



Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

Term 3 – Issue 11
31 July 2020

School Newsletter

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Upcoming Events



Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 3. It has been a chilly and wet start to the term, however, it has been wonderful to return to what we hope is a full term of learning at school. Our students have settled well and their learning programs are well underway. We have had a busy start to the term. Revised reports were sent home last Friday and we are in the process of organising Parent Teacher interviews. Please keep an eye out next week for further information in regards to this.

School equipment – Just a reminder to please send in any equipment requested at the end of last term. This includes soap pump packs, paper towels and pencil cases with stationary top ups.

Robotics – Thank you to parents who have sent in boxes of gloves. We are excited to be able return to using the lego robotics, however to do so, students must wear gloves. For families in years 2 – 6 who have not sent in a box of gloves yet could you please send in a box of extra small – small gloves by the end of next week. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Friday 7 August – PSSA

Soccer @ NTRA 1

Netball @ Canon Rd

Friday 14 August – PSSA

Soccer @ NTRA 1

Netball @ Canon Rd

**Ed.
week**
3-7 August
2020



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.

School Drop and Collection arrangements

School drop and collection arrangements remain the same. Parents and carers are asked to remain outside the gates and maintain social distancing guidelines at all times – stand 1.5 metres apart. Please use the space provided and keep moving up to collect your child. For Cameron Road pickup, please use the whole grassed space when waiting for your child and avoid crowding close to the bollards. Don't forget, please bring your child's name sign to assist staff with dismissal.

We also ask, to avoid crowding outside of the school at drop of and pick up, avoid gathering and chatting in spaces that restrict movement and compromise social distancing measures in place. We appreciate your support with this.

Let's keep COVID-19 at a distance by keeping a distance.

COVID-19 Update

It has been exciting to have some activities able to recommence including:

- SRE & SEE
- Band, Strings, Ukulele and associated tutorials
- School Extra Curricula activities: dance, choirs & robotics club
- External Extra Curricula activities: French & Chess.
- PSSA & SISA
- Excursions to Department of Education Environmental Centres

As part of COVID-19 measures, all external providers are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements and Department of Education COVID-19 measures in place including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms.

Activities under consideration from Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered during Term 3. For now, these events will remain on hold:

- School camps
- Excursions
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (e.g. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Parent volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers
- Interstate excursions

School based activities that involve large gatherings of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPPC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.

Visitors to the school

Please note, that, non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events; **this includes parents and carers unless specifically approved by the principal**. All visitors to the school must sign in to the office. **This includes parents attending the uniform shop by appointment only or volunteering in the canteen**. When singing in, all visitors are required to sign in and out as well as complete the External Visitors to School Site form.

Physical distancing

Students

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should continue to follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

All classrooms have hand sanitiser and children continue to use hand sanitiser before they enter their classroom as well as before eating times.

Parents

Parents continue to be asked to observe social distancing guidelines. **All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).**

School Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies

Our school continues to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. The additional cleaning will continue during term 3.

Child protection

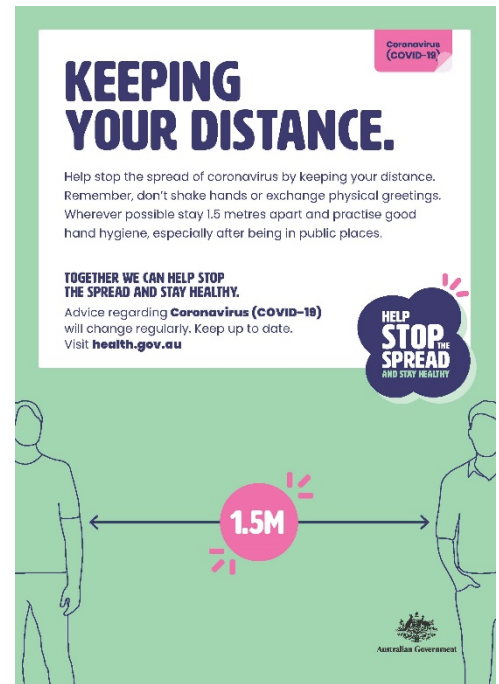
Each year as part of the NSW PDHPE syllabus, it is a requirement to teach Child Protection Education to all students in K-6. Below is an overview of what students learn about as part of child protection education. Should you not wish your child to participate in these lessons, please contact your class teacher.

Child protection education aims to assist students to develop skills to:

- recognise and respond to unsafe situations
- seek assistance effectively
- establish and maintain non-coercive relationships and strengthen attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

Through Child Protection Education in NSW school students learn:

- about feeling safe and the right to be safe
- to recognise appropriate touching and inappropriate touching
- that appropriate touching is an important part of positive relationships
- that they have a right to say NO to a person who touches them inappropriately or threatens their safety
- that it is important to tell trusted adults about such situations
- that they may have to keep on telling people until they are believed
- that help is available to them within their communities.



ClassDojo

Next week, we are looking forward to opening classrooms for Education Week through ClassDojo. All classes across the school will be using it for children to collect Dojo points and for classes to share student learning through class stories. Just a reminder, that ClassDojo is only used to share learning or look at Dojo points. On occasion, there may be whole class reminders in the messages tab within the app. For all other communication, please contact your class teacher via phone or email to the school.

Ruth White

Principal



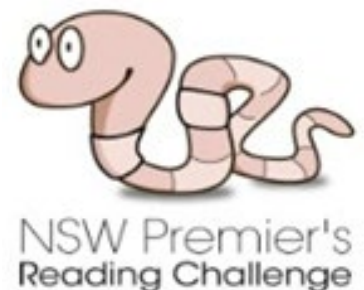
Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge

So far this year 133 Gordon East students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done!

Congratulations to our latest PRC finishers:

Kindergarten: Tommy F
Year 1: Sienna P, Gary Y
Year 3: Aarin C, William C, Jasmine D, Troy H
Year 4: Madison L, Archie M, Natasha M
Year 5: Colby H, Marco S
Year 6: Minjae C



You MUST finish reading and entering your books on the PRC website by midnight August 28. Four 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!

Bronwen Campbell, Teacher Librarian

Aussie of the Month

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month

Chloe T

Chloe is a kind and caring student. She is always courteous and cooperates with her teachers and peers. Chloe considers the feelings of others and is mindful to include students in games and activities.

Chloe perseveres with challenging tasks. She is respectful of the school and class environment and voluntarily monitors the care of books and resources.

Chloe upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner.

Congratulations Chloe, you are a very deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award.

June 2020

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month

Finley H

Finley participates in all aspects of school life with a positive attitude. He is generous, kind and courteous. He always cooperates with his peers and teachers. Finley is a curious student who takes great pride in all that he does. He

always strives to achieve success and perseveres with challenging tasks. Finley is a great sportsman who always plays fairly and celebrates the achievements of others. He considers the feelings of others and does his best to include all students in games and activities.

Finley respects his classroom environment and voluntarily monitors the care of books, computers and resources. He demonstrates fair and equitable leadership and helps others to resolve conflict respectfully. Finley upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner. He is a delight to teach and a very worthy recipient of The Aussie of the Month Award.

Congratulations Finley!

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Merit Awards

| Tuesday 28 July 2020 | | | |
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| KC | Olivia M | Merits | Tian N |
| KR | Nicholas P | | |
| K/1L | Victoria Y & Oliver L | | |
| 1C | Ava W & Daniel S | | |
| 2A | Shiv M & Madison C | Banners | Sophia B |
| 2M | Daniel S & Jonathan B | | |
| 4/3W | Jasmine D & Zoe L | | |
| 4/3A | Oliver L & Aayu C | | |
| 4/3M | Cagla K & Callum S | | |
| 4/3F | Annabel w & Christian E | | |
| 6/5S | Luka V, Ashley P & Lily H | | |
| 6/5P | Astrid C, Oliver D & Sophia M | | |
| 6/5W | Amy w, Amelia T & Eden P | | |

Exceptional **Fabulous** *Fantastic*
 CONGRATULATIONS
Fantastic **Fabulous**
Terrific **OUTSTANDING**
Fabulous **OUTSTANDING** *Exceptional*
Terrific

From the P&C

President Report

Wow, we've made it half way through the year already.

I hope you all had a nice break and survived the deluge over the weekend.

I'm currently updating the Wishlist and will be planning a P&C meeting/Wishlist voting in the next few weeks. I'll send out more details soon.

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

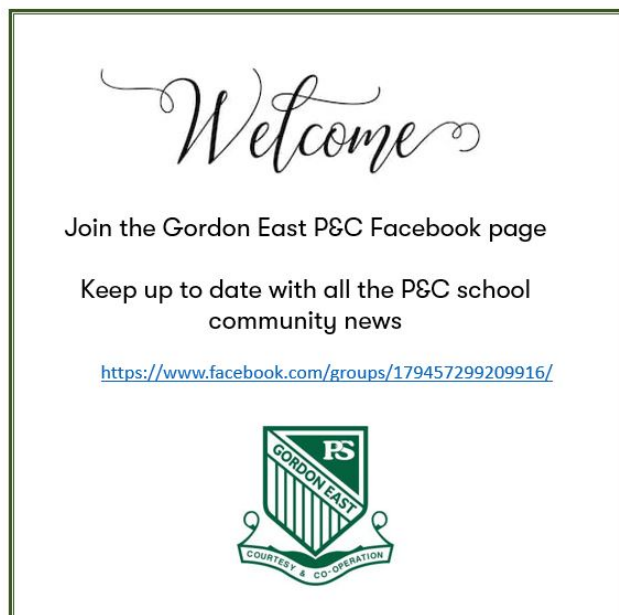
Canteen

Canteen has got off to a very good start for term 3 with lots of orders coming in right from day 1 of term. We are going to continue having pies and sausage rolls on Tuesday and sushi on Friday for the foreseeable future. The good news is that 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

Alex
canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Gordon East P&C Canteen



Book Club

I hope students had a chance to enjoy some reading over the school holidays.

The latest book club catalogue (Issue 5) was sent home last Friday and includes lots of new books and other fantastic items to choose from. All orders from this issue are due in by Friday 07 Aug 20.

Please note that all order must be placed through the Scholastic Book Club online order system

(<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>). The school office is unable to accept paper orders.

If you have any questions please email me at 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.

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) or one of the Strings Coordinator's - Lauren (laurenainscough9@gmail.com) or Michelle (mthowland@yahoo.com)

Band

It has been so wonderful to finally hear the bands rehearsing again. We are spreading out around the hall which is quite an interesting way to rehearse!

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 etc.

Here is a 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

Kellye :)

GEPS Band Director



GEPS Tennis Programs T3 2020

Classes Commence: Tuesday 21st July (10 weeks)

Location: Richmond Park

| Day/Time | Tues 8.00 – 9.00am | Thurs 8.00 – 9.00am |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Class | Orange Ball 2 (Yr. 3-5 Int) | Red Ball (Yr. K-3 Beg/Int) |
| | Green Ball (Yr. 3-6 Int/Adv) | Orange Ball 1 (Yr. 3-4) Beg/Int) |
| Fee | \$185 | \$185 |
| Time | 8.00am-9.00am | 8.00am-9.00am |
| Students will be walked to school after the lesson | | |
| Private Coaching (beg – Adv) | Kids and Adults. Sat mornings at SIPS | |

Wet Weather: Lessons will be CANCELLED in wet weather. You will be sent an SMS on the morning if the lesson need be cancelled. If more than one class is cancelled due to rain then make up classes will be offered.



Tennis for parents!



Drop the kids off and enjoy a run around on the court and improve your game at the same time

Organise your own group and your first session is FREE! (call or email Chris for a time)

For all programs enrol via our new Website:

www.cameronstennis.com.au

Or alternatively email chris@cameronstennis.com.au for enquiries or phone 0418688803



Play U5's tag rugby



- Girls and Boys turning 4 or 5 years
- Modified age-appropriate tag rugby
- Develop skills, co-ordination and fitness
- Nurturing environment for kids of all abilities
- Professional coaching by Little Legends
- Local Venue at Hassell Park, St Ives
- 9 weeks program starts Saturday 25th July (9-10am)

MORE INFO and REGISTRATION Details

www.stivesrugby.com.au

minis@stivesrugby.com.au

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| 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
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