara High Strings session in Week 6 of this term, always a highlight for our budding musicians!

We are also looking to start a Ukulele Club during half of Tuesday lunchtimes. All students are invited to attend. Information has gone home with your student earlier this week.

Any queries regarding Strings ensemble or Ukulele club please contact Mrs Wagner - <a href="mailto:lynley@wagnermusic.com.au">lynley@wagnermusic.com.au</a> or one of our Strings coordinators - Lauren Ainscough (laurenainscough9@gmail.com) or Michelle Howland (mthowland@yahoo.com)

#### **Working with Children Checks**

A big thank you to everyone who has already provided their WWCC to us or updated their check in readiness for band camp.

We are working to ensure that everyone is appropriately checked and verified before the camp and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

If anyone has a wonderful au pair who is volunteering in the canteen; firstly, we are very grateful. Thank you! Secondly, unlike parent volunteers, Au Pairs do need to provide their WWCC information to us so that we can verify them. Their information or any queries may be sent to us in confidence at WWCC@gepspandc.org.au

#### **Environs**

On the weekend a street library was installed on the path at the front of the school.

A huge thank you to Alan Beattie, Mel Duker's father, granddad to Jasmine in year 2 who made the library for the school. It is ready for all to use - grownups included! All books are gratefully accepted. Such a great addition to the school.

Alison Wykes environs@gordoneastpandc.org.au

#### Gordon East Out School Hours Care



#### Gordon East Centre News – March

There are several upcoming community events. These events include:

Monday 11th Mar	Tuesday 12th Mar	Wednesday 13th Mar	Thursday 14th Mar	Friday 15th Mar
Commonwealth Day			Int'l Ask a Question Day World Kidney Day	International Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
	Cult	ural Diversity Week 16th	- 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Monday 18th Mar	Tuesday 19th Mar	Wednesday 20th Mar	Thursday 21st Mar	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
	V	International Day of Happiness	Harmony Day World Down Syndrome Day World Poetry Day Holi Hindu Festival	World Water Day Ride2School Day
Monday 25th Mar	Tuesday 26th Mar	Wednesday 27th Mar	Thursday 28th Mar	Friday 29th Mar
		Last day early bird Vacation Care bookings		30 <sup>th</sup> Mar - Earth Hou





Have you seen our upcoming vacation care program? Our next vacation care will be in the April School Holidays. The program for the up and coming Vacation Care period is available in the OSHC room now. The Early Bird discount will be ending on the 27th of March

Staff training: Centre staff regularly attend training. Mandatory training includes: New Employee onboard training, CPR, Asthma, Anaphylaxis and First Aid, and Child Protection. There is also the opportunity for staff to undertake additional training. Recently Jen and Regan have attending a training called Managing Accounts.

Cessation of care procedure: We would like to remind all families that cessation of care requires you to complete a cancellation of bookings form and provide two weeks' notice. Cessation of care cannot be done online. If you email the service, we can provide you with the appropriate form. These forms are also available within the centre.

> Families can contact Centre staff on 0430 366 917 or by emailing GEOSHC@primarvoshcare.com.au

Kind Regards, Kirsty, Jen, Chris, Liam, Regan, Kayley, Naomi, Tim and Jackson

School Newsletter Inclusion 2019

March 19

## **School Announcements**

#### Road and pedestrian safety is important to us.

# **Bike Safety**

Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways. While your child may learn skills such as balancing, pedaling and steering quite easily, they are still learning skills that help them to judge speed, distance and the direction of sound. Your young child will often ride with their head down, concentrating on pedaling, not the environment around them. Your child needs ongoing adult help in safe, off-road locations to gradually develop all their skills.

Your older child may want to ride to and from school. Here at Gordon East, the following guidelines apply when riding bikes to and from school:

- Always wear a helmet
- Walk your bike when inside the school grounds and wait until after the school crossing before
  beginning your ride home. The pedestrian crossing is very close to the entrance of the school can
  get very congested with pedestrians.
- Be aware of pedestrians. Remember, when riding a bike you share the footpath.
- Ride your bike at a safe speed.

The Roads and Maritime Services website has more information on safe cycling across NSW.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road.

Children between 10 and 12 should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. On shared paths, riders are encouraged to leave a metre of space, where possible. Your child also needs to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

Plan your route using quieter streets, bicycle paths or shared paths, if possible. At intersections, your child and adult riders accompanying them, must dismount and wheel the bike and cross the road as a pedestrian.

https://www.safetytown.com.au/parents/#riding-safely

For more information about road rules for cyclists and safety tips please visit the RMS at <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/bicycles/safety-rules/index.html">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/bicycles/safety-rules/index.html</a>

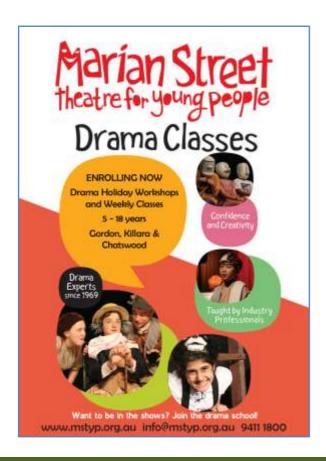


# **Community News**





My name is Ewan Allabush and I'm going to be cutting off all my hair to help raise funds for the McGrath Foundation. Please sponsor me to help this great cause. I can also be sponsored online at https://www.gofundme.com/ just search for my name.



#### 2020 ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED AND **TALENTED CLASS**

St Ives High School selective program enriches the education of gifted and talented students.

Test Date: Monday 1 April 2019

Applications close: 20 March 2019

St Ives High School, Yarrabung Road St Ives P: 9144 1689 W: https://.stives-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/



Dear Principals, Music teachers and Band directors.

The Conservatorium High School would like to inform your talented music students that:

# **AUDITIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2020**

Application to AUDITION for Con High entering 2020 are now open.

Go to https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au

APPLY tab then 2020 Entry Application.

Closing date for registration is 7th June 2019.



# **Advertisements**





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