



# Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people

Safe, respectful learners

Term 4 – Issue 17  
6 November 2020

## School Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 11 November**
  - 9:30am Kindy Orientation (1)
- **Friday 13 November**
  - PSSA (T Ball & Cricket @ Regimental Oval)
- **Monday 16 November**
  - Stage 3 Camp (7:30am dept)
- **Wednesday 18 November**
  - 9:30am Kindy Orientation (2)
  - Stage 3 Camp return
- **Friday 20 November**
  - PSSA (T Ball & Cricket @ Regimental Oval)

**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,

It was wonderful to see the whole school out and enjoying our student led sports carnival last Friday. We were lucky to get a break in the weather with a nice sunny day and with PSSA cancelled due to grounds being closed, everyone had an opportunity to participate without missing out on PSSA. Thank you to our Student Leaders and Mr Fowler who did a splendid job of organising and running the day.

### COVID Update

Yesterday, further restrictions were lifted and adjusted guidelines issued for a range of end of year events starting November 12th. Within these changes are a range of requirements we must follow in our organisation. We are working our way through organising and adjusting plans to reflect these requirements. However, just a reminder that the following events are going ahead. More specific details on what these might look like will be sent out closer to the time.

- Stage 3 Camp
- Presentation Day
- Year 6 Farewell

### 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.

### 2021 Start to the school year

The beginning of the 2021 school year will be a little different to previous years. Our staff will be at school for two development days (Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January) and our students in years 1-6 will return to school on Friday 29 January.

### School procedures

Over the last few months we have been working collaboratively to review some of our current school procedures and write some new ones. These procedures have included input from parents and staff and can be found on our school website on the Policies and Procedures page under the About Us tab. All procedures are reflective of the Department of Education Policies and Procedures. Today the following procedures were uploaded for you to view:

- Sport Procedures
- Digital Device Procedures (including smart watches and Moochies)
- Enrolment Procedures
- Student Leadership procedures
- Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- School Community Charter

### 2021 School Planning

We are commencing our planning and organisation for 2021. 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.
- **Leaving GEPS:** 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 organization and planning for 2021.

*Ruth White*

Principal



## Sports Carnival Day – Friday 30 October

### *Sports Carnival newsletter item 2020*

On Friday 30 October K-6 students participated in the student led, Sports Carnival Day. Smiles could be seen on the faces of all whom attended and the race track kept everyone entertained and motivated to join in. Events included tug-of-war, hockey, sack races, egg and spoon races and more tabloid events. All students did their very best, and the student leaders excelled in their leadership, communication and organisational skills. This year, all students received a participation ribbon and stickers for a gaining a place (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) in the 50-metre sprint. The teachers were very impressed with the behaviour and sportsmanship of all students. Outstanding team spirit GEPS! Thank you to the students and teachers for making the day a wonderful experience for all. Thank you to our families for encouraging your children to wear house colours, participate and be sun safe.

Written by Mr Fowler



# Aussie of the Month

## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month

### Sophie H

*Sophie is a ray of sunshine. She is a considerate and helpful student who always shows care and concern for those around her. Sophie has a contagious and refreshingly positive attitude.*

*She is respectful and courteous towards teachers, office staff and fellow students.*

*Sophie is an active listener and participant; she makes thoughtful contributions during small team and class discussions. She is kind, fair and caring friend. Sophie is a well-deserved recipient of this Aussie of the Month award and is an asset to 4/3A, Gordon East Public School and the Gordon East community.*

*Congratulations Sophie!*

October 2020

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## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month

### Scarlett W

*Scarlett is a conscientious, interested learner who tries her best in all endeavors. She is courteous, cooperative and collaborative.*

*Scarlett is a cheerful, keen member of the class who is considerate of those around her.*

*Scarlett demonstrates resilience by persevering: she is brave and always has a go. She is respectful of the school and class environment and fulfils her roles and responsibilities with pride. Scarlett upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by striving to be a safe, respectful learner.*

*Congratulations, Scarlett, you are a highly deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award.*

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## Merit Awards

	Tuesday 27 October 2020		Tuesday 3 November 2020
<b>KC</b>	Magnus H	<b>KC</b>	Taraneh K
<b>KR</b>	Harriet O	<b>KR</b>	Marcus L
<b>K/1L</b>	Amy-Grace S, Flore Z	<b>K/1L</b>	Lachlan B, Leo M
<b>1C</b>	Gary Y, Toby T	<b>1C</b>	Joshua H, Chloe L
<b>2A</b>	Sasha Y, Bradley L	<b>2A</b>	Tian N, Daniel J
<b>2M</b>	Daniel S, Brian T	<b>2M</b>	Lena F, Tom M
<b>4/3W</b>	Ella S, Lachlan C	<b>4/3W</b>	Ryan D, Parker M
<b>4/3A</b>	Sophie H, Oliver L	<b>4/3A</b>	Duc N, James
<b>4/3M</b>	Cagla K, Troy H	<b>4/3M</b>	Callum S, James A
<b>4/3F</b>	Oliver G, Oakley S	<b>4/3F</b>	Sophia B, Alon R
<b>6/5S</b>	Lydia R, Jihoo C, Brandon M	<b>6/5S</b>	Ines G, Lydia R, Kiani C
<b>6/5P</b>	Nico Y, Tia J, Alexander V	<b>6/5P</b>	Samantha Y, William G-J, Sia M
<b>6/5W</b>	April K, Amelie S, Lucy M	<b>6/5W</b>	Amelia T, Nathan D, Dylan A
<b>Mini Merits</b>	Daphne F, Katia S, Leo M	<b>Mini Merits</b>	Brandon W, Lucy M, Sasha Y
<b>Banners</b>	Minjae C, Alex P, Ruby L	<b>Aussies</b>	Scarlett W, Sophie H







## GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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🌐 <https://gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

## Nutrition Snippet

### MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your family having more veg by making Monday 'Meat-free'.



#### Try these meat-free meals:

- [Mushroom, spinach and lentil lasagne](#)
- [Green frittata](#)
- [Eggplant tagine](#)

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!

[healthylunchbox.com.au](https://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

## Nutrition Snippet

### SPRINGTACULAR FRUIT AND VEG.



#### Try these seasonal recipes:

- [Beef and broccoli stir fry](#)
- [Zucchini slice](#)
- [Healthy apple crumble](#)
- For these recipes and more visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](https://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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## From the P&C

### President Report

Dear Families,

#### Wishlist update

Thank you to all the families who continue to kindly donate to the P&C Wishlist.

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

Thanks for the small group who joined us for the Term 4 P&C meeting last week. We had a great update, including reviewing some of the new school procedures, which the P&C has been involved in creating.

#### Canteen:

Don't forget to sign up for a volunteering slot. More details below.

#### 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](mailto:geps@gordoneastpandc.org.au).

#### 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].

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](mailto:uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au)





## Canteen

We still need some volunteers for the rest of the term. There are 12 more shifts that need to be filled to complete the term so if you can help out please put your name down.

<https://volunteersignup.org/HK8BX>

Remember we now have 100g Chobani yoghurt available for morning tea.

Alex

[canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Gordon East P&C Canteen

## Ukulele Club

The Ukulele Club has resumed for the next 5 weeks, and the venue will be the amphitheatre. Year 2 students may attend from 8.00 - 8.30 am and Year 1 from 8.30 am - 9.00 am, both on a Tuesday. Years 3-6 will join a zoom class on Monday at 5.30pm.

## Book Club

Orders from Issue 7 have been processed and will hopefully arrive next week for sorting and distribution. Any orders that were specified as 'gifts' at checkout, will be held at the school office for collection.

Thanks,

Shari Allinson

[bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

## 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](mailto:gepsband@gmail.com)

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

Kellye Bettman

GEPS Band Director



**FREE  
ZOOM  
PRESENTATION**

## START HIGH SCHOOL WITH CONFIDENCE

Amy Miller is a qualified high school teacher and current university lecturer in communication and social media. Cue-7 Workshops offers a DIY workshop for kids to do at home anytime, plus a one-on-one premium workshop.

This free zoom for parents presents the key topics Amy teaches kids to start high school with confidence; she discusses the pro's & con's of using social media and looks at how to plan for homework and assessments.

**FREE ONLINE ZOOM  
FOR PARENTS  
(30MINS)**

**MONDAY 23rd  
NOVEMBER, 2020 1PM**

### ***CUE-7 WORKSHOPS COVER 5 IMPORTANT TOPICS:***



1. STRENGTHS



2. SOCIAL MEDIA



3. HOMEWORK



4. FRIENDSHIPS



5. WELLBEING

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