

Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people Safe, respectful learners

Term 2 – Issue 6 10 May 2019

Upcoming Events

- Monday 13 May Rugby Union Trials (Selected students)
- Tuesday 14 May
 - NAPLAN. Yr 3 & 5 writing
 - 2pm Assembly –
 Host: 2R
 Item: 4/3L & April Aussie
- Wednesday 15 May NAPLAN. Yr 3 & 5 reading
- Thursday 16 May NAPLAN. Yr 3 language conventions
- Friday 17 May
 - P&C Walk Safely to School Day
 - 9am PSSA Sport. Soccer
 @ Roseville Chase
- Tuesday 21 May
 - NAPLAN. Yr 5 language conventions
 - 2pm Assembly
 Host: Sport Captains
 Item: Training Band
- Wednesday 22 May NAPLAN. Yr 3 numeracy
- Thursday 23 May NAPLAN. Yr 5 numeracy
- Friday 24 May
 - NAPLAN
 - 9am PSSA Sport

School Newsletter

From the Principal - Mrs Ruth White

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2! I trust that all of our school community had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday break. The children and staff have come back well rested and ready for another busy term learning.

Mother's Day

On Monday we had our Mother's Day stall. The gorgeous array of presents that the children had to choose from was amazing. This morning we also celebrated breakfast with mum. I would like to thank the team of mums' who have worked tirelessly to make the Mother's Day celebrations happen this week. Their hard work is very much appreciated and the events enjoyed by all. I would like to wish all our mums a very Happy Mother's Day and a relaxing Sunday.

Works around School

This term we have a lot of maintenance work happening around the school. Last week we had the Administration block's old tiled roof replaced with colour bond. Next week the same will happen with our Kindergarten block. Starting Monday the 20th May, the asphalt between the hall and the year 1 block will be replaced, as well as the Cameron Road carpark. Please note that from the 20th May there will be no Cameron Road gate access until the work is completed, which is due to be a week or two. Please keep an eye out for any school stream messages alerting you to any other changes to arrangements.



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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Cross Country

Last week we conducted our Cross Country carnival. Fortunately, we managed to make it happen before the heavy rain. Thank you to Mr Hutchison for his organisation.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

On the last day of term 1 we commemorated ANZAC with a school ceremony. Will Shaw (GEPS 2018) returned to GEPS to play the Last Post. I'd like to thank Will and our student leaders for hosting the ceremony and Miss Rawling and Mr Fowler for their organisation of the event.

CCA

Early Sunday morning, we farewelled our student leadership team on our annual visit to Euston PS and Mungo Youth Leadership camp. The children have had a fabulous time getting to know fellow student leaders at our sister school and experiencing life in outback NSW. They have certainly been enjoying themselves and we look forward to hearing more about their time at Mungo on Monday. I am very proud of the way that they have represented both themselves and the school throughout this experience.



WWCC

The P&C and the school have been working closely together to clarify working with children check requirements. Next week, a note will go home outlining what documentation parent volunteers need to provide. Depending on the event, some of these requirements may differ. As we go through our compliance files, we may contact parents for any missing documentation or ID. The school is audited to ensure that we are compliant with working with children check policy and procedures. Please take the time to read the note coming out next week and drop in any required documentation to the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Uniforms

With the cooler weather now here, children are asked to wear full winter school uniform in terms 2 and 3. Just a reminder, that girls now have a non-dress uniform option for winter which includes pants and a long and/or short sleeve blouse. Girls are asked to wear a blouse under their tunics and not a sports shirt.

Did you know? Safe, respectful learners - Safe parents, safe students

Parking on Rosedale Road

Did you know, that there are parking regulations outside our school on Rosedale Road? On the school side of the road we have No Parking during school hours and on the opposite side, there is a 5 minute parking zone during school hours. I have noticed, that we have a number of parents who are parking their cars longer than the allocated times permits in these zones, or arriving early to claim a spot. Your cooperation with adhering to the road rules is appreciated. Please remember that fines and loss of demerit points apply when not adhering to these rules. Police and Rangers do patrol the area.



The 2 minutes, 3 metres rule applies during school hours in this zone. This means, that you are only allowed to park for 2 minutes and are not permitted to move more than 3 metres away for the vehicle. Please remember to keep moving up when dropping off/collecting your child in this zone and to move on after 2 minutes. This zone is really just for collecting children who are already waiting outside at the front gate at the end of the day. Alternatively, in the morning, this zone is best for a quick kiss and drop at the front of the school.



The 5 minute parking rule applies here during school hours. This means that you can only park your car for 5 minutes before needing to move on.

PBEL

Politeness

This term, we are changing our caught you being goods to focus on particular habits or behaviours that we are looking for as safe, respectful learners. Each fortnight we will focus on a different habit or behaviour. For the next two weeks we are keeping an eye out to catch *'children being polite'*. At school, we will also be discussing ways to be polite and why politeness is important. Please find below 10 tips that you might find useful when teaching or discussing politeness.

10 situations where you can teach politeness



- Asking with a please
 Accepting with a thank you
 Kindly declining being able to say
 NO gracefully
- 4. Interrupting
- 5· Getting past someone with excuse me

6· *Goodbyes* – Thank you for coming over, Thank you for a great day, Thank you for taking me to the movies·

7. Table Manners

8. *Getting what you want* – rephrasing demands or requests to include a name at the start and a please at the end.

9. Needing space - a simple phrase that you can teach your child to use when they want privacy or feel crowded. "I need more space."

10. Appropriate talk – Making sure your child understands undesirable and unacceptable talk for situations.

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge since Week 8 last term (The list of PRC finishers in last term's Week 10 newsletter was incorrect – it was from 2018. My apologies!) :

Kindergarten: Emily A, Zach H, Ryan H, Eli M, Ava W

Year 1: Madeline B, Catherine F, Lena F, John S-F

Year 2: Scarlett M, Phoebe M

Year 3: Aiden M, Yuusuke T, James A, Michael M, Archie M, Alexander R

Year 4: Amy A, Abigail B, Lucas B, Ines G, Amelie L, Dylan R, Abigail R, Thomas R, Adam T, Amy W, Isabel B, Meghan B, Olivia M, Alyssa R

Year 5: Amelia R, April K, Kasper P

Year 6: Martin C, Saskia P

So far this year 47 GEPS students have completed the PRC - well done!

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with the username and password they use to access computers at school. If you child does not know their username or password, please ask their class teacher.

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

New Library Furniture

We recently took delivery of a new book stand for our popular graphic novels section and a trolley to make returned books more accessible. These were purchased with money that was donated on Grandparents' Day. Thanks to our wonderful Gordon East Community for your support!

Bronwen Campbell Teacher Librarian



School News

The Premier's Spelling Bee!



Have you heard? The Premier's Spelling Bee is back for 2019!

Students in Years 2 – 6, this is your opportunity to have some fun while strengthening your spelling strategies. Two finalists, selected from each class, will participate in our School Final early in Term 3.

So, it's time to get s-p-e-l-l-i-n-g and start p-r-a-c-t-i-s-i-n-g! The official Premier's Spelling Bee word lists are available from the Arts Unit website at

<u>https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee</u>. Ask your teacher or the Office for the password!

Happy spelling!

Mrs Reynolds and Miss Rawling GEPS Spelling Bee Co-ordinators

Congratulations to:

Yunie C (4/3S) – Finalist in Young Archies 2019 – Well done Yunie!



Bill G (6/5H) – Selected for the PSSA Primary Basketball Boys Championship – Well done Bill!

Melanie X from 2A participated in her grade 4 piano test last Saturday. She achieved an A+ - Well done Melanie!



Photo Gallery



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Happy Mother's Day



















Sports News

PSSA Sports Reports

Netball Jnr A – 12 April 2019

Today we played Gordon West Public School and Beaumont Road Public School. Gordon West won 3 to 2 and we won against Beaumont Road 1 to 0. They were fun games and we all played fairly.

Michaela, Lydia and Olivia were our best players.

Reporter: Anna R

Netball Jnr B – 12 April 2019

We played Chatswood Public School and Killara Public School. The best players on our team today were Amy W and Sophie H. Reporter: Maddie L

Netball Senior B – 12 April 2019

Today we played St Ives Public School and Beaumont Road Public School.

The best players on our team today were Cam T for being a good centre, Nina G for being a good GA and Lucinda M for being GS and GA.

Reporter: Maddy K

Netball Senior 3 – 12 April 2019

We played Roseville Public School and St Ives North Public School.

The first game was against Roseville and we lost 5 nil. Our game against St Ives North we lost 7-1.

Cameron W, Katniss and Annika were our best players. Katniss scored the first goal for the GEPS Senior Team 3.

Reporter: Cameron W

Netball Jnr A – 3 May 2019

Today we played Lindfield Public School and we won 2 to 1. Olivia M, Anna R, Amelie and Abigail were our best players. Reporter: Lydia R

PSSA Sports Reports

Netball Jnr B – 3 May 2019

Today we played St Ives North Public School (0-2) and West Pymble Public School (0-1). Unfortunately we lost both games.

The best players on our team were Maddie, Amy and Lily.

Reporter: Sophie H

Netball Senior A – 3 May 2019

Today we played Roseville Public School and Gordon West Public School.

I think today there were some good parts and some not so good parts to our games. In game 1 against Roseville they won 0-16. They were really fast and they worked well as a team. Our team needed to work on breaking in this game.

Our second game was against Gordon West. Our team was much better at breaking in this game, but we needed to work on our passes. Overall, in the second game we played better than the first game.

Our best players today were Chloe S and Ava G. Today Chloe threw really good balls and really strong passes. They were really easy for our team to get to but the other team found it hard to get to. Chloe also caught really well. Today Ava had really tall players but she always got around them. Ava was also a really good feeder into the goal circle.

In our next raining we should work on breaking, getting free and getting around our players, as well as lipping the ball, getting intercepts and chasing down dropped balls.

Reporter: Lara V

Netball Senior B - 3 May 2019

We played Killara Public School. They won 10-0. We also played Gordon West Public School. We lost 7-0.

We lost both games but we played really well and tried our best.

Our best players were:

Matt – Great intercepts and fast feet

Eden – Fast feet

Cam T – Great defending and intercepts

Nina – Great intercepts

Astrid – Great sportsmanship and defending.

Reporter: Lucinda M

Assembly Awards

30 April 2019



7 May 2019

КС	Yuuv B	Mini Merits:	Bradley L, Teddy B, Hannah J, Mia H,
KS	Daniel S		Ana L, Anna P, Scarlett M, Oscar W
1L	Hermes D, Claire C, Janice G		
1R	Xavi S, Benjamin W	Banners:	Aayu C, Nalini G
2A	Evie M, Harry C		
2R	James A, Woojin J		
4/3F	Kaden S, Amy A		
4/3L	Leona A, Chloe V		
4/3S	Michael M, Yunie C		
4/3W	Kiani C, Marisa L		
6/5H	Niall J, Gemma N, Katniss Q		
6/5L	Evie D, Iris F, Alexander M		
6/5W	Cameron W, Martin C, Roman M		
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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,

Term 2 and into week 2 already. The mornings are chilly and days are shorter but there is much going on at GEPS!

Happy Mother's Day to all our lovely mums for Sunday. Great to see you all at school this morning. A wonderful morning – thanks to all the organisers and volunteers.

Thanks to all the mums who helped put the Mother's Day stall together – the kids loved it and the mums were very happy to get their beautiful gifts.

Lots coming up – thank you all in advance for getting involved and participating in the upcoming events, especially another election weekend BBQ!

Please sign up for the Election BBQ – we had such good success with the last one, please keep your support coming along!

www.volunteersignup.org/TWJET

Playground

The playground work is underway in the background. All paperwork has been submitted to the department and Kiah and I continue to work closely with Mrs White (through to 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>Wishlist</u>

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 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

Term 2 P&C meeting is next week: May 14, 7:30pm in the library. Hope to see you there. Meeting Dates for 2019 (7:30pm in school library)

Term 2	2 Tuesday 14th May	
Term 3	Tuesday 6th August	
Torm 4	Tuesday 29th October	
Term 4	Tuesday 3rd December (2019 AGM)	

Nils Bown GEPS P&C President president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

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

We're looking forward to another fun term in the canteen. If you'd like to come and try it out for the first time or revisit us again the link to sign up is <u>www.volunteersignup.org/RLKKC</u>. You don't have to have any cooking ability, just a willingness to help. Maybe sign up with a friend & you can catch up at the same time. We have had a request from the SRC that they would like another Friday Pie day, so on Friday 31st May we will be offering pies as a special treat. They will need to be pre-ordered, but we'll give you more details closer to the time. We will still be offering sushi as usual for those who can't live without it. Looking forward to seeing you in the canteen soon! Alex Terry & the GEPS Canteen Committee

Events Committee

The events team have a very busy May with Mother's Day stall, Mother's Day breakfast, Walk safely to school day and the Federal Election. Thanks to the school community for their support and assistance. 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

Junior Concert Band performed very well at the St Ives Festival on the Green last weekend. They should all feel very proud! Thank you to all the parent helpers - especially those who transported instruments to and from the venue. As always, this is much appreciated.

Well done to the Senior Concert Band for the wonderful performance at the Mother's Day Breakfast. We hope all the mother's enjoyed the entertainment!

Keep reminding your child to practice between rehearsals and to take their band music to all private music lessons.

Have a musical week!

Kellye Bettman, GEPS Band Director

Strings

The Strings ensemble have been busily rehearsing Tuesday mornings. The Mother's Day breakfast performance was very special- a lovely way to start the day!

Next week is the Killara High School Strings Masterclass after school providing an opportunity to learn new skills and perform with the Killara High Strings orchestra.

Ukulele club commenced back this week.

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

All is running smoothly with Issue 3 going home in the school bags Fri Wk 1 and orders due in by Fri Wk 3. A Facebook post has gone up stating the date to order by.

2019 to date Mrs Campbell has been able to order \$650 worth of resources from the Scholastic Rewards Program.

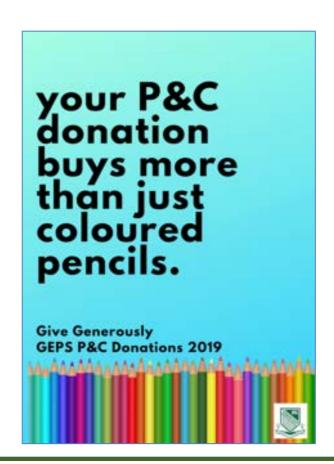
A thank-you to Lisa McGregor who helped out packing Issue 2 and has offered her on-going support as we look to do the packing in the staff room to make the process more efficient versus lugging boxes of books to and from school.

Mel Duker bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Working with Children Checks

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





Friday 17 May 2019

GEPS is participating in Walk Safely to School Day

Celebrating its twentieth year in 2019, National Walk Safely to School Day is a popular annual event on school and family diaries across Australia to walk to school.

National Walk Safely to School Day offers wide-ranging benefits to Australian children. The day promotes regular walking, reduced car-dependency, cleaner air, improved diets, public transport and reinforces vital road-crossing skills children need.

Walking to school also helps to reduce hazardous traffic congestion in and around schools, creating pedestrian-safe areas for children entering or leaving school.

We urge all parents, carers and children to put their feet first and actively participate in National Walk Safely to School Day by walking their children to school – and then to walk as much as possible, because walking is the best exercise for most people.

Even if you normally need to drive to school, consider parking at least 1km away and joining in one of our walking bus groups.

GEPS is participating in this day by organising the following 'walking bus' routes to go to school:

 Starting at 8.40am meet at West end of Narelle Avenue, collecting children and families along Narelle Ave, top of Knowlman and then along Kulgoa Road to the back gate. <u>Contact person:</u>

Starting at 8.40am meet at Corner of Woodlands Ave and Macquarie Road, collecting children and families along Woodlands, then Kulgoa and down Cameron to the side entrance of the school. <u>Contact</u> <u>person:</u>

Starting at 8.40am meet at Corner of Mount Ida St and Darnley Street, collecting children along Darnley, then Rosedale and into the front entrance of the school. <u>Contact person:</u> Gill McLean

Starting at 8.40am meet at Corner of Lynbara Ave and Rosedale Road, collecting children along Rosedale Road and into the front entrance of the school. <u>Contact person</u>:

Starting at 8.30am meet at Corner of Nelson Street and Rosedale Road, collecting children along Rosedale and into the front entrance of the school. <u>Contact person</u>: Aarthi Navaratnam

Walk Safely to School Day stickers will be given to all participating children.

KSP - Killara Schools Partnership

Michael Carr-Gregg

Real Wired Child: What Kids are Doing Online and How to Keep Them Safe

One of Australia's best known adolescent psychologists, will be speaking to the parents of the Killara School Partnership.

> Wednesday 29 May Killara High School Hall 6:30pm - 8:00pm No cost/No RSVP required

Please share this invitation with family and friends. All welcome.

Presenting a summary of the latest research that shows what kids are doing online and also how to keep them safe. Includes everything parents need to know about social networking sites, cyberbullying, internet addiction, filtering software and online games.



What a glorious feeling!

Killara High School Presents

Thursday 6th June, 2019 - 7.00PM Friday 7th June , 2019 - 7.00PM Saturday 8th June, 2019 - 2.00PM & 7.00PM

Students - \$15 Adults - \$25 Family - \$65 (2 adults, 2 kids) Booking: www.trybooking.com/BBGPS Tickets on sale Monday 1st April, 2019

Screenplay by Betty Comden and Adolph Green. Songs by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed. Based on the classic Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film, by special arrangement with Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures, Inc. Music Published by EMI (Original Movie Choreography by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen). Produced by Arrangement With Maurice Rosenfield, Lois F. Rosenfield and Cindy Pritzker, Inc. Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia). All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.



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