



Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people
Safe, respectful learners

Term 4 – Issue 16
23 October 2020

School Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 25 February**
 - Group and Sports Teams Photos
- **Friday 30 October**
 - NO PSSA
 - School sports carnival
- **Friday 6 November**
 - PSSA
 - **Cricket:** Primula Oval
 - **Modball:** St Ives Village Green

Last day of Term 4 for students
Wednesday 16th December 2020.

Students return to school term 1
Friday 29th January 2021

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 4. It was lovely to see all the children and staff back well rested and ready for a busy term ahead. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and many of the end of year activities are able to go ahead.

Presentation Day

This year, our Presentation Day will be a daytime event on Tuesday 15 December. This will be a virtual event. Families of children receiving awards will be able to join via Zoom. More details of this event will sent out later in the term.

Cyber safety

The internet is a great way to socialise, learn, work, play and be entertained — but with technology comes risks. This year especially, we have increased our use of the internet and digital devices as we connect with each other during COVID. At times, it can be challenging to monitor and regulate student access, time and use of the internet and digital devices. Some tips to assist you with this are provided further in the newsletter. Keep and eye out for further information on cyber safety as the term progresses

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.

Kindy Orientation

Our Kindy Orientation is going ahead, beginning in Week 5. Don't forget, if you have a child who is starting Kindergarten in 2021 to get your enrolment forms in. Details of Orientation will be sent to all enrolled families shortly.

Planning for 2020

Being the time of the year it is, we are commencing our planning and organisation for 2020. 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 organisation and planning for 2021.

Start of the School year 2021

Recently, the Department has made some adjustments to Staff Development Days in schools. Next year, term 1 will begin with two student free Staff Development Days on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January. Students in years 1 to 6 will return to school Friday 29th January 2021.

Ruth White

Principal



From the office

The Term 4 statement of accounts will be issued shortly. They will be emailed out to all families.

Payment of any outstanding fees would be appreciated prior to the Term 4 fees being issued, to avoid any amounts carrying over.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions regarding the fees or if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

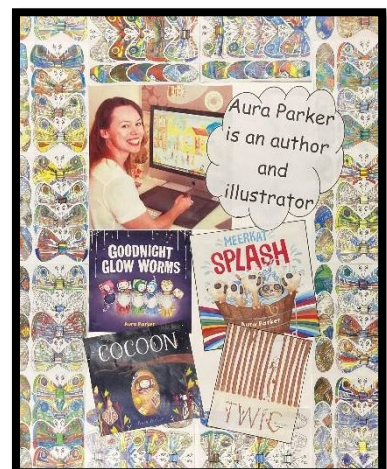
Library News

Virtual author visit to years K – 2.

Author and illustrator Aura Parker paid a virtual visit to our K – 2 students this week for a belated Book Week celebration.

It was a very inter-active session, with students learning how to draw a glow-worm, practicing stick insect poses, and hearing detailed answers to all 47 questions asked by Gordon East students.

Aura also talked about the animals that inspired her books and we saw her visiting meerkats and glow-worms.



PLEASE HELP OUR BOOKS GET HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Overdue notes were emailed last week, and will be going out throughout this term, so please check your child's school bag or library bag for a note. Please have a really good search (under the bed...on brother or sister's bookshelf...under the seat in the car...behind the sofa...in the toy cupboard...) and send the books back to school as soon as possible.

As the notes say, if you can't return the books, please reply, explaining why the books can't be returned.

All books must be returned before the end of Week 8 for stocktake. Borrowing will finish in Week 7.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about missing or overdue books.

Bronwen Campbell, Teacher Librarian

Sports Carnival Day – Friday 30 October

GEPS School Sports Carnival Day



To replace our annual athletics carnival, this year a K-6 Sports Carnival Day has been organised with the assistance of our student leaders.

Our school captains and sports house captains have been busy planning a whole school Sport Carnival Day for Friday 30 October (week 3). They have planned a series of tabloid activities and a short 50 metre sprint race.

All events are participation only and no records will be kept. House points will be awarded for participation, sportsperson-ship and 'Having a Go'. Stickers acknowledging 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded at the end of each sprint race. All K-6 students are encouraged to participate.

The Sport Day is organised to provide an opportunity that allows our students to increase their levels of fitness, develop a variety of skills, participate in physical activity, develop self-esteem, resilience and decision-making skills.

Students are invited to wear house colours, sports shoes and must bring a water bottle and hat. Please apply sunscreen to your child before sending them to school and encourage them to wear sunglasses.

Live Life Well

Live Life Well @ School

GROWING UP DIGITAL AUSTRALIA



- Are you a parent, carer or grandparent of children aged 5 to 17?
- Do you wonder how digital media and technologies might affect their wellbeing, health and learning?

Gonski Institute of Education at the University of NSW is working on a ground-breaking research project investigating these issues (supported by P&C Federation).

Have your say and support the research by 31st October:

www.gie.unsw.edu.au/GUDAustralia/phase2survey



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HEALTHY HALLOWEEN



Use Halloween to conjure up some spooky (and healthy) fruit and veg platters.

Trick and Treat the family!

Handy tip:

Decorate fruit with yoghurt writing or currants or sultanas



For more ideas, search 'Halloween' at healthy-kids.com.au



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Merit Awards

Tuesday 13 October 2020		Tuesday 20 October 2020	
KC	Pippa R	KC	Howard D
KR	Zoe K	KR	Sana S
K/1L	Mitchell N, Emi K	K/1L	Orson F & Archie S
1C	Zach H, Hugo S	1C	Edan K & Ashley S
2A	Claire C, Hermes D	2A	Evan S & Ruby L
2M	Isla H, Hannah J	2M	Tarun J & Alex P
4/3W	William R, Clare H	4/3W	Victor F & Joshua M
4/3A	Jake R, Elyse K	4/3A	Abigail S & Nathaniel P
4/3M	Kaden S, Edie G	4/3M	Connor W & Michael M
4/3F	Iris L, Ethan W	4/3F	Sophia B & Luke A
6/5S	Anna P, Hazel C, Tal F	6/5S	Ethan W, Junseo E & Alex M
6/5P	Amelie L, Darby R, Alyssa R	6/5P	Heni S, Astrid C & Harrison S
6/5W	Yul S, Amy W, Yigit K	6/5W	Daphane F, Isabel B & Chloe S
Mini Merits	Amy-Grace S, Ines R	Mini Merits	
Banners	Scarlett P	Banners	Isla H
		Medal	Amelia R





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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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From the P&C**President Report**

Dear Families,

Wishlist update

Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated to the P&C Wishlist. The school office has already placed orders for most of the items and we are looking forward to the new resources coming in. I'm very pleased to be able to report that we passed the threshold of \$15000 donated already, and so can make the "B" priority Wishlist items available to the school. The B priority items was new staff laptops, which will not only help bring the teachers computers up to date but will also further benefit our kids as their old laptops will be moved into the pool of computers the students can use.

It's not too late to donate – head to Flexischools, make a direct deposit or return the form to the school office. ***The community thanks your generosity.***

Next P&C meeting

We will hold the next regular P&C meeting on October 27 (once again via Zoom). Hope you can join us. Details will be sent by email shortly.

Canteen:

This term we have commenced opening the canteen an extra day per week! The new day canteen day is Monday, and commenced on Monday, 19th October. We will trial this for the next 4-6 weeks and if we are able to sustain sufficient volunteers and orders, we will keep the additional day.

Contact Details

I've recently updated some email addresses that had not made it onto our email list, and have had to remove some due to the addresses no longer being valid. If you are not getting emails from the P&C or recently changed your email address, please let me know and we will update our records.

AGM – December

If you are interested in joining the P&C executive (AGM in early December), please do get in touch.

Nils Bown

GEPS P&C President

geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

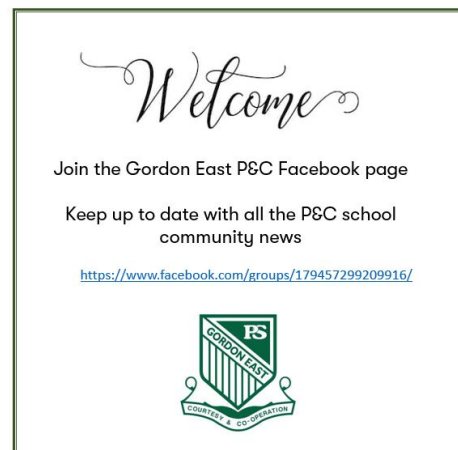
Book Club

Issue 7 of the Scholastics Book Club catalogue went home last Friday and is a bumper issue filled with books from the low price of only \$3, book value packs, some new releases and more. Please be aware that orders from the current catalogue are due by Wednesday 28Oct. All orders can be placed online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

With the end of the year and Christmas fast approaching, if you are looking to purchase items from the catalogue as gifts, at checkout there is the option to mark the order as a gift order and rather than being distributed to your child, it will be held at the school office for parent/carer collection. Please also feel free to let me know by email if you do purchase a 'gift' order and I can contact you directly to let you know when the books are available for collection from school.

Any questions or issues, please contact me at bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Thanks, Shari Allinson



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].

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

We've had a fabulous start to term 4. The volunteer sign-up sheet is looking amazing! There are still a few shifts (18 to be exact) that need filling, but this is a fantastic place to be at the beginning of the term!

This means that canteen being open on Monday looks like it will be able to stay! All we need is the volunteers to make it work and so far we have plenty. If you haven't already signed up, the link is below so you can still put your name down.

<https://volunteersignup.org/HK8BX>

There is a new morning tea option this term. Chobani 100g yoghurt pots for \$1.50 (we provide a spoon too) either strawberry or blueberry. They're a nice small size and are absolutely delicious as well as being a great option for morning tea. Nice and cold on hot day too! You can order them in the 'Morning Tea' section on Flexischools.



Alex

canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Gordon East P&C Canteen

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Thanks
Shari Allinson

Band

BE PART OF THE BAND!

TRAINING BAND 2021 - GEPS BAND PROGRAM

An amazing opportunity for your child to experience our incredible Band Program

BAND PROGRAM ZOOM INFORMATION MEETING for students and their parents in year 2 and above- *BE THERE!*

Wednesday 11th November at 6.30pm

All year 2 students and their parents as well as any student in an older year level interested in joining the **Training Band 2021** are invited to attend an Information session via zoom to find out about the **Band Program at Gordon East** including, costs, commitment, and benefits of the being involved in the band program.

It is very important that you log in to the zoom and we look forward to “seeing” you there!

Meeting Code: 7811836471 Password: 201320

Any questions please email gepsband@gmail.com

We'd love you to BE PART OF THE BAND!

Kellye Bettman
GEPS Band Director

**E-SAFETY**

Tips to help protect your child online

**BUILD TRUST AROUND TECHNOLOGY**

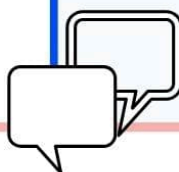
Keep communication open and supportive so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.

**SET TIME LIMITS**

Balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities – a family technology plan can help you to manage expectations around where and when technology use is allowed.

BUILD GOOD HABITS

Help your child to develop digital intelligence and social and emotional skills – such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience – and practice being good online citizens.

**CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**

On the games and apps your child is using make sure their profiles are turned on to the strictest privacy setting. Restrict who can contact your child or ask them to check in with you before accepting new friends.

CO-VIEW AND CO-PLAY

Play with your child online. This will help you better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website, as well as providing a great opportunity to start conversations about online safety.

**EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**

Wherever possible, help your child make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.

