

Gordon East Public School

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Term 1 – Issue 5 5 April 2019

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 9 April
 - **12.00pm** Oz Opera K-2
 - 2.00pm Oz Opera 3-6
 - 1.30pm Ukulele Club
 - No Assembly
- Wednesday 10 April
 9.30am Easter Hat Parade
- Thursday 11 April
 - Mufti Day
 - Drama Class
 Performances in
 Ampitheatre See Drama
 News
- Friday 12 April
 - Last day of Term 1
 - **9am** Winter PSSA commences
 - 2pm ANZAC Assembly No Merits
- Tuesday 30 April
 - Students return to school for Term 2
 - Student Leadership Camp @ Collaroy
 - 2pm Assembly
- Wednesday 1 May Student Leadership Camp @ Collaroy
- Thursday 2 May Cross Country

School Newsletter

From the Principal - Mrs Ruth White

Term 1

We are almost at the end of a busy term 1. Everyone has been working hard and are ready for a well-deserved rest. We have one more week to go that is full of some lovely opportunities for children and parents to participate in.

- On Tuesday, the children will be enjoying an operatic performance with Opera Australia visiting the school.
- On Wednesday, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Easter Hat Parade. Please keep an eye out for more details.
- On Thursday, we also look forward to seeing you watching our Shakespeare performances to showcase the children's work in Drama this term.
- On Friday, we will hold our annual ANZAC day assembly performance in the hall at 2:00pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work this term - children, teachers and parents alike, and wish you all a happy and safe Easter break.



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.

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Band Camp

Last weekend the children had a fabulous time at Band Camp. I would like to thank Mrs Robertson and her team of parent helpers for all their hard work and making it happen. I would also like to thank the teachers who gave up time over the weekend to support the event. The children performed beautifully at the concert and showed great growth in their musical ability following a weekend of intensive tuition. Well done to all.

CARES

This week, Stage 3 participated in a bike safety excursion. This annual excursion is an opportunity where the Police work with students to be bike safe. The children had a fun time being reminded of bike riding rules and how to be safe when riding. It was wonderful to hear that nearly everyone was 100% safe and kept all of their demerit points.





From Administration

Term 2 Invoices will be issued in Week 11, Term 1. They will be emailed to all families. It would be appreciated if Invoices can be settled by Friday 17 May, Week 3.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that students are expected to wear their Winter Uniform in Term 2. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am.

Library News

Library News Term 1 Week 10 Premier's Reading Challenge We are off to a great start at Gordon East, 23 students have already completed the PRC. Congratulations to: Year 2: Archie M, Ingrid Y, Bernard Y Year 3: Amy A, Leona A, Teddy B, Elke C, Leon L, Lydia R, Thomas R, Harrison S Year 4: Angus F, William G-J, Amelia R Year 5: Matthew A, Jeremy C, Nellie C, Martin C, Lucinda M, Emily V Year 6: Amy D, Lily R, Jasmine S To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with the username and password they use to access computers at school. Your child's class teacher can provide you with their username and password.

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

Bronwen Campbell Teacher Librarian

Drama News

Shakespeare Drama Performances – Thursday 11 April

'Fairies, Sweethearts and Murder Most Foul'

Performance Times:

10am: 1L, 2A, 4/3L, 6/5W 12pm: KS, KC, 4/3S, 4/3F, 6/5L 2pm: 1R, 2R, 4/3W, 6/5H

Performances will be held outside in the School Ampitheatre (in the hall if it's raining). Parents and family are welcome to attend. Students will sit in the audience until their turn.

Students are expected to wear their performance costume as mufti.

Karyn Johnson Drama Teacher

Peer Reading

Kindergarten were thrilled when Stage 2 visited them for Buddy Reading in Term 1. Buddy Reading benefits both younger and older students, promoting fluency and enjoyment of reading. We look forward to more Buddy Reading sessions in Term 2.



Stage 2 Science Incursion

On Tuesday, all of Stage 2 had a visit from Ranger Jamie and his team of scientists. We explored heat in practical ways. Students learnt about how to conduct a 'fair test', wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and engage with a variety of experiments to test our predictions of heat and how heat can move. Students made rockets to test air pressure and slime to discover how materials can change. We discovered how to enjoy the feel of the Sun's warmth on our skin on a spring day or the satisfying warmth of holding a cup of hot chocolate on a cold winter's night. Students also explored the dangers of heat when we touch a hot stove or walk barefooted on hot sand. What a fantastic day! Stage 2 Students and Teachers



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Assembly Awards

26 March 2019

КС	William E	Mini Merits:	Ruby L, Asha P
KS	Kishan P		
1L	Daniel J, Kate L		
1R	John S-F, Matilda P	Banners:	Lily S
2A	Phoebe M, Cesc C		
2R	Aleisha L, Nalini G		
4/3F	Sophia B, Sahana J		
4/3L	Sophie H, Dylan R		
4/35	Lucas B, Eren A		
4/3W	William E, Elise W-S		
6/5H	No merits due to CARES		
6/5L	Dennis M, April K, Minh C		
6/5W	N merits due to CARES		
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2 April 2019

КС	Ava C	Mini Merits:	Oliver G, April K
KS	Caleb K		
1L	Lili G, Madison C		
1R	Alexander P, Hayley B		
2A	Tomas C, Alex K		
2R	Joe Y, Woojin J		
4/3F	Annabel W, Jihoo C		
4/3L	Anna P, Harrison S		
4/3S	Yuusuke T, Isabel B	Aussies for	Madeline B, Natasha M
4/3W	Ryan D, Amelia T	March:	
6/5H	Luka V, Chloe S, Peppa C		
6/5L	Astrid C, Nathan D, Lucy M		
6/5W	Ava G, Amelia R, Annika N		



Aussies of the Month



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month March 2019

Natasha Motahari

Natasha is a polite and responsible student who willingly helps in and out of the classroom.

She demonstrates outstanding manners and behaviour in class and is an excellent role model for her peers.

Natasha is an enthusiastic learner who contributes thoughtful ideas to discussions and completes tasks to the best of her ability.

She always strives to achieve success and perseveres with challenging tasks.

Natasha is a kind and respectful friend who consistently shows care and concern for the feelings of others.

Natasha upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner.

She is a delight to teach and a very worthy recipient of The Aussie of the Month

Award.

Congratulations Natasha!

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AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month March 2019

Madeline Bown

Madeline, a responsible student, demonstrates outstanding manners and is an excellent role model for her peers. She is an enthusiastic learner who contributes thoughtful ideas to discussions and completes tasks to the best of her ability.

Madeline is a kind and respectful friend who consistently shows care and concern for the feelings of others. She embodies the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner. Congratulations Madeline, you are a deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award. March 2019

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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.

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



Could you be an Ethics teacher for Gordon East?

Primary ETHICS

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,

It has been a great couple of weeks – the community spirit is alive and well in the GEPS community! Thank you so much to everyone for their help and support with the State Election BBQ. A great day – such great baking and volunteering from so many. Thanks especially to the events committee. We have just also had the band camp weekend – another wonderful event showcasing our kids and the community support to run the camp. Thank you particularly to Georgie and all the organisers, but also to the volunteers and parents for supporting the camp and making it a really fun and musically rewarding weekend.

Playground

Over the weekend Kiah and I submitted the next round of paperwork for the playground grant application. We are both working closely with Mrs White, who in turn is working closely with the Asset Management Unit (AMU) at the Department of Education.

Due to the size of the project, the AMU will manage this project, which they will submit as a formal tender. All going to plan, we hope to be able to get the works done for T3 or T4.

Volunteers

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. <u>www.volunteersignup.org/ACKK8</u>

Wishlist

We will soon send out requests for the P&C contribution. We greatly appreciate everyone helps to support the P&C with the contribution, as we support the school and the learning environment that all our kids use.

The P&C are working really hard to ensure that the items we support on the Wishlist consider the whole community and support the teaching from the GEPS staff.

Any questions on the process or on the Wishlist, please contact Nils president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

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: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.unlimitedfx.schoolstream&hl=en</u> App store: <u>https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/school-stream/id680416544</u>

Have you joined our **Facebook** page? Join to get timely information and some nice photos of events and happenings at the school. If you join the page, please fill out the questions as this helps us verify members from the community to keep the group secure. <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/179457299209916/</u> 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 <u>geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au</u>

P&C Meeting & Wishlist

Meeting Dates for 2019 (7:30pm in school library)

Term 2	2 Tuesday 14th May	
Term 3	Tuesday 6th August	
Term 4	Tuesday 29th October	
161114	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 (<u>https://www.flexischools.com.au/</u>). Katie McAvoy <u>Uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au</u>

Canteen

Hot Cross Buns for morning tea Friday 12th April

As a very special treat we will be having Hot Cross Buns for morning tea on the last day of term, Friday 12th April. You will need to pre-order them through Flexischools so that we can ensure we have the right quantity and the cut off for orders will be Tuesday 9th April at midnight. Don't go to the usual Lunch section though, they have their own category called Hot Cross Bun Day & it will look like the picture below. We will be offering either regular size or mini size, with or without butter and with or without fruit. The kids will need to come and pick them up at morning tea time from the blue tubs, the same way they collect their lunch orders. We aren't planning to have any extras available for morning tea so this is the only way they will be able to have them.

Hot Cross Bun FUNDRAISER

As we were thinking about Hot Cross Buns we thought that it might be nice to end the term & start the holidays with a lovely bag of fresh hot cross buns, so to that end, we will also be running a hot cross bun fundraiser the same day, Friday 12th April. They will come as a bag of 6 buns from Bakers Delight in the following flavours: traditional, choc chip, apple cinnamon, mocha and fruitless for \$7.50. You will also need to order these through Flexischools in the same way as you order the buns for morning tea.



Hot Cross Bun Day 12th of April Order Hot Cross Please order by 9th Buns April

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. <u>www.volunteersignup.org/ACKK8</u>

Alex Terry & the GEPS Canteen Committee

Events Committee

Thanks to everyone for your contribution to our Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall. Thanks to the talented bakers, the hard-working volunteers and the families who contributed a financial donation.

You helped us raise \$5,236.80!! We are so happy with that result, and we look forward to spending the money on resources that will directly benefit all of our kids!

Well done everyone! Special thanks to my fellow Events committee team: Jayne Cree, Lisa McGregor, Sarah Holmes, Danielle Stone & Lucy Long xx

Sally Pearman & GEPS Events Committee

Band

Wow what a weekend that was! Band Camp was once again an extraordinary experience for all involved. The children grew musically in the space of 48 hours which is always a pleasure to see.

Once again I would like to thank the following people for all their hard work in making sure Band Camp was an amazing success - Georgie Robertson, Anita McLean, Gillian McLean, Kathryn Bown, Nicole Devilliers, Nicole Rigele, Alison Wykes, Tanya Griffiths, The Allabushes, The Martels.

Looking to Term 2 there are a couple of performances very early on...

Junior Concert band will be performing at Festival on the Green on Sunday May 5th around 11am. More details to follow....

Senior Concert Band will be performing at the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday May 10th at 8am.

Any child wanting to join our Band Programme - we have a few vacancies. If your child is interested, please email me at gepsband@gmail.com

Have a musical week!

Kellye Bettman

GEPS Band Director

Strings

Strings ensemble rehearse Tuesday mornings. The group are sounding fantastic and practising hard! Any student keen to join please contact Lynley Wagner on <u>lynley@wagnermusic.com.au</u> Ukulele club has been enjoyed by many and the kids are already strumming those tunes! Looking forward to Term 2!

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

Book Club

We have now had two successful Book Club orders in 2019. Thank you to everyone who has placed orders and hope your child has enjoyed their books. A special thanks to Lisa McGregor who helped distribute the Issue 2 order.

Thanks to Scholastic Rewards, where we earn 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders, Mrs Campbell has been able to spend over \$650 on additional books for the school library already in 2019.

The new catalogue will go home before the school holidays and I'll advise on the P&C Facebook page when orders need to be in. If you have any questions or issues please contact me on <u>bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au</u>.

Melinda

Working with Children Checks

It's been a busy few weeks for Working With Children Checks in readiness for this year's band camp! A big thank you to all of the volunteers who provided their information for verification.

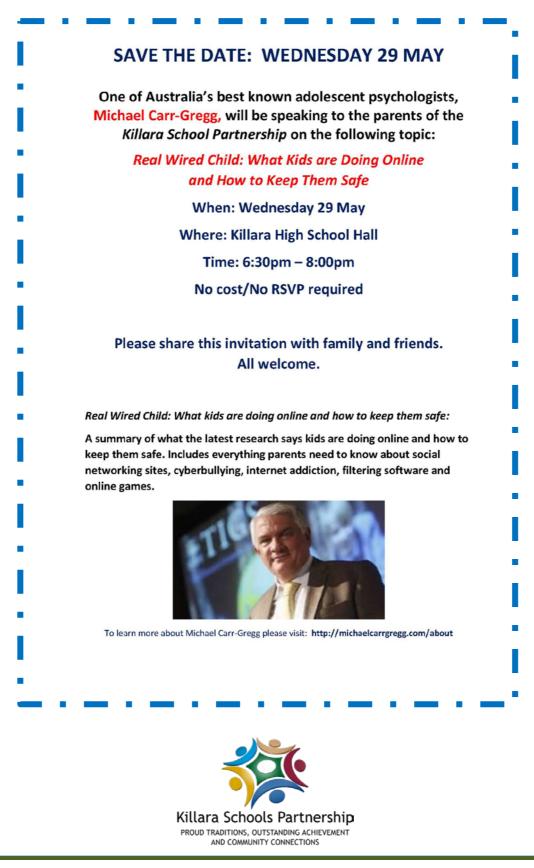
I would like to specifically thank Georgie Robertson, who worked so hard to ensure that all volunteers had the appropriate checks in place. Thank you Georgie and I hope everyone had a wonderful time. In other news, the school and the P&C have been working closely together and have drafted a joint information sheet, setting out who needs which check, depending on their circumstances and the activities they are undertaking. That should be available shortly, so please have a look when you receive it. Kiah Wolton-Phillips

WWCC@gepspandc.org.au





KSP - Killara Schools Partnership



Gordon East Out School Hours Care

Gordon East Centre News April

Community Planner

April - Go Blue for Autism Month

April – Nature Play Week

11th – 22nd April / World Creativity and Innovation Week

15th – 21st April

19th of April - Good Friday – Public Holiday

18th - 27th of April - Passover

22nd of April Easter Monday – Public Holiday

25th of April - Anzac Day - Public Holiday

Health and Wellbeing Program updates

This term our Health and Wellbeing included Hula Hooping/Circus Skills and Dance. To prepare for next terms Health and Wellbeing program we held a conversation with the children and have sent out a survey to our enrolled families.

Goals Our 2019 term 1 and 2 Centre Goals are largely centre around concepts and ideas embodied in the National Quality Framework in particular, sustainability/environmental issues.

Community meeting dates We are looking forward to our Term 2 community meeting. Stay tuned for the date that will be released early in Term 2.





Assessment and Rating update We last underwent assessment and rating in January 2017. During this process we received an overall rating of meeting the National Quality Framework and Excessing the National Quality Framework in 3 areas.

Statement of Principles review Educators at the Centre will be reviewing our Statement of Principles next term and reflecting on how this is embedded in our daily program. By extension, educators will be able to explore new ways of ensuring our Core Values are readily reflected in every interaction, every experience and every day.

Health and Safety survey results Thank you to those families who completed a Health and Safety Survey.

Easter Vacation Care program information 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.

Families can contact Centre staff on 0430 366 917 or by emailing <u>GEOSHC@primaryoshcare.com.au</u> Kind Regards, Kirsty, Jen, Chris, Liam, Regan, Kayley, Naomi, Tim and Jackson

School Announcements



Community News





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WIN A VEGEPOD FOR YOUR SCHOOL!!!!

Eden's fabulous friends at VEGEPOD have donated 1 medium Vegepod with trolley to offer up as a fantastic prize for a local school!

A Vegepod is a raised garden bed kit that is self-watering, elevated and portable! Vegepod prides itself on providing the average person with a simple and easy way to grow vegetables at home – no matter what space they have! We are big fans here at Eden!

Growing your own vegetables is a great way to encourage children to eat them as well. Vegepods are also raised, making them easier to access and protecting them from eager kid's feet as they get their hands dirty.

Imagine having one of these at your school! Everyone can be a part of growing his or her own food. What a life skill!

Details:

Two ways to enter:

- 1. Come in store and fill out an entry from telling us why your school should win the Vegepod; or
- Go to our EDEN GARDENS Facebook page like our page and then tell us why your school should win the Vegepod (also tagging Vegepod)

The school with the most entries wins! Too easy!

Prize includes:

- 1 medium Vegepod with trolley (Value \$450!)
- Eden Gardens soil
- 5 seeds of your choice
- Fertiliser
- Free access to Vegepod's community program "Kindygarden" or "Sprouters"

Edengardens.com.au : @eden_macquariepark | Vegepod.com.au : @vegepod



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Live Life Well @ School

R-E-D-U-C-E RECREATIONAL SCREEN TIME!



'Research shows that time spent outdoors, especially interacting with nature, can lower stress and anxiety, improve mood, increase perceived wellbeing, and improve concentration and attention.

Search 'Outdoor Play' at www.mindmatters.edu.au



Live Life Well @ School

Skipping is a fun way to improve cardiovascular fitness, balance coordination and muscle tone.

Get Skipping!

- Practice a walking skip by moving arms over the head before attempting to step or jump over the rope
- Skip through a hoola hoop
- Play fun music and skip in time to the beat
- Get involved in Jump Rope for Heart!

For more ideas: Search 'Jump Rope' at www.heartfoundation.org.au



Skipping rope teaching cues:

- 1. Head and shoulders held level and straight
- 2. Arms held at 90 degrees with elbows close to the body
- 3. Move wrists in a circular action to turn the rope
- 4. Slight knee bend

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