



# Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people

Safe, respectful learners

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## School Newsletter

### Upcoming Events



#### Friday 21 August – PSSA

- Soccer @ Warrimoo
- Netball @ Canoon Rd

#### Monday 24 August

- Author visit years 3-6

#### Tuesday 25 August

- Book Parade

#### Friday 28 August – PSSA

- Soccer @ Allan Small Oval
- Netball @ Canoon Rd
- 9am Kindy Teddy Bear's picnic excursion

### From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Last week, we celebrated Education Week 2020 across all NSW public schools. Whilst it was celebrated very differently than we usually do with classrooms being open via ClassDojo instead of in person, it was a good opportunity to celebrate the learning that happens together both at home and at school. We are currently working on a display of some of the work from last week for display on our school fences for families to see as they visit the school.

It has also been lovely to see our children enjoying some of the extra-curricular activities that have returned. Band is sounding great and it was a delight to hear the junior choir rehearse this week.

Just a reminder that we have a few events coming up over the next two weeks.

- Next week parent teacher interviews commence. Please keep an eye out for notes in school bags detailing how to link in via Zoom should that be the option your child's class teacher has chosen. Just a reminder that interviews are 10 minutes in duration.
- Book week is coming up with our annual Book Week parade and book donation. Again, we are doing these somewhat differently to previous years. Please refer to the Book Week flyer posted in School Stream and today's newsletter.

### COVID-19 symptoms can include:



If your child is sick, keep them at home and get them tested for COVID-19.



### 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.

## Absences from School

Please be reminded that explanations for absences are needed for all absences. Please remember to contact the school via SchoolStream, phone or email to notify us that your child will be absent for the day and the reason why. Without explanation, we are required to record this as an unexplained absence on the class roll. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

## Don't forget

Being the time of the year it is, we are commencing our planning and organisation for 2021. To assist us, please don't forget to submit the following ASAP.

- **Kindergarten enrolments:** Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now being accepted. **Children born between 1 August 2015 and 31 July 2016** are eligible to enrol. Parents wishing to enrol a child for school next year should submit their enrolment forms as soon as possible.
- **Planning for 2021:** If you are planning on leaving Gordon East PS at the end of 2020 from Kindergarten to Year 5 please let the office know in writing by completing the form included in the newsletter. This information helps with class organization and planning for 2021.

## Road safety

I have recently noticed some parents doing U-turns directly out the front of the school. Whilst it may add a few minutes to your travel time to go an alternate route, for the safety of our students, please avoid performing U-Turns in and around school zones.



### Why should U-turns and 3-point turns be avoided in school zones?

- U-turns and 3-point turns are especially dangerous when performed in school zones as there is a high concentration of children.
- Children are at risk because U-turns and 3-point turns are an unexpected manoeuvre and they cannot respond quickly to a sudden change in traffic conditions.
- A sudden change in traffic conditions can cause them to become confused and panic.
- A driver should choose an alternate route to avoid performing a U-turn or 3-point turn in a school zone.

For further school zone road safety information visit <https://www.safetytown.com.au/parents/#Driving-and-parking-near-schools>

*Ruth White*

Principal

## Message from the Office

Dear Families,

Term 3 Statement of accounts have been issued to all families today. Prompt payment via the parent Online Portal (POP)

The statement of account covers the cost of activities your child/children will participate in during Term 3.

Some families will see credit on their account. These are in relation to payments made against cancelled Incursions and excursions from term 1 due to COVID-19.

Please contact the office should you need any clarification.



## Library News

### The Premier's Reading Challenge

So far this year 149 Gordon East students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done!

#### **Congratulations to our latest PRC finishers:**

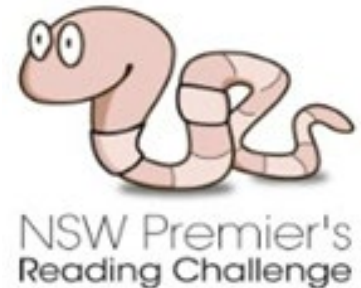
Kindergarten: Lachlan B, Orson F, Senna L

Year 1: Archie S, Katelyn Y, Tristan Y

Year 2: Jonathon B, Ana Luiza E, Tarun J, Jessie K, Isabelle M, Karissa Y

Year 5: Ashley P, Thomas R, Amelia T

Year 6: Alex M



**You MUST finish reading and entering your books on the PRC website by midnight August 28. Two weeks to go!!!**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC. It's always a great time to read!



### Book Week Events

- **Monday 24th August Primary Author Visit:**

Popular author and illustrator James Foley will be speaking to years 3-6 via Zoom (K-2 author visit has been postponed to Term 4).

If you would like to purchase a book by James Foley please visit

<https://www.thechildrensbookshopspeakersagency.com.au/person/foley-james-speaker/>

The Children's Bookshop will then send the book/s to GEPS for your child (free delivery)

- **Tuesday 25th August Book Donation and Parade Day (students only):** You may donate a book to our school library for \$10.00. Please complete payment form at <https://www.grouptogogether.com/GEPSLibraryBookDonation> Your child will come to the library and choose a brand-new book to donate. We will place a sticker in the book showing that they donated it, and at their next library lesson they will be the first to borrow it.

- This website has some simple and creative ideas for Book Parade costumes: <https://www.bountyparents.com.au/expert-advice/20-easy-book-week-costumes/>

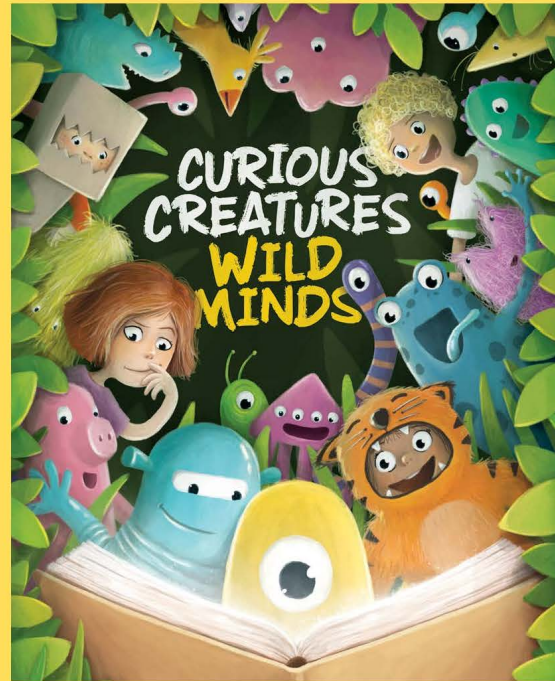
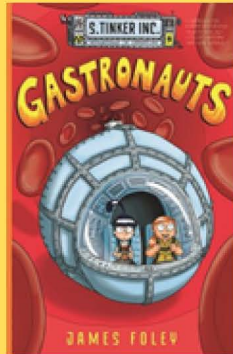
- **Friday 28th August Premier's Reading Challenge finishes**

Bronwen Campbell, Teacher Librarian



## Book Week 2020

Author Visit Monday 24 August years 3-6



## Book Donation & Parade Day

Tuesday 25 August

Donate a book to our school library for \$10.00  
as a lasting memory  
of your child's time at Gordon East.

Please complete the payment  
form at [https://www.grouptogogether.com/GEPS  
LibraryBookDonation](https://www.grouptogogether.com/GEPS_LibraryBookDonation)

On Tuesday August 25th your child will come  
to the library and choose a brand-new book  
to donate. We will place a sticker in the  
book showing that they donated it, and at  
their next library lesson they will  
be the first to borrow it.

Dress up as your favourite book  
character for our annual  
Book Parade. This year's Book  
Week theme is "Curious Creatures,  
Wild Minds".

This website has some simple and  
creative ideas for costumes  
[https://www.bountyparents.com.a  
u/expert-advice/20-easy-book-  
week-costumes/](https://www.bountyparents.com.au/expert-advice/20-easy-book-week-costumes/)



Thank you for support!

# Aussie of the Month

## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month

### Oliver H

Oliver is a kind, hard-working student who always tries his best. He is courteous and cooperates with his teachers and peers. Oliver considers the feelings of others and is mindful to play fair and ensure that everyone is looked after.

Oliver is a resilient student who perseveres with challenging tasks. He is respectful of the school and class environment and fulfils his roles and responsibilities with pride. Oliver upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by striving to be a safe, respectful learner.

Congratulations, Oliver, you are a highly deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award.

July 2020

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month

### Sophia M

Sophia participates in all aspects of school life with a positive attitude. She is generous, kind and courteous. She always cooperates with her peers and teachers. Sophia is a motivated student who takes great pride in all that she does and seeks opportunities to extend her learning. She always strives to achieve success and perseveres with challenging tasks. Sophia considers the needs of other students by working collaboratively to support and assist her classmates.

Sophia respects her classroom environment and communicates with courtesy to celebrate diversity. She demonstrates fair and equitable leadership and helps others to resolve conflict respectfully. Sophia 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 Sophia!

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## Merit Awards

Tuesday 4 August 2020		Tuesday 11 August 2020	
<b>KC</b>	Nathan Z	<b>KC</b>	Kai W
<b>KR</b>	Meredith H	<b>KR</b>	No Merits this week
<b>K/1L</b>	Alisha S, George S	<b>K/1L</b>	Ines R, Ava C
<b>1C</b>	Will E, Tristan Y	<b>1C</b>	No merits this week
<b>2A</b>	Matilda P, Maison S	<b>2A</b>	Seohyun E, Ethan L
<b>2M</b>	Alexander P, Grace T	<b>2M</b>	Hayley F, Brian
<b>4/3W</b>	Phoebe M, Archie M	<b>4/3W</b>	William V, Max S
<b>4/3A</b>	Alex K, Max T	<b>4/3A</b>	Madison L, Marisa L
<b>4/3M</b>	Troy H, Scarlett M	<b>4/3M</b>	Sarah L, James A
<b>4/3F</b>	Chloe V & Ronan J	<b>4/3F</b>	Aiden M & Oscar W
<b>6/5S</b>	Tal F, Sahana J, Jihoo C	<b>6/5S</b>	Anna P, Marco S, Jihoo C
<b>6/5P</b>	Tia J, Max D, Sia M	<b>6/5P</b>	Angus W, Samantha Y, Amelie L
<b>6/5W</b>	Haewon J, Kasper P, Michaela M	<b>6/5W</b>	Nathan D, Chloe S, Peppa C
		<b>Medal</b>	Aiden T
		<b>Aussies</b>	Oliver H & Sophia M





## GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rosedale Road, Gordon, NSW 2072

# GEPS Leavers

As we begin our plans for 2021 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

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🌐 <https://gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

## PSSA Reports

### Netball Gordon East 1 (Senior) - 7 August 2020

Today we played Chatswood 2 and they won. The score was 12-3. It was still a really fun game!

The best player on our team today were Lydia and Michaela.

Reporter: Amy & Isabel

### Netball Junior A's – 7 August 2020

Today we played Gordon West and they had really good shooters. We tried our best and I think we did well. The score was 1-20 to them!

The best players on our team today were Scarlett and Edie.

Reporter: Sophie H

### Netball Gordon East 1 – 7 August 2020

Today we played Gordon West and we tied. The score was 7-7.

The best players on our team today were Eden, Sophia and Chloe.

Reporter: Clara

### Soccer Junior B's – 7 August 2020

Today we played St Ives Park and in the second half Liam scored 2 goals and James scored 1. We won 3-0.

The best player on our team today was Liam.

Reporter: Connor

### Soccer Senior B's – 7 August 2020

Today we had good defence and we kept the ball away from the other team's goal. There were some really good passes and that how we scored the goal. We played St Ives Park and we won 4-0.

The best players on our team today were Angus, Yuve and Ollie.

Reporter: Sunita



## From the P&C

### President Report

Dear Families,

Our combined Wishlist and P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 August at 7pm. This will be a remote meeting and details of how to join will be sent to the community via the P&C email. If you are wanting to join and don't get P&C emails, please contact us as soon as possible.

**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](mailto:geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au).**

Nils Bown  
GEPS P&C President

*Welcome*

Join the Gordon East P&C Facebook page

Keep up to date with all the P&C school community news

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/179457299209916/>



## 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](mailto:uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

## Canteen

Did you know that all these things are made fresh, in house?



Our pasta packs are full of veggie goodness with added carrot, onion, peas & herbs for extra flavour.

Our cheesy sticks are probably the most popular thing in the canteen - the latest record stands at 159 ordered for one morning tea session!!

Pizzas are another very popular item. Also made fresh on the day and cooked just before lunch to make sure they're still warm and delicious for lunchtime.

We have over half the number of volunteers we need for the whole term already signed up! This is fantastic!! We still need some more though so if you're working from home, this is a great opportunity to pop into the canteen for an hour or two and help out.

[www.volunteersignup.org/FKWLX](http://www.volunteersignup.org/FKWLX)

Alex

[canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Gordon East P&C Canteen

## Book Club

Many thanks to everyone that placed orders from the latest Scholastic book club catalogue - it has earned over \$400 in Rewards Dollars for the school library yet again, which means over \$1700 so far this year!

Books should hopefully arrive next week for sorting and distribution to students however if you have any questions in the meantime please email me at [bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Shari Allinson

## Ukulele Club

The Ukulele Club is now back up and running, albeit split into two groups. Our Year 2-6's had their 1st lesson since lockdown on Tuesday. Our Year 1's will have their turn next Tuesday. Mrs Wagner is running the Club from 8:15 to 8:45 am on a Tuesday morning.

Any enquiries, please contact Ingrid West on [ij\\_west@yahoo.com](mailto:ij_west@yahoo.com).

## Strings

The Strings ensemble is meeting at 7.40-8.10 Tuesday mornings.

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

## Band

Unfortunately at this stage we cannot plan any performances however as soon as we can we will take the opportunity to perform and show off our 2020 progress!

I would like to remind everyone that your child needs to be at rehearsal at the official start time. When students come in late it is very disruptive to the rest of the band.

Please make sure your child has all the music they need and they bring it to rehearsals. We are not able to share music

stands therefore every student needs to always bring their own copies. It is also timely to make sure they always have enough reeds, cork grease, valve oil.

Here is another reminder of rehearsal times:

### Training Band:

Monday 8-9am: sectional rehearsals on a rotating basis (the schedule has been emailed previously)

Monday 3.15-4.25pm: Full band rehearsal

### Junior Concert Band:

Monday's 7.30-8.15am

Thursday's 7.50-9.00am

### Senior Concert Band:

Monday's 8.15-9am

Friday's 7.50-9am

Have a musical week!

Kellye Bettman

GEPS Band Director

WE'RE  
**COVID**  
SAFE



**Ku-Ring-Gai Stealers**

**Come'n'Try Baseball!**

Saturday 15 August 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sunday 23 August 9:00AM - noon
Saturday 29 August 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sunday 6 September 9:00AM - noon

*All ages and skill levels welcomed!*

Golden Jubilee Fields, Wahroonga  
[stealers.com.au](http://stealers.com.au)