



Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people

Safe, respectful learners

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School Newsletter

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 9 April**
– Last Day of Term 1
- **Tuesday 28 April**
– 1st day Term 2

**We hope that everyone has a
happy & safe break**

Dear Parents,

Learning from Home

Wow, what a change we have seen to learning and teaching at GEPS over the last week two! We are all learning – students, teachers and parents together. While we are adjusting to this new environment as a community, I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight some of the work that has been happening both at home and at school over the last two weeks.

Just a reminder that printed home learning packs for Kindergarten to Year 4 can be collected from our contactless collection point on Monday using the timetable distributed via email and School Stream. You will find a copy of this timetable in the Stage specific folders in School Stream. Students will also receive a digital copy in their Google Classroom.

I will continue to send out regular updates to keep you informed over the course of this crisis and encourage all parents to make sure they have access to both email and School Stream to keep up to date.

Take care and stay safe

Ruth White

Principal

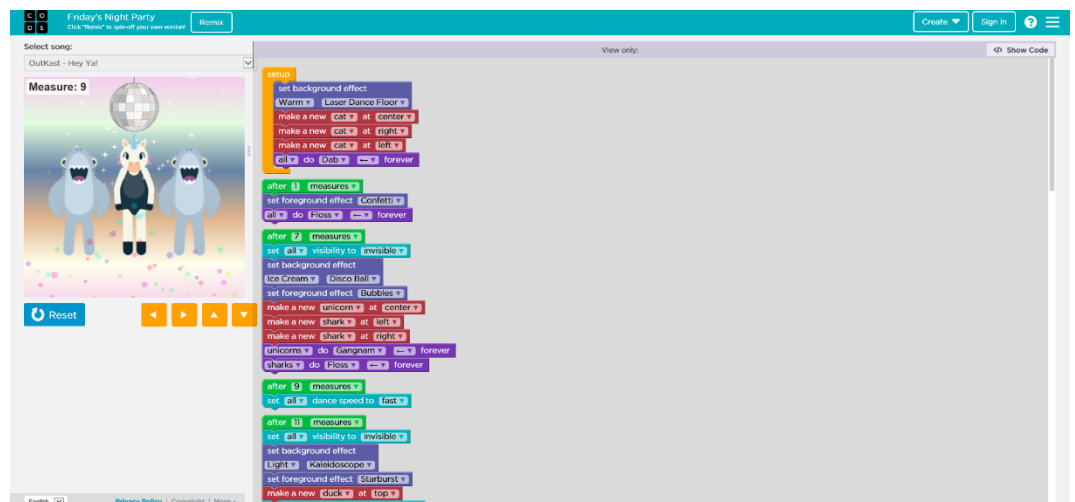


School Vision

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.

LEARNING AT HOME

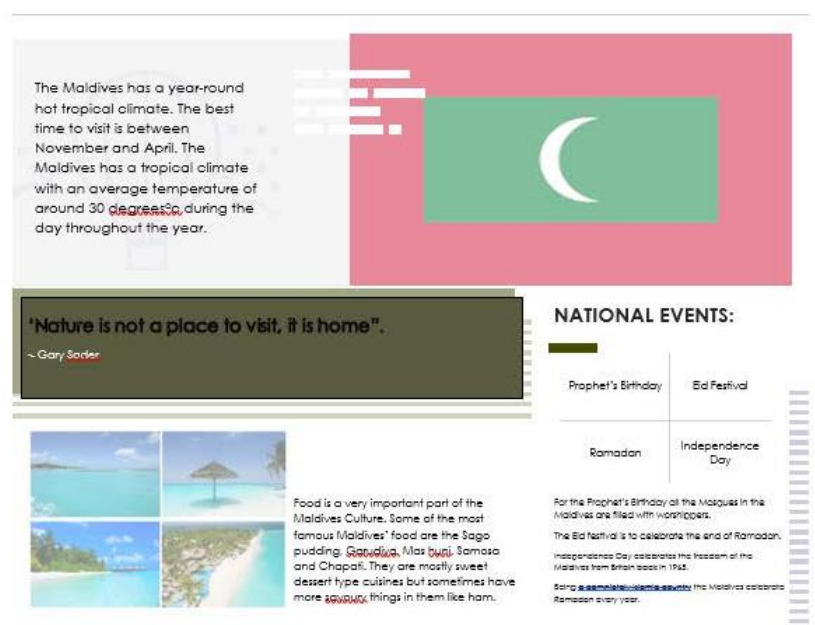
LEARNING AT SCHOOL



Coding in stage 3 by Kasper



Stage 3 Travel brochure by Amelia



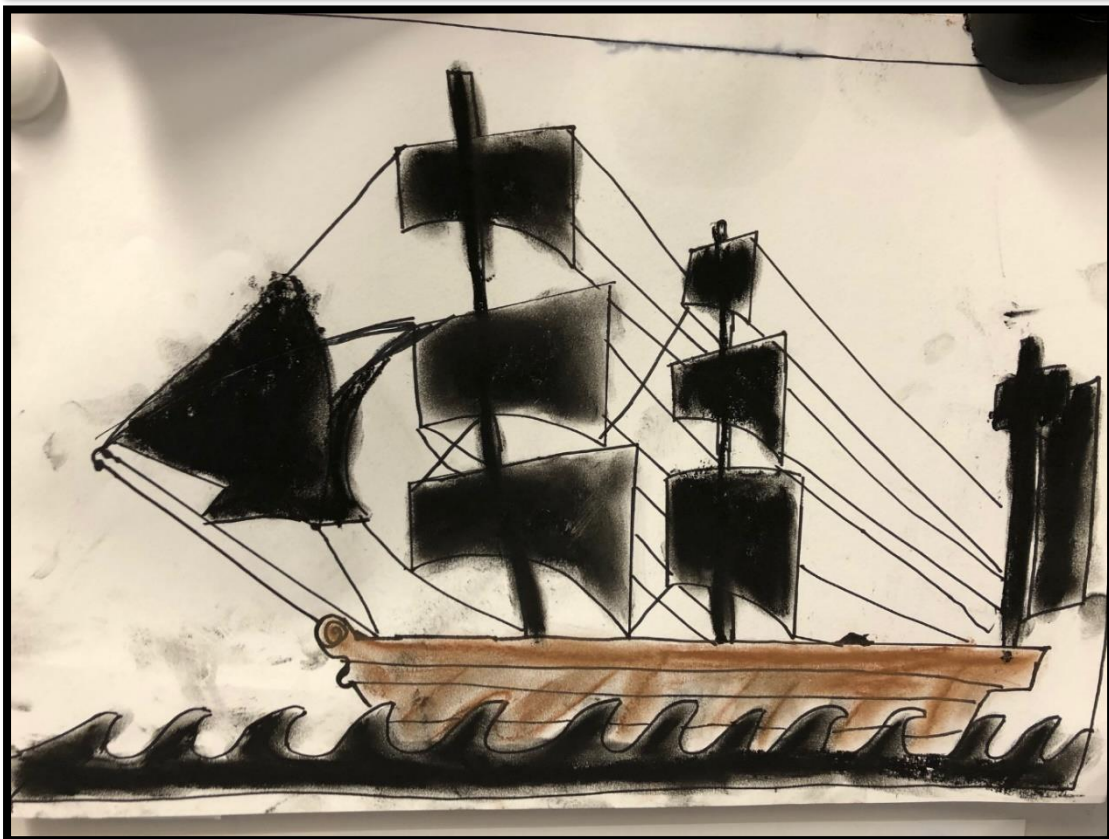
ANZAC Day Artwork



Stage 2

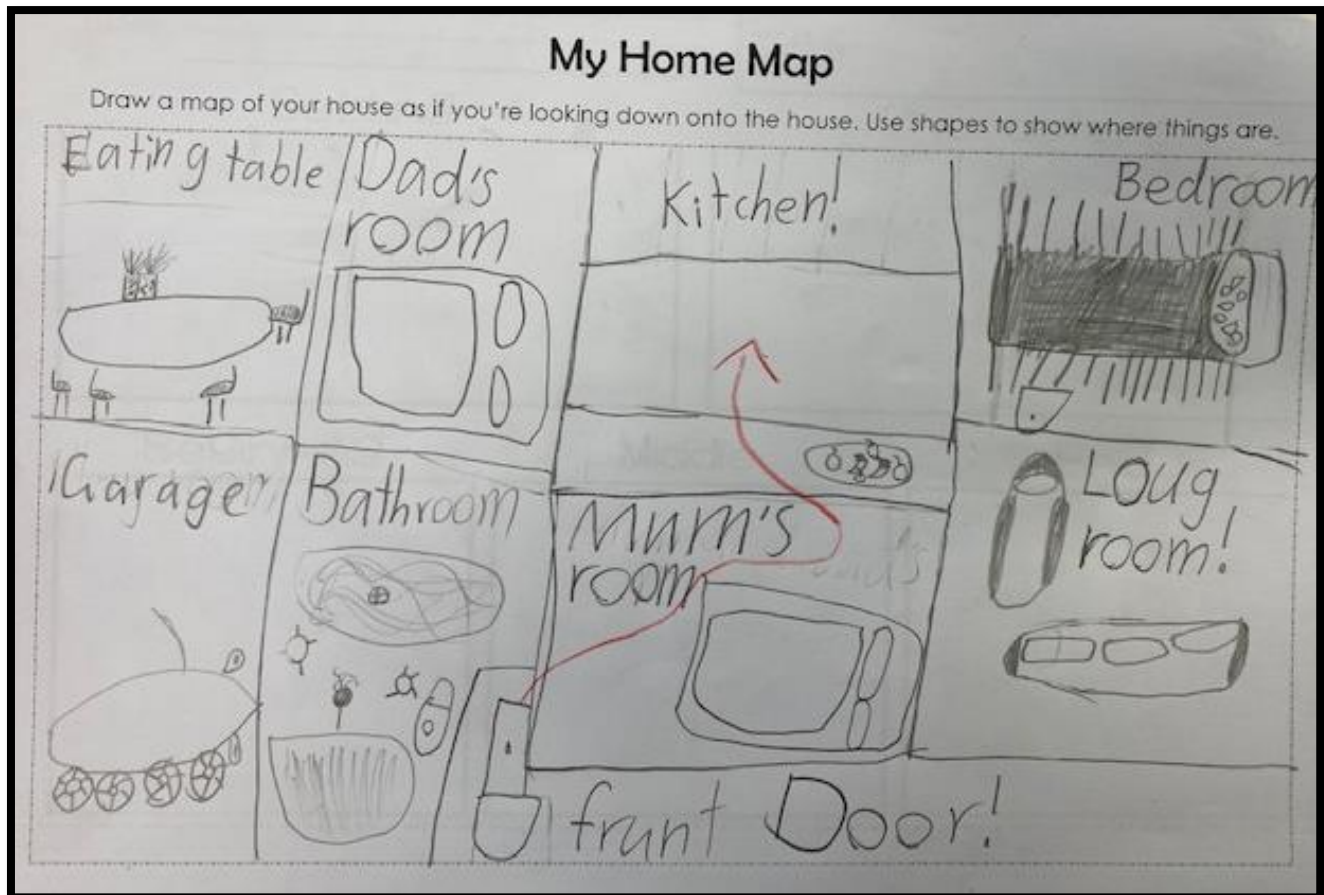
see rock sand sea animals shells	hear sea wind people water music
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On the cold beach lay a warm rock. I can hear the salty waves crashing and the sweet music near the port. The gritty sand beneath my feet as I slowly approach the big smooth rock. The big rock was bustling with life with animals of all sorts. Then suddenly, a small fraction of rock broke from the rest, a small glimmer of something appeared from behind the rough surface. I wondered what it was.



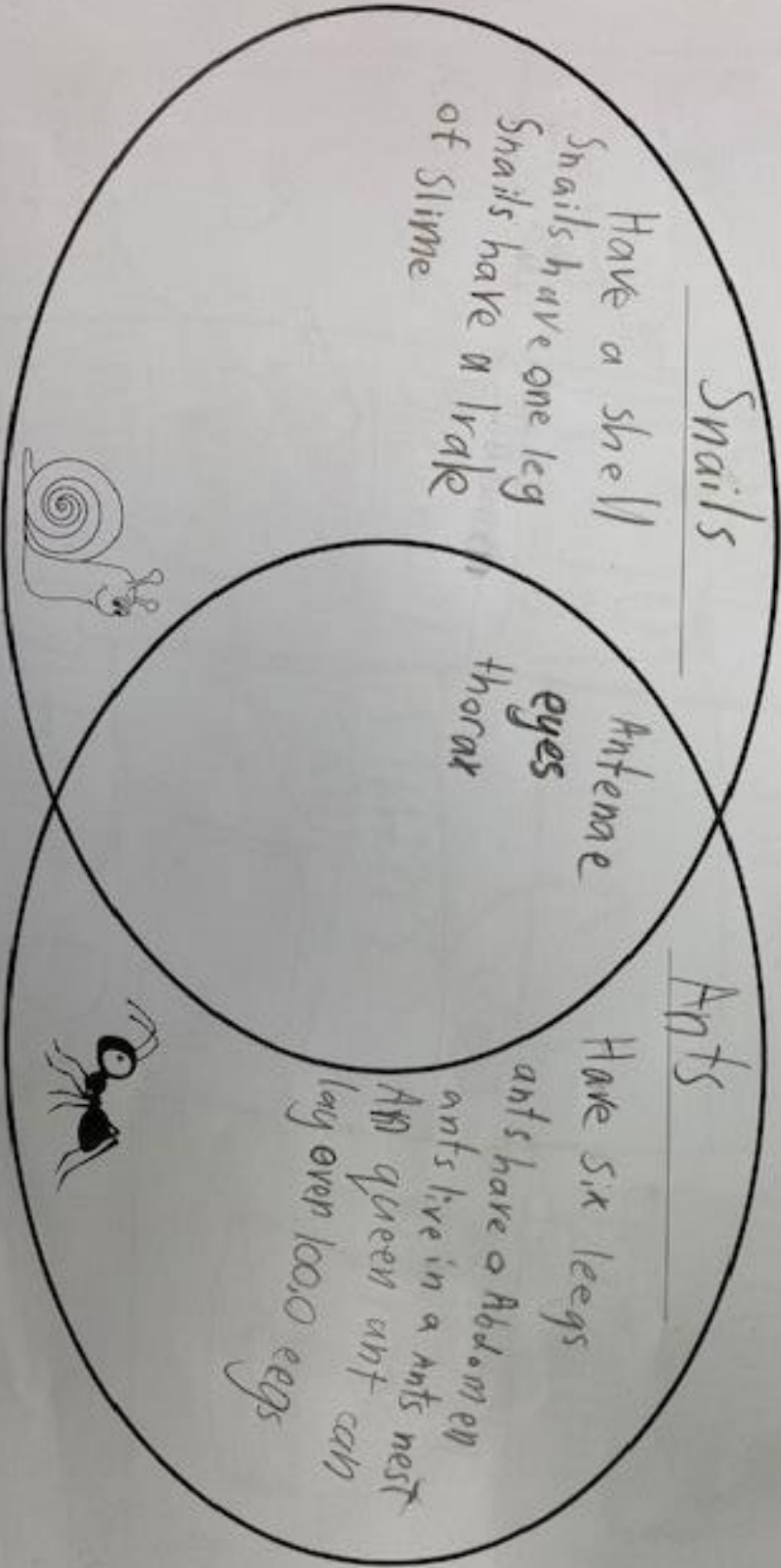


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Science: Ants Vs Snails

Fill in the Venn Diagram with at least 10 ideas on the similarities and differences between ants and snails.



Library News

Click and Collect Library

While school is open you can still borrow books from the Library

Log in to Student Portal and select Oliver Library.

Search for the books you want and drag them into your basket.

When you have made your selection (up to 6 books) click More Actions, then Share, then Send an email, to email me your request.

I will use the family email address to let you know when the books are ready for collection on the verandah outside the front office.

The loan period is 6 weeks (but you are very welcome to return them as soon as you want more!)

To return books, leave them in the marked tub on the verandah outside the front office.

Note that Oliver Library will be unavailable 13 – 17 April (1st week of the school holidays).

The Premier's Reading Challenge

We are off to a great start at Gordon East, 33 students have already completed the PRC.

Congratulations to:

Year 1: Eden K, Benny M

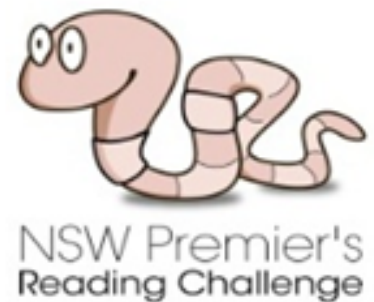
Year 2: Madeline V

Year 3: Darius M, Kippy R, Joe Y

Year 4: Janes A, Aayu C, Ollie C, Oliver L, Michael M, Oliver P, Liam R, Nico S, Dilan W, Connor W, Casey X

Year 5: Leona A, Meghan B, Abigail B, Lucas B, Jihoo C, Elke C, Oliver D, Amelie L, Asha P, Sunita P, Amelie S, Katia S, Amy W

Year 6: Angus F, Lucy M, Kasper P



To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with the username and password they use to access computers at school. Your child's class teacher can provide you with their username and password. 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

From the P&C President Report

Dear Families,

Hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

I'd like to reiterate the thanks I gave to the school staff from last newsletter - they are adjusting and adapting to the environment very well and I know are putting in extra time and effort to ensure our kids are appropriately supported.

The P&C continues to operate in the background and will aim to do what we can to support the school as needed. Class parents will be in touch to obtain some information to help the school prepare for a possible "online" Term 2 – please respond to them ASAP.

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

Band

Whilst we haven't been able to meet and rehearse in person, we have set up band classrooms for all our Bands. There are still some students who haven't yet joined up. Please do so ASAP so we can continue to run our ensembles remotely and prepare for online sectional rehearsals starting next term. We have uploaded some fun tasks for this week and will do so again next week. Please encourage your children to upload audio's of their pieces for the conductors to have a listen. They can do this through google classroom.

A reminder that the classroom codes are as follows:

- Training Band – nxjikuv
- Junior Concert Band – ljylgqh
- Senior Concert Band - f2g4amw

There will be an email coming out shortly to explain how our trial sectional rehearsals will work for term 2.

We are very fortunate that this there is such wonderful technology to enable our students to continue playing and progressing. The conductors will be sending through new pieces just as we would during our regular rehearsal slots. Please encourage your child to forward the pieces to their private tutor so they can also work on them in their private lessons.

Any questions please email me at gepsband@gmail.com

Stay safe and healthy!

Kellye Bettman
GEPS Band Director

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/>



Book Club

BookClub Issue 2 arrived last Friday. Thank you to the families who came and collected their books over the weekend. Anyone still needing to collect their books they are at the Collection Zone outside the office.

I am yet to receive notification of Issue 3. When I do I will let you know and we will work out a way to distribute catalogues and then books.

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

Mel Duker

Uniform Shop & Canteen

The Department of Education has decided to temporarily suspend and close all community use activities on school sites, including canteen facilities and uniform stores until the end of Term 2, 2020.

While there is so much change going on, we will do what we can to be ready to restart when we are able.