



Gordon East Public School

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Term 4 – Issue 19
6 December 2019

School Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 9 December**
 - **8.50am** Yr2 Intensive Swim Scheme **Week 1**
- **Wednesday 11 December**
 - Kindy Super Hero day
 - **3.15 – 6pm** Annual Kindy BBQ
 - **4.30-6pm** Play Equipment Opening
- **Thursday 12 December**
 - **9am** Surf awareness program Stage 3
- **Monday 16 December**
 - **8.50am** Yr2 Intensive Swim Scheme **Week 2**
 - **6pm** Year 6 farewell
- **Tuesday 17 November**
 - Talent quest
- **Wednesday 18 December**
 - **Last day of school 2019**
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- **Friday 24 January 2020**
 - **8am – 10am** Uniform shop open
- **Tuesday 28 January 2020**
 - **8.30am – 10am** Uniform shop open
- **Wednesday 29 January 2020**
 - **9.10am Students return**
 - Kindy Best Start
- **Thursday 30 January 2020**
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Have a safe and Happy Holidays!

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

This week's Principal's report has been brought to you by both our Principal for the day and myself. Mr Heap had a busy, yet enjoyable day leading our school. He spent the day completing tasks, making announcements, presenting awards and answering many questions

Principal for the day



This week's report comes from our principal for the day Mr Lachlan Heap. This was a very full fortnight starting with the creative and performing arts night. This was an amazing show case so I would just like to congratulate all the performers and thank our conductors. We also had our K-2 concert which was fantastic. Sir Eric Woodward School came to watch the amazing dress rehearsal. I would like to thank all the performers and teachers that put in their hard work everyday to make that concert amazing.



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.

PSSA Cricket and Modball had their last games. The Senior Cricket team won their division and Senior Modball came second, congratulations. Presentation night was fantastic and good job to all the award recipients and performers.

Lastly thank you to all of our scripture teachers for another amazing year.

Lachlan Heap

Principal for the day

Storm update

Last Tuesday's storm was quite an event! As a school, we were lucky and didn't sustain much damage to school property. The clean up afterwards was concluded on Wednesday with tree loppers coming in to remove all hanging and dangerous branches throughout the school following the storm.

I would like to formally thank the GAs from Pymble PS and St Ives HS who kindly assisted on the Wednesday morning after the storm. Whilst it was a somewhat intense event, it was heartwarming to hear and experience how much of a close community Gordon East is. Everyone chipped in together to assist and help each other out, whether it be providing showers, meals, lifts to and from school or storing food or medication for each other. Thank you to our whole community for your assistance.

K-2 Concert

Last week, we enjoyed the end of year K-2 Concert. The children had a wonderful time entertaining us. They performed beautifully and were very excited to perform. I would like to thank all the staff involved in making this event possible.

Presentation Night

On Wednesday evening, we held out annual Presentation Night. Thank you everyone who attended Presentation Night on Wednesday evening. Thank you also to the groups who performed for your delightful performances and the staff for their organisation and attendance. Congratulations to the students who received awards on the evening.

Ruth White

Principal

Reminders

Year 2 Intensive Swim Scheme Weeks 9 & 10– Please make sure your children are at school at 8.50am prompt as the buses leave at 9am.

Merit Awards - There are no more Merit award assembly's this year, please hold on to your awards and bring them in 2020.

Library News

Borrowing has ceased for this year, and all Library books are now due for return. Thank you to all who have returned their books so far.

Overdue notes will be going home with students next week, so please check your child's school bag or library bag for a note. Families will also receive email reminders. Please have a really good search (under the bed...on brother or sister's bookshelf...under the seat in the car...behind the sofa...in the toy cupboard...) and send the books back to school as soon as possible.

As the notes say, if you can't return the books, please return the note, explaining on the back why the books can't be returned, or send me an email.



Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about missing or overdue books.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to these students who have completed their fourth Premier's Reading Challenge and been awarded a GOLD certificate:

4/3F Elyse K, Aiden M, Luke M, Adam T, Annabel W

4/3L Leona A, Oliver P, Callum S, Chloe V, Amy W

4/3S Isabel B, Lucas B, Haewon J, Leon L, Scarlett M, Michael M, Archie M, Lydia R, Dilan W

4/3W James A, Abigail B, Sophie H, Olivia M, Asha P, Alyssa R, Alexander R

6/5H Fred B

6/5L Clara M

These students have been awarded a Platinum Certificate in recognition of their completing the Premier's Reading Challenge SEVEN times:

6/5H Rohan P, Saskia P

6/5L Lara V

6/5W Martin C, Lachlan H, Millie R, James S

Bronwen Campbell
Teacher Librarian

Aussie of the Month

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month
November 2019

Darius Monavari

Darius is a cheerful student with a contagious smile. His naturally caring nature and sense of humour make him a pleasure to be around.

Darius continuously cooperates with his peers and teachers. He considers the feelings of others and does his best to include all students during all learning activities.

Darius is a curious student who takes great pride in his work. He strives to achieve success and perseveres with challenging tasks. Darius upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner.

He is a delight to teach and a well deserving recipient of The Aussie of the Month Award.

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AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month
November 2019

Lucinda Minotto

Lucinda is a polite, caring and considerate member of our school community.

She has a cheerful disposition and always wears a happy smile. She is a great team player who is respected both in and out of the classroom.

She is an excellent leader who leads by example, organizes her team and packs up after the game.

Lucinda is a great learner who always produces quality work in the classroom. She listens attentively to others and always endeavors to help her peers with their learning when required. She is a great artist, mathematician, reader, author and chef.

Lucinda is a valued member of 6/5W and Gordon East Public School and is a safe, respectful learner.

Congratulations Lucinda on the "Aussie of the Month" award for November.

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Assembly Awards

26 November & 3 December 2019 – Week 7 & Week 8

KC	Joshua H & Rebecca S	Merits	Madeline V, Saskia P & Anna P
KS	Ines R & Jyun-Yuen H		Fernando J, Ray W, Gemma N & Claire C
1L	Hayley F & Sasha Y		
1R	Tian N & Jonathan B		
2R	Jacob M & Finley H		
2A	Remi U & Evie M	Banner	Will T & Chloe S
4/3F	Michaela M & Natasha M		Claire H
4/3W	Elise W & Amelia T		
4/3S	Lydia R & Isaac M	Medal	Niall J
4/3L	Alon R & Dylan R		
6/5H	Sophia M, James B & Bill G	Aussies	Darius M & Lucinda M
6/5W	Cameron W, Madison K & James S		
6/5L	Mahalia L, James C & Evie D		



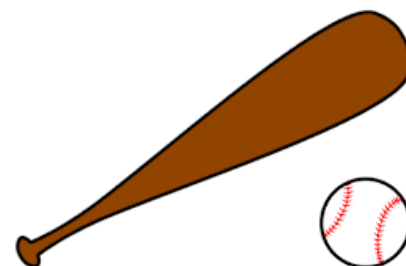
PSSA Reports

T-ball (Junior) - Last Game 2019

Today we played St Ives Public school and we lost (19-22) We did really well. Ines got 2 home runs, Lydia did some amazing hits which no one could catch. Abby ran though the bases like the wind. The game was exciting and St Ives played really well.

The best player on our team today were Ines, Abby & Lydia

Reporter: Michaela



Modball (Senior) – Last Game 2019

Today we played Pymble Public School and we won 9-1. It was our last game and we all played really well and had lots of fun

The best player on our team today were ... I don't think anyone was the best. I think that everybody played their best and had fun

Reporter: Lucinda M

Special mention to the Senior Modball team who were runners up the year. Great effort.

Champions!



Congratulations to Mr. Hutchison and the Senior PSSA Cricket team.

They are the PSSA champions for 2019.

Well done! The team put in such a great effort this season.



Congratulations

Congratulations – Zone Athletics Achievements

Dylan Allabush came second in the little A's zone 1500m and 1st in the 1500m walk. Dylan will also go through to region representing Ku-ring-gai.



Photo Gallery



**Thank you
Morning tea**

From the P&C

President Report

Dear Families,

A big thank you to all our parents, grandparents and friends who have given their time and energy to volunteer at the school in numerous ways. This includes volunteering at the Uniform Shop, Book Club, Canteen, Class Parents, Environs Days, Reading Groups, Band & Strings, and of course our events.

As I did last year, I would like to ask everyone to consider how you could volunteer and help in 2020. As volunteering declines across communities, now more than ever we need your help.

Next year, please set aside some time to help the community – especially a morning in the canteen or helping at one of our events. I really believe the community involvement significantly improve the school environment. Not only is it very rewarding to be involved in your child's school life – the children love it!

I'd also encourage you to attend our P&C meetings - they are a great way to see how the school operates and to understand how we are supporting the learning environment. We are ultimately here for the benefit of all our children. Finally, I would like to congratulate ALL our children for making us proud in what has been a wonderful year, and to wish everyone a very happy and successful 2020.

A huge thank you to all the GEPS teachers and support staff for supporting, educating and caring for our children. Thanks to Mrs White for her great stewardship and leadership –all the things that she has had to deal with in her first year at GEPS is worthy of a novel!

Finally, I would like to congratulate ALL our children for making us proud in what has been a wonderful year, and to wish everyone a very happy and successful 2019.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2020. Enjoy the holidays!

AGM Update - P&C Committee 2020

Thanks to all who attended the AGM this week. The new P&C office bearers are:

Role	Name
President	Nils Bown
Treasurer	Greg Long
Secretary	Zoe Falster
Vice President 1	Kiah Wolton-Phillips
Vice President 2 (Events)	Sally Pearman
Events sub-committee	Jayne Cree, Danielle Stone, Lisa McGregor, Sarah Holmes, Amanda Watts, Cat Spencer
Executive Member	Jane Heap (assistant Treasurer) Parichart Suwannoon (community) Kathy Zvirblis (communications)
Canteen Committee	Alex Terry, Robyn Martin
Book Club	Melinda Duker
Environs Committee	Alison Wykes
Music Committee	Band Coordinator – Anita McLean Music Treasurer – Melinda Duker Strings Coordinator – Michelle Howland
Working With Children Check Officers	Nils Bown Kiah Wolton-Phillips

Please consider how you can help us moving into 2020: **Don't wait for us to tap you on the shoulder – help us help the school community and get involved!**

P&C Meetings

Meeting Dates for 2020 (7:30pm in school library):

Term 1	Tuesday 11 th February
	Tuesday 17 th March (wish list voting)
Term 2	Tuesday 12 th May
Term 3	Tuesday 4 th August
Term 4	Tuesday 27 th October
	Tuesday 1 st December (2020 AGM)

Playground

The playground works are nearly done. Hope to see lots of you at the official opening next Wednesday. Please check your child's bag and email for the invite.

Thanks to Ruth and Kiah for continuing to work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen.

Database

As we farewell our families who will no longer be at the school in 2020, please spare a thought for the work we need to do to update our email database. You will likely get email messages from us for a few weeks in 2020 as we update our files, and while we will do our best to keep this to a minimum, please bear with us!

If you have any details that have changed, please pass them on to us so we can keep you in the loop of activities & news

Nils Bown

GEPS P&C President

president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Class Parents

Please keep in mind the need for us to fill the role of class parent for each class in 2020. We will be reaching out to you all as school starts to fill these roles. If you are already keen to fulfil a role for your child in 2020, please email us at

geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Events

Save the date for the 2020 Welcome Event- Sat 8th February 4-7pm! More details to come!

Events Committee (Sally, Danielle, Jayne, Lucy, Lisa, Sarah, Amanda & Cat)

Uniform Shop

The last day for uniform shop will be Tuesday 17th December.

The uniform shop will be open on **Friday 24th January from 8am to 10am**. Then open normally from Tuesday 28th Jan.

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 would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has come and helped in the Canteen this year. We could not have done it without you. At times it's been a real struggle to get volunteers and other times it's not been too bad. Either way we have stayed open and made sure the kids could enjoy using the canteen. We look forward to next year when we can do it all again! Until then, have a very safe and enjoyable Christmas holidays.

Alex, Astrid & the GEPS Canteen Committee.

P.S. As always, we still need volunteers for the last couple of weeks so please put your name down if you can:

<https://volunteersignup.org/MDDWH>

Strings

The strings ensemble entertained us all at the Presentation night Wednesday playing 'Jumping Jellybeans'. We are very proud of our little group who made such a big sound!

Strings will commence week 2 2020.

Rehearsals will continue to be Held on Tuesday mornings from 7.50. For those students wishing to join please contact Mrs Lynley Wagner- Director on Lynley@wagnermusic.com.au, or one of our P&C Strings coordinators - Lauren (laurenainscough9@gmail.com) or Michelle (mthowland@yahoo.com)

Michelle and Lauren

Strings Coordinators

Book Club

Thank-you to everyone who ordered books through the Scholastic Book Club in 2019. We hope your child has enjoyed reading and they have also benefited with Mrs Campbell receiving almost \$2000 in Scholastic Rewards to spend on books for the school library.

Happy Reading!

Mel

Working With Children Check

Just to let those of you know who were not in attendance at the AGM, v.2 of the Working With Children Check policy was Adopted and is now in effect.

The updated policy reflects what we were already doing here at GEPS and so there are no changes that anyone needs to implement.

If anyone would like a copy of the updated policy, please contact me at the WWCC email address

WWCC@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

Also, Nils and I were reappointed as the P&C's WWCC Officers and we look forward to supporting our school community for another year.

Kiah Wolton-Phillips

WWCC Officer



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GEPS Leavers

As we begin our plans for 2020 it is important that we have a clear idea of the number of students anticipated in each year group.

If you are expecting that your son or daughter will not be returning to Gordon East next year it would be greatly appreciated if you would indicate this as soon as possible.

This information will be held in confidence by the Principal and Enrolments officer.

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____ **YEAR:** _____

INTENDED SCHOOL: _____

REASON:

Community News



Become a catechist in 2020!

We are in need of new scripture teachers. The following classes ARE without Catholic SRE teachers in 2020:

- Turramurra Public School: Wednesday 915-945am AND 1025-1105am for Year 6
- Gordon West Public School: Wednesday 1135-1210pm for Kindy, Year 3 and Year 6
- West Pymble Public School: Wednesday 1235-110pm for ALL YEAR GROUPS
- Pymble Public School: Wednesday 9-930am for Year 2 AND 930-10am Year 3 and Year 6.
- Turramurra High School: various days, times, and year groups.

Some of our classes are very large. ***Even those classes with SRE teachers could also use an assistant. Can you help?***

The original meaning of “catechist” is one who “echoes God’s word”, however catechists are much more than that. Facilitating a child’s faith formation is a rewarding experience that does not require a teacher’s degree or an advanced degree in theology: all it requires is enthusiasm, as well as generosity in sharing your time with others.

Classes are once a week and run for 30-35 minutes. Resources, lesson plans, teacher’s manuals, student workbooks, support and training are provided free of charge. Please contact me at Melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au for a commitment free discussion about how you can add value to our community’s youth.



GEPS Uniform shop Special opening days

Friday 24 January 2020
8.30am – 9.30am

Tuesday 28 January 2020
8am – 10am

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20 - 24 December

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Turramurra Uniting Church

www.turramurrauniting.org.au/cew for info and registration

PLAY SOFTBALL!

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Softball is a great, fun sport that builds fitness, teamwork and friendship for girls and boys.

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UNIFORM DAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2020





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

This summer, your kids can be cool and keep their bodies busy at our popular school holiday programs.

NEW Holiday multi-sport (age 6-10), gymnastics (age 5-12) and swimming programs (age 4-15)

Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, jump in the pool, and get active with a variety of summer sports with our multi-sport, gymnastics and swimming classes.



Our multi-sport program is the ultimate sampler for engaging sports and games. It offers a wide range of physical activities and games which will develop fundamental movement and sporting skills.



Gymnastics offers three-hour workshops designed to teach your child technical gymnastics skills. Focusing on drills and skills for two apparatus' each day, participants will enjoy increasing motor skills and building their gymnastics ability.



Swimming classes range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels. Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

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