



Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

Term 2 – Issue 8
5 June 2020

School Newsletter

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Upcoming Events



There is nothing in the calendar currently

Dear Parents,

What a joy it has been over the last two weeks having the children return to a more normal schooling environment. We have certainly enjoyed GEPS sounding like it used to. Our focus over the last two weeks have been re-connecting with the students in person and re-establishing school learning environments. The children have settled back in to the classroom and are enjoying playtime.

I'd like to thank parents for adhering to social distancing guidelines and minimizing access to the school site. I'd also like to thank parents for their diligence in keeping children home from school if they are sick.

Reports

In week 1 of Term 3, parents will receive a simplified report for Semester 1. We will be providing parents with information on student progress across all key learning areas against outcomes covered and a general comment. We will also be providing information about effort and work habits. We aim to conduct parent teacher interviews early in Term 3.



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.

Road Safety

Our drop off and pick up points are extremely busy each morning and afternoon. Sadly, we have seen an increased number of unsafe road and pedestrian practices during these times. I would like to remind the community of the parking and road rules that apply around our school and ask that these be adhered to for the safety of both pedestrians, drivers, children and adults around our school.

- You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a **maximum of 2 minutes** to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay **within 3 metres** of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.
- You **must not stop or park** in a BUS ZONE for any reason, **including queuing or waiting for a space** unless you are driving a bus.
- You must use a pedestrian crossing to cross if there is one within 20 metres. *A pedestrian must not cross a road, or part of a road, within 20 metres of a crossing on the road.* Please model good pedestrian safety around our school and use the pedestrian crossings to cross the roads at all times.
- Please keep moving down the 2 minute, 3 metre No Parking zone directly in front of the school on Rosedale Rd. Do not stop at the bus zone end if there is space in front of you, drive down to the next available space to enable other drivers to stop behind you.

Term Invoice

There will be no term invoice for Term 2 due to there being no excursions. We are also aware that many families may be experiencing some financial hardship during this time so we will not be sending reminders for voluntary contributions. We will of course accept any payments from willing parents. Please contact the office if you would like to pay an outstanding invoice.

Student Home-Learning Reflection

Now that we have returned to school, we would like to ask each child to take the time to reflect on their Home Learning experience. Please take 5-10 minutes and help your child/ren answer the survey questions distributed. Each child needs to complete the survey using the link for their own class and have it completed by Friday 12th June (Week 7). Please keep an eye out in School Stream for the Survey Links.

Playground Markings

As part of welcoming the students back, some new playground markings were laid on Wednesday. We now have a new activity circuit looping around the front of J Block. The canteen entrance was also freshened up with new line markings. The students have been enjoying the activity circuit throughout the school day.

Canteen

We look forward to the canteen re-opening next week. Thank you to Alex and Astrid for their time and effort making changes to enable this to happen. Just a reminder, the canteen will be cash free. All recess and lunch orders must be ordered on-line.

Ruth White

Principal

New playground markings...






















Parking and road rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$337 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$187 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$337 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$448 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$337 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or on, or across a DRIVEWAY .	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$337 	(School Zone) 2 

Please note: The above information is current as of February 2019.

Library News

Click and Collect is finished

Now that the library is open again, we are no longer operating Click and Collect borrowing. Students can choose and borrow their own books during their weekly library lesson.

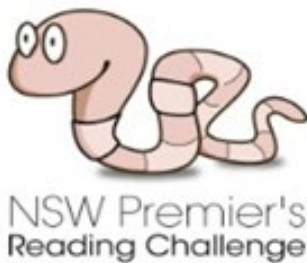
The Premier's Reading Challenge – 5 Bonus Choice Books

This year, instead of 5 Choice books, you can enter 10.

However, the system won't let you add your 5 extra Choice books in the usual way.

Go to the [PRC Support page](#) for instructions.

So far this year 89 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.



Congratulations to our latest PRC finishers:

Kindergarten: Abigail J, Patrick P, Tommy S

Year 1: Jyun-Yuen H, Kishan P, Ava W

Year 2: Madeline B, Bradley L, Tian N, Matilda P, Xavi S

Year 3: Scarlett M, Heath R

Year 4: Sophie H, Isaac M

Year 6: Sahana

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with their school username and password.

PRC books read during Library activities for K-2 students:

It's bedtime, William by Deborah Niland

The very blue thingamajig by Narelle Oliver

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

Aussie of the Month

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month
May 2020

Emily Allinson

Emily is a respectful and resilient student who strives to do her best at all times. She is an excellent role model to other students as she approaches all aspects of her school work conscientiously and creatively.

Emily is a very fair, considerate and kind friend. Her thoughtful personality combined with an engaging smile makes her popular with peers and teachers alike.

Emily is a valued member of the Gordon East community and a well-deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month award.

Congratulations!

May 2020

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Sunita Patel

Sunita is a confident student who is respectful and courteous towards teachers, office staff and fellow students. She demonstrates resilience by not giving up when things get difficult.

Sunita is an active listener and makes thoughtful contributions during small team and class discussions. Her love for learning is evident as she always strives to achieve her best. Sunita is a reliable student who is also a fantastic ambassador for our school.

She is a well-deserved recipient of this Aussie of the Month award. Congratulations Sunita!

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Merit Awards

Tuesday 12 May 2020		Tuesday 19 May 2020	
KC	Patrick P	KC	Bella A
KR	Chloe M	KR	Sean G
K/1L	Flore Z & Leo M	K/1L	Iyla T, Mitchell N
1C	Yuuv B & Joshua H	1C	Kish P & Tristan Y
2A	Madison S & Daniel J	2A	Evan S & Seohyun E
2M	Hayley F & Tom M	2M	Ma H & Daniel S
4/3W	Ariane A, Isaac M & Nethya W	4/3W	Parker M, William C & Scarlet M
4/3A	Madison L & James K	4/3A	Eli K & Madison L
4/3M	Ray W, Nathan S & Kippy R	4/3M	Alexander R, Scarlet M & Troy H
4/3F	Ollie H, Iris L & Clayton W	4/3F	Aarin C, Luke A & Ronan J
6/5S	Kiani C, Anna P & Thomas R	6/5S	Lydia R, Colby H & Sunita P
6/5P	James C, Angus W & Abigail R	6/5P	Darby R, Annika N & Sophia M
6/5W	Lucy M, Lachlan M & Amelia R	6/5W	Daphane F, Haewon J & Yigit K

Tuesday 26 May 2020		Tuesday 2 June 2020	
KC	Abigail J	KC	Diaco M
KR	Meredith H	KR	Harriet O
K/1L	Amy-Grace S & Tommy F	K/1L	Archie A & Ava V
1C	Ryan H & Chloe L	1C	Ashley S & Zachary H
2A	Isabelle M & Clare C	2A	Ethan L & Chloe T
2M	Jasper A & Jonathan B	2M	Kate L & Karissa Y
4/3W	Eileen S, Lachlan C & Evie M	4/3W	Harris H & Ella S
4/3A	Heath R & Casey X	4/3A	Yoonku H & Nathaniel P
4/3M	Nico S, Sarah L & Callum S	4/3M	Connor W & Jake T
4/3F	Oscar W, Sophie H & Oakley S	4/3F	Sophia B & Natasha M
6/5S	Oliver S, Elke C & Lily H	6/5S	Minjae C, Marco S & Ethan W
6/5P	Tia J, Niall J & Astrid C	6/5P	Oliver D, Leely C & Katia S
6/5W	Amy A, Isabel B & Nathan D	6/5W	Dylan A, Sammy Y & Peppa C
		Mini Merits	OliverD, Phoebe M & Ethan W
		Banners	Aarin C, Annika & Meghan B

Exceptional **Fabulous** *Fabulous*
 CONGRATULATIONS
Exceptional **Fabulous**
 Terrific **OUTSTANDING**
Fabulous **OUTSTANDING** *Exceptional*
 Terrific

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

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Dr Michael Carr-Gregg FREE Parent workshops

City of Ryde and Lane Cove Council are bringing Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to your screens to provide 2 x FREE workshops to help parents during and post COVID-19.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/raising-resilient-kids-in-the-coronavirus-era-w-dr-michael-carr-gregg-tickets-106864933894>

Raising Resilient Kids in the Coronavirus Era

The spread of the Coronavirus has turned life upside down, almost overnight, for millions of people around the world. Being a young person is complicated even without a global pandemic in the mix, and many adults are struggling to navigate the new reality of remote schoolwork, lots of family time, and a ton of uncertainty about what happens next. This webinar offers practical, evidence-based strategies on what to say and what to do in these challenging times. It also includes information on managing remote learning and self-care.

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents and adult carers of younger children.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parenting-teenagers-post-coronavirus-lockdown-w-dr-michael-carr-gregg-tickets-106870733240>

Parenting Teenagers Post Coronavirus Lockdown

In just a matter of weeks, the coronavirus pandemic has turned our vibrant modern cities into virtual ghost towns. and thousands of Australians are without jobs and 24.6 million people were told to stay home unless they absolutely have to go outside. Hard enough as an adult, but particularly tricky if you are a teenager trying to tackle the tasks of adolescent development. This webinar explains the impact of the coronavirus lockdown on teenagers, focusing their mental health and gives participants some skills to manage teenagers especially as they transition back to school in all year levels, deal with disappointment and try to regain their motivation.

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents and adult carers of teenagers.

For further information contact Andrew – amarselos@ryde.nsw.gov.au or Hayley – hrose@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

From the P&C**President Report**

Dear Families,

It has been great to see the kids back at school. Thanks for all your support helping the staff meet their social distancing requirements with all the kids coming back and ensuring things run smoothly.

We have been working hard behind the scenes to get the canteen back up and running. Please see below the note from Alex on how this will work.

The P&C continues to operate in the background and will aim to do what we can to support the school as needed. Some of you may have recently seen the news that legislation was passed that allows us to hold meetings online – so I'll be working with the team on setting up a meeting for T2 along with a revised Wishlist voting in the coming weeks. I'll keep you updated as we prepare for this.

Thanks to Mel Duker who is handing over the reins of the BookClub to Shari – thanks Mel & Shari!

If your details have changed or if you are not getting the P&C emails, please get a yellow form from the office or request an electronic version via geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

Nils Bown
GEPS P&C President

Uniform Shop

For the foreseeable future, we will require people to buy new uniforms online via Flexischools and second hand uniforms at the shop by appointment only. At this stage we will only use Tuesday morning for these appointments, subject to demand. Note the cut-off for Flexischools is 4.30pm Monday afternoon.

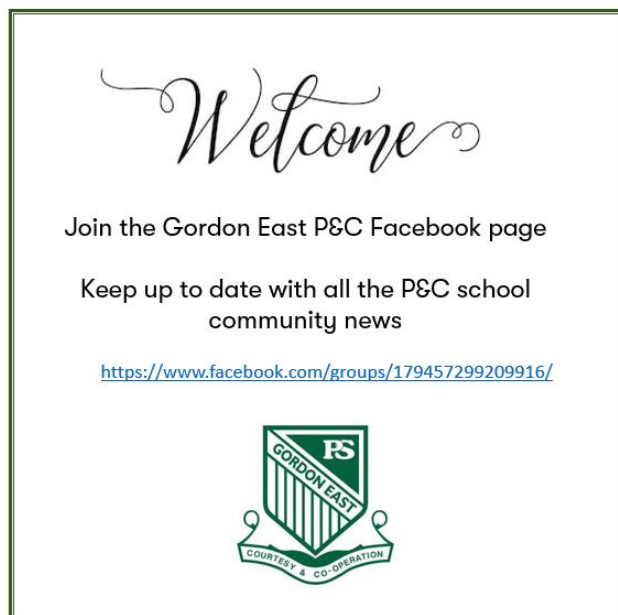
To buy second hand uniform:

Book a time slot (<https://www.picktime.com/GEPSUniformShop>) [Tuesdays for remainder of the term].

1. Come at your allocated time slot only – you will not be permitted to enter the school grounds if you don't have a booking.
2. Pre-fill out an order form with your name and payment details (attached) and bring with you.
3. Once at the shop, we will ask you to sanitise your hands and put on a pair of gloves prior to looking through the uniforms.
4. Payment will be via credit card only.

New uniform sales will be given to the office to pass to your child's class.

Any issues with your orders, please contact Katie on uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au



Canteen

Canteen is Reopening on Tuesday!

As from Tuesday next week (9th June) the canteen will reopen on both Tuesdays and Fridays but with a difference. We will be completely cashless. To make this possible, you will need to order both morning tea and lunch on Flexischools. If you don't already have the App on your phone you can download it from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#) or you can go to their website www.flexischools.com.au and order on your computer.

You will still go to the lunch tab like you've always done but when you get in there, you will need to go into the "Morning Tea" section to make your recess selections.

We are also going to move back the cut off time for orders to be placed to 8.45am. If your order isn't placed by 8.45am, you won't be able to place either morning tea or lunch orders that day. The reason for this is because we need to be able to print the labels before the bell rings so we can get them to each classroom before school starts. The teachers will then hand out the labels as the kids are leaving the classroom to go to morning tea. The kids will bring the labels to the canteen window, we will take the label and give them whatever is on their order. Effectively, the label becomes "cash".

We will only be making enough food to cover what is ordered. There won't be any extra food.

In addition to this we won't be running any Tuesday only lunch options (e.g butter chicken, nachos, dumplings etc), instead, we will, for the foreseeable future, be running pies on a Tuesday and sushi on a Friday every week. Once things return to normal, we return to the other Tuesday lunch options. The reason for this is that we need to run on as few volunteers as possible to allow for social distancing which means either myself or Astrid and one other plus the new admin shift person who will only be there for an hour.

In light of that, I've included a link for you to put your name down if you'd like to come and help for a shift in the canteen.

There will be three options.

1. 9.15am - 10.15am - Admin shift. This will be sticking the labels on the lunch bags and sorting the orders into baskets according to type e.g. pies, sandwiches, pizzas etc
2. 9 - 11.30am - Kitchen shift - food preparation, morning tea service, cleaning up
3. 11.30am - 1.45pm - Kitchen shift - food preparation, lunch service, cleaning up

<https://volunteersignup.org/EPFCM>

Quick Summary of canteen changes:

- ALL ordering is cashless via Flexischools (no buying food with cash at canteen)
- Cut-off is now 8.45am for orders
- We will be maintaining strict social distancing, so menu options are reduced – but still plenty to keep hungry tummy's full!

If you have any questions about any of this feel free to email me at canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Thanks,
Alex - Gordon East P&C Canteen

Book Club

Thanks to everyone who negotiated the digital catalogue and ordered from the Issue 3 of the Scholastic BookClub. So far this year the BookClub Rewards have been able to transfer over \$800 to Mrs Campbell to spend on Library resources. Issue 4 went home in the school bags last Friday. I hope your copy has been circled with the reading wish list. Please remember to order online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>. Orders need to be placed by Friday 12 June to ensure delivery before the school holidays.

Please remember ALL orders need to be place via the online ordering system. The GEPS office does NOT take cash / cheque orders for BookClub.

And a huge thank-you to Shari Allinson who will be taking on the role of BookClub Coordinator from me going forward. Shari has been helping with the packing of the orders so is already across the process and I know will do a fabulous job. Shari can be contacted on the same email: bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

Happy Reading.
Mel Duker

Strings

Our Strings ensemble is patiently waiting for a return to rehearsals! Strings at GEPS rehearse Tuesday mornings at 7.45-8.20 followed by ukulele group. Any students interested in joining please contact Strings Director, Mrs Lynley Wagner by email at lynley@wagnermusic.com.au or strings coordinators Lauren Ainscough (laurenainscough9@gmail.com) or Michelle Howland (mthowland@yahoo.com)

Band

Zoom sectionals and rehearsals are going very well with most students logging on and participating. If you are having trouble logging on please email me at gepsband@gmail.com and I can help get you organised. SCB has some new music uploaded to Google classroom. Please make sure you print this up and your child puts it in their band folder and takes it their lessons. It is very important that your child is continuing with their private lessons. Again, any difficulties with this please email me. Until then, see you in the zoom room.....

Have a musical week!
Kellye Bettman
GEPS Band Director