



# 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

- **Monday 25 May**
- All children return to fulltime learning

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of a phased in return to school and are looking forward to a full return to school learning next week. What a journey it has been over the past 8 weeks! Thank you for your understanding, time and effort during the period of Home Learning.

Don't forget, next week we will have different drop off and collection arrangements. The Kulgoa Road entrance will re-open between 8:45 – 9:15 for morning drop off and re-open at the end of the day for afternoon pick up. K-2 are asked to enter and exit via Cameron Road gate and 3-6 via Rosedale Road gate. Please see yesterday's school stream and email update for further details. Children began to bring home their name signs today ready for parents to hold up at collection next week. Don't forget to bring them along to hold up when collecting your child next week.

The P&C and school are working closely together to re-open the canteen. We hope to do so in week 6. Please keep an eye out for more news on when the canteen will re-open.



#### 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.

We continue to put measures in place to keep our school COVID-19 safe. To avoid the sharing of equipment, we are asking all children to bring in a small clip lock container. The 1L and 1.2L Sistema ones illustrated below are the perfect size. We will be using these to create individual maths kits for the children to use. This will mean all children will have their own counters, dice, protractor's etc to use rather than sharing. If you could also provide a pack of playing cards to go inside them, that would also be appreciated. Playing cards can often be found quiet cheaply at bargain stores, that would also be helpful. An empty fresh mint tin is also useful to hold counters in.



## School security

Unfortunately, recently we have had instances of trespass and last night sadly a break in to one of the classrooms. Fortunately, there was no damage caused and the room has been given a thorough clean. We are always very grateful for neighbourly assistance and ask should you see or hear a disturbance at any time to report it to Police. The Police Assistance Line (131444) operates 24hrs a day, 7 days a week. If you could also follow that up with an email to the school letting us know that would also be appreciated.



**On Monday, all children will need to bring to school:**

- **their home learning folders**
- **any workbooks**
- **counters & dice**
- **whiteboards**
- **pencil cases with pencils, glue stick & scissors**
- **water bottle**
- **headphones**
- **and any laptops borrowed**

Take care

*Ruth White*

Principal

## 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 73 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

### Congratulations to our latest PRC finishers:

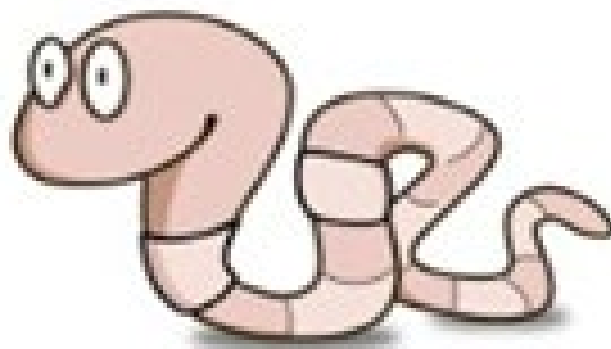
Year 1: Piipa W  
Year 2: Madison C  
Year 3: Phoebe McGregor  
Year 4: Annabel W  
Year 6: Astrid C

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:

*There's a hippopotamus on our roof eating cake* by Hazel Edwards  
*Where is the green sheep?* by Mem Fox  
*House of her own, A* by Jenny Hughes  
*I want my hat back* by Jon Klassen  
*Pog* by Lyn Lee  
*Bus to the Zoo* by Mary Murphy  
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



NSW Premier's  
Reading Challenge

## From the P&C

# President Report

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the return to school next week. I imagine it will be a trying week as the kids settle back into the old routine!

I'd ask that you all support the school staff with any directions they provide next week – it will be a big challenge to accommodate the social distancing requirements with all the kids coming back and ensuring things run smoothly.

Please especially ensure you drop off and pick up the kids in the fastest manner possible – if you want to catch up with other parents, please do so away from the school so we don't get any congestion around the gates. Thank you for your support with the uniform shop this week – by all accounts it was a successful set-up, and one we will continue to manage for the foreseeable future.

We are looking at how we can bring back the canteen – possibly as early as week 6 (from June). This will require some changes and new ways of running, but we will do the best we can to get the service back for our kids.

The P&C continues to operate in the background and will aim to do what we can to support the school as needed. We would like to get the P&C meeting happening soon – along with the Wishlist voting – I'll continue to provide updates 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](mailto: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.

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## Book Club

The BookClub order is due to be delivered (or may have been delivered between the time I write this and the time you read it). Thank-you to all those that ordered. We had over \$1000 in orders which will be lots of reward dollars for Mrs Campbell to spend.

I will email out via the BookClub email address once the ordered has been received and sorted in regards to pick-up / delivery. Current thinking, to minimise interaction at school, is to set up a pick up at my home as I did for last order. Anything that is not then picked up will be delivered to school and distributed to the students in class.

Watch your emails and the GEPS P&C Facebook group for more information.

Happy Reading.

If you have any questions please email [bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Mel Duker

## 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](mailto:gepsband@gmail.com) and I can help get you organised.

At this time, it is very important that your child is continuing with their private lessons. Again, any difficulties with this please email me.

We would like to thank all the parents for your continued support of the band program in this new format. Whilst the conductors are all enjoying the rehearsals, we do look forward to having face to face ones once again as soon as it is permitted.

Until then, see you in the zoom room.....

Have a musical week!

Kellye Bettman

# Welcome

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