



Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

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School Newsletter

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Upcoming Events

Phase 1

- **Monday's**
 - 6/5W & 4/3F
- **Tuesday's**
 - KC, 2A & 1C
- **Wednesday's**
 - 4/3W & 6/5S
- **Thursday's**
 - 2M, 1/KL & KR
- **Friday's**
 - 4/3M, 6/5P & 4/3A

- Sunday 10 May
 - Mother's Day

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 and what has been a chilly start. The term recommenced with a Remote Learning Model similar to the end of last term. It has certainly been a tough month or two for all members of the school community. The upcoming weeks will continue to present challenges; however, we will continue with the enormous effort and commitment in working through this journey. It has been refreshing to hear the start of some regulations being lightened, including a one-day a week return to school beginning next week. As we enter into this next phase, the School and P&C are working together in looking at how we might be able to re-open the canteen and uniform shop in the near future as well.

Uniforms

Term 2, sees the start of wearing winter school uniform. We acknowledge there may have been difficulties in obtaining winter school uniforms under the current restrictions. There will be allowances made for those children who are not in their winter uniform. However, we do ask that they do attend school in one of their uniforms whether that be: winter summer or sports for the interim.



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.

Phase 1 Managed Return to School Plan

As you aware, starting Monday, we enter Phase 1 of the Managed return to School Plan. From Monday, we are looking forward to the children returning on one day a week on their allocated day. On Tuesday, we updated all families via School Stream and email with details of Phase 1. Could I please remind families, that for the interim we ask parents not to enter the school grounds to drop off and pick up. Staff will be at the gates to assist any children entering and leaving school of a morning and afternoon. There will be plenty of signage around the school to assist parents and children.

We look forward to seeing the children next week.

I would like to wish all mums, grandmothers, aunties and other special people in our community a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

Take care

Ruth White

Principal





Gordon East Public School Managed Return to School Plan

PHASE 1

Send your child to school one day a week. You are encouraged to keep your child home for the rest of the week wherever possible.

PHASE 1
Students at school at least one day per week.

Your child is invited to attend according to the following timetable. Students are grouped as a class and will be with their class teacher for that day.

Students attending on their allocated day will be located in an open double classroom with desks arranged to facilitate social distancing measures.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6/5W 4/3F	KC 2A 1C	4/3W 6/5S	2M 1/KL KR	4/3M 6/5P 4/3A

Families are supported in sending siblings when needed.

Siblings who attend will be supervised in a separate supervision rooms with other peers from their grade or stage where possible.

Children will engage with a single unit of work.

Students will need to bring their Package of Learning and any school netbook with them when attending school. Students learning at home or at school will work on the same package of learning.

Please note: On each class's allocated day, teachers will be teaching their class on-site and will not monitor their Google classroom or Zoom on that day. Families can be flexible with the week's timetable if needed and utilise games, resources and links sent home to assist. Teachers will return to Google classrooms and Zoom on other days throughout the week.

Parents are asked to:

- Stay in your car at drop off and pick up wherever safe.
- Do not enter the school grounds unless going to OSHC.
- Say goodbye at the gate and keep moving along, using Cameron Road gate or the front gate only.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside the gate.
- Make sure your child has recess, lunch and a water bottle each day.
- Communicate with the school via email and phone wherever possible.

Hand sanitiser in every classroom

Washing hands regularly

Increased cleaning

Soap in every classroom

Social distancing measures in place

Children using water bottles instead of bubblers

Toilets checked throughout the day and topped up with soap

NSW Department of Education

At all times

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

Learning from home

Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the departments [Learning from home hub](#).

PHASE 0

Schools are open for families who need it.

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.
- Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

PHASE 1

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school **one day a week**.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Keep your child/children at home **if possible**.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 2

Students at school at least two days per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school **two days a week**.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which two days of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 3

Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school **every day**.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 4

Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

- Normal school breaks and entry/exit processes will resume.
- Infection control procedures will continue on a school by school basis.
- Communication to staff, students and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue.
- Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health Advice.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school **every day**.
- Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.
- Use playground equipment at schools.
- Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.
- Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.
- Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.

A managed return to school

Guidelines for families

Library News

Click and Collect Library

The Library is closed but you can still borrow books

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.

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, 68 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to:

Kindergarten: Dylan H, Rachael H, Chloe M, Pippa R

Year 1: Emily A, Xavier C, Joshua H, Oliver L, Rebecca S, Daniel S

Year 2: Neil B, Lena F, Isla H, Hannah J, Chloe Z

Year 3: Lachlan C, Adi J, Nethya W, Ray W, Clayton W

Year 4: Sophie H, Iris L, Aiden M, Jake R, Chloe V

Year 5: Liza E, Alyssa R, Brandon W

Year 6: Daphne F, Ava G, April K, Clara M, Eden P, Amelia R, Chloe S

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with their school 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 and that you are managing to juggle work and home schooling ok. It has certainly added a new dimension to our lives!

We are looking forward to the phased in return to school – after having spoken to Mrs White last week, I know the time and energy the staff have put in to prepare for this and I hope you'll support them with the many challenges that this brings.

We are looking at how we might bring both the canteen and uniform shops back – this will take some readjustments and planning for us to meet the new requirements. Please bear with us as we do what we can to make these available in a safe and appropriate way.

As I indicated last term, the P&C continues to operate in the background and will aim to do what we can to support the school as needed. At this stage, we will not hold the P&C meeting next week, but will look at when we can run that meeting, possibly in an online session.

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 & Canteen

See my note above – we are hoping to bring these back on line as soon as we are able.

Book Club

I hope you all enjoyed some reading over the holidays.

Scholastic Book Club have published an e-catalogue for this issue.

Check out the catalogue here... https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/aus_issue_3 or check out the P&C Facebook page or the email sent out for an easy link to the catalogue.

Everything else is the same... order online through
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

Orders are due by Fri 15 May.

Remember all purchases from the Book Club earn reward points which allow Mrs Campbell to purchase resources for the GEPS Library. From Issue 1 and Issue 2 2020 we have already earned over \$600 worth of reward points.

Some highlights in the current catalogue...

If you loved "Ella & Olivia" then check out Ella all grown up and at boarding school in "Ella at Eden" (Order#004).

There is a brand new David Williams book "Slime" (Order#007).

If you have been watching Hamish on LEGO Masters than check out his comedy partner Andy Lee with "Do Not Learn the Alphabet" (Order#119)

Want to control the story? Check out the "Choose Your Own Adventure - Mystery of the Maya" (Order#306) Happy Reading.

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

Mel Duker

Band

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, this term we are running our band rehearsals via Zoom in the shape of sectional rehearsals. Running sectional rehearsals as opposed to full band rehearsals is much more conducive to this online platform. There will be a maximum of 5 students in each sectional rehearsal. Please see the schedule here:

SCB ZOOM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays:

7.30-7.45am- Flutes and Tuned Percussion

7.45-8.00am – Clarinets

8.00-8.15am – Alto sax

8.15-8.30am – ALL BAND

Fridays:

7.30-7.45am- trumpets

7.45-8.00am – French Horns

8.00-8.15am- trombone/Bass guitar

8.15-8.30am-percussion

JCB ZOOM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays:

7.30-7.45am- Clarinets

7.45-8.00am – Flutes

8.00-8.15am – French horn/trumpet

8.15-8.30am- tenor saxophone

Thursdays:

7.30-7.45am- Bass guitar/euphonium

7.45-8.00am – percussion

8.00-8.15am- alto saxophone

8.15-8.30am- ALL BAND

TB ZOOM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays:

7.30-7.45am- Flutes

7.45-8.00am – clarinets

8.00-8.15am – saxophones

8.15-8.30am- trumpets

Mondays:

3.30-3.45pm- Bass Guitars

3.45-4.00pm – Baritone/euphonium/trombone

4.00-4.15pm- percussion

4.15-4.30pm -ALL BAND

You will notice that we have kept as close to our regular rehearsal schedule as possible. We have started earlier in the morning to allow the children to have some screen free time before their school day begins. Every instrument section has one 15 minute sectional rehearsal to attend. Each band has a 15 minute ALL BAND rehearsal as well. So every student will have 2 sessions to log into each week. Your conductor will contact you via this email address before your first rehearsal to give you the zoom meeting number and password. This will remain the same every week as will the schedule.

Looking forward to a productive and exciting musical experience in Term 2.

Kind regards,

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/>

