



Gordon East Public School

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19 June 2020

School Newsletter

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Upcoming Events



Dear Parents,

As you will have read last week, further restrictions are being lifted over the next few weeks. This means some school activities will be resuming. Please refer to the Parent Guidelines Information booklet sent out via School Stream and email out last Friday for further details on current guidelines and also which activities are being considered in term 3. I have included below some more information about some of these activities. Please note, with each of these activities there are strict guidelines that need to be followed in order to enable their recommencement. Your support with this is appreciated.

Friday 3 July - Students last day of Term 2

Monday 20 July – Staff development day

Tuesday 21 July - Students return for Term 3

Assemblies – Our formal Tuesday afternoon assembly remains on hold. However, this week we recommenced our outdoor lines assembly. This is a short assembly, which allows us to communicate any messages with all students collectively.

Choir – Choir recommences next week (week 9). Parents are reminded to leave their children at the gate each morning and not enter the school grounds should your child be in a before school choir group.



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.

Band and String Groups – Band, Strings and tutorials will recommence in term 3. Students must leave parents at the gates and bring their own instruments to the rehearsal each time.

PSSA - PSSA inter school competition will commence early in Term 3. We will be holding non-contact trials for each individual winter sport. Due to the current restrictions, these trials will be non-contact and more skill based.

Athletics Carnival – Due to the current restrictions there will be no Zone Athletics Carnival, hence our carnival is also cancelled. We hope to organise a school based carnival later in the year, should further restrictions be lifted in the future.

For all activities, hygiene guidelines continue to apply:

Stay at home when unwell. Only return to school when you have fully recovered.

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser.

Maintain respiratory hygiene. Cover your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue, and then disposing of tissues immediately. Always wash your hands after you have coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.

Student Illness

Thank you to the parents who continue to keep their children at home when unwell. Just a reminder that this applies to all signs of illness including upset stomachs, headaches, coughs or sniffles as well as respiratory illness. This will assist in helping to prevent spread within the school.

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.

Ruth White

Principal

Tech Support Team and Band Captain Badge Presentation



Congratulations to our newly appointed Tech Support Team and Inaugural Band Captains

Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Competition



Yesterday Stage 2 & 3 class finalists competed in the 2020 competition.
Congratulations to our winners

Kaden S (stage 2) & Amelia R (stage 3)

Intention To Apply For Year 5 Entry To An Opportunity Class In 2021

Opportunity classes can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping together high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable peer group. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

New for 2021 entry

A Year 5 virtual opportunity class has been established at Aurora College for students in rural and remote NSW. Further information is available at <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 16 September 2020**.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between **Tuesday 9 June 2020** and **Friday 26 June 2020**. You will need to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the High Performing Students Team for assistance after **9 June 2020**. Contact details can be found on the web site shown below.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Library News

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 103 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest PRC finishers:

Kindergarten: Nicholas P & Mark S-F

Year 1: William E & Leo M

Year 2: Edward C, Alexander P, John S-F & William T

Year 3: Harry C & Karishma P

Year 5: Lily H, Haewon J, Lydia R & Harrison S



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:

Dingo dog and the billabong storm by Andrew Fusek Peters

Niko draws a feeling by Bob Raczka

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



Merit Awards

Tuesday 9 June 2020		Tuesday 16 June 2020	
KC	Senna L	KC	Howard D
KR	Reid M	KR	Isabella A
K/1L	Ines R & Mark S	K/1L	George S & Eli M
1C	Daniel S & Jacob S	1C	Gary Y & Eden K
2A	Jessie K & Hermes D	2A	Xavi S & Hayley B
2M	Olivia T & Ana Luiza E	2M	Madeline B & Tom M
4/3W	Joshua M & William R	4/3W	Clare H & Victor F
4/3A	Duc N & Marisa L	4/3A	Adi J & Sophie H
4/3M	Jaden S & Will E	4/3M	Kaden S & Ollie C
4/3F	Isabella Y & Lihon C	4/3F	Ethan W & Sophia B
6/5S	Hazel C, Alex M & Henry O	6/5S	Thomas R, Minjae C & Eren A
6/5P	Meghan B, Jacob C & Henri S	6/5P	Nico Y, James C & Lucas B
6/5W	Lachlan M, Leona A & Amy W	6/5W	Amelia R, April K & Aidan T
		Merits	Ronan J & April K
		Banners	Harrison S & Darius M

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

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DIGITAL WORKSHOP

DEMYSTIFYING ADOLESCENTS

This free online workshop is a crash course in the developmental psychology of adolescents for parents and carers. You will learn how to understand and communicate effectively with young people.

Demystifying Adolescents is led by Michael Carr-Gregg, a high profile psychologist in Australia and known for his work in the prevention of youth suicide.

When Monday 29 June

Time 7.00 – 8.00pm

Where Online workshop

For more information and to register, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Demystifying-Adolescents or call 9952 8222.

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From the P&C

President Report

Dear Families,

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.

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

The reopening of canteen has gone very well! We have enough volunteers to see us through the rest of term! This is a brilliant place to be. Thanks to those that were able to put themselves down to help out.

The kids are enjoying pies on Tuesday. There are lots of positive comments about how nice a warm pie is on a cold day.

When you're ordering morning tea, could you make sure that it's registered as part of the order. We've had a few instances where kids think they've ordered something for morning tea but it's not come through on the order, which means it's not been registered in Flexischools.

Don't forget...



- 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

Many thanks for your continued support of the canteen.

Alex

Gordon East P&C Canteen

Book Club

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, I have taken over the Book Club Coordinator role from Melinda Duker. Many thanks to Mel for all her hard work organising the book club the last couple years and all the reward dollars this has created for additional school library resources. I look forward to taking on this role going forward.

Many thanks to all that ordered from Issue 4 by last Friday. We had a huge number of orders making over \$400 in Reward Dollars for Mrs Campbell to spend, which is fantastic. Once the books arrive and have been sorted, I will send out an email via the BookClub email address. As done for the recent orders this year, I am happy to offer pick up of any larger orders from my home at this stage and any remaining orders will be distributed to the students in class.

If you have any questions please email me at bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Shari Allinson

Strings

The strings ensemble will return Term 3 - week 2! We are so excited and no doubt the Strings students have been practising hard, awaiting the return of rehearsals!

The Strings ensemble meets Tuesday mornings during term at 7.45.

All interested students please contact our Director- Mrs Lynley Wagner (lynley@wagnermusic.com.au) or one of the Strings Coordinator's - Lauren (laurenainscough9@gmail.com) or Michelle (mthowland@yahoo.com)

Band

Great news – face to face band rehearsals will be back at the start of Term 3! We are very excited to finally get back in person.

In the meantime, zoom rehearsals are continuing and we are all focusing on new music.

Looking forward to things returning to “normal” very soon.

Just a reminder that if your child finds it difficult to focus in the all band rehearsals, please make sure they are supervised for the 15 minute session. As the sessions are short, we need to make sure we get the most out of them.

See you in the zoom room and have a musical week!

Kellye Bettman

GEPS Band Director

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