



# Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

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## School Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 24 November**
  - 2pm Young Communicators Speech finals via Zoom
- **Wednesday 25 November**
  - 9:30am Kindy Orientation (3)
- **Friday 27 November**
  - PSSA (T Ball – St Ives Village Green. Cricket Primula Oval)
- **Tuesday 1 December**
  - Last SRE/SEE lesson for 2020
- **Friday 4 December**
  - Last PSSA for 2020 (T Ball – St Ives Village Green. Cricket Wellington 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,

This week stage 3 enjoyed camp. Whilst it was a hot start to the three-day event, fun was had by all between feeding stingrays and sharks, duel flying foxes and giant swings. A big thank you to Mrs White for all her organisation, as well as Mrs Smith and Mr Pullen for their assistance with camp.

#### 2021 Class requests for special circumstances

At this time of year, we are often asked that special consideration be given for student class placement in the following year. Our staff have an excellent knowledge of our students and put an enormous amount of time and effort in forming classes to meet the needs of all students. All our classes are mixed ability and cater for the wide range of needs among our students.

If you feel that you have extenuating circumstances that require a parent request, please put your request in writing by using the online survey form via this link <https://forms.gle/RsVvxcrfrbUEBeoE8> no later than Wednesday 9th December 3:00pm. Please submit a separate request for each child if necessary.

Please note:

- Requests for specific teachers or friendship groups will not be considered.
- Requests for special consideration should focus on the learning needs of the student.
- There is no guarantee that the school will be able to accommodate requests.

### COVID-19 symptoms can include:



fever



sore throat



cough



shortness of breath.

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.

**Presentation Day**

We are very pleased to let you know that parents are able to attend the end of year presentation assemblies with social distancing and some restrictions in place. More details of arrangements will be sent home in the coming weeks. We will be holding these assemblies outside and look forward to acknowledging our students' with parents attending.

**Thank you GEPS Community!**

A big thank you to our community for your support in providing resources via the annual wish list. Most of our readers have arrived. Mrs Campbell and our library monitors have been busy unpacking and accessioning them in the library. Additionally, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Strokhorb and Mrs Kahn have also completed their MacLit training.



## 2021 School Planning

We are commencing our planning and organisation for 2021. 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 ASAP. This information helps with class organisation and planning for 2021.

*Ruth White*

Principal

## Bike Safety

Recently, we have seen a number of children being unsafe when riding bikes to and from school. Regular reminders and safety lessons are taught throughout the school year. Some bike safety tips that you can discuss at home are provided below.

Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways. While your child may learn skills such as balancing, pedalling and steering quite easily, they are still learning skills that help them to judge speed, distance and the direction of sound. Your young child will often ride with their head down, concentrating on pedalling, not the environment around them. Your child needs ongoing adult help in safe, off-road locations to gradually develop all their skills.



Your older child may want to ride to and from school. This helps to ease traffic congestion, reduce your carbon footprint and promotes physical activity.

### Safe riding tips

- Always wear an approved [bicycle helmet](#), properly fitted and fastened
- Always obey the [road rules](#), including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs
- Always walk your bike across the zebra/children's crossings
- Allow pedestrians a metre of space on shared paths, where possible.
- Always travel at a speed that is safe for you and the pedestrians you encounter, especially if you are riding on a footpath or shared path
- When approaching pedestrians, always ring your bell, slow down and prepare to stop and give way
- Ride in a predictable manner so that other road users do not have to react suddenly to your movements
- Give hand signals when changing lanes or turning left or right
- Make yourself visible by wearing bright, light or reflective clothing
- Plan your route using quieter streets, bicycle paths or [shared paths](#)
- Always be in control of your bicycle. It is an offence to ride with both hands off the handlebars, feet off the pedals or to carry anything that prevents you from having control.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/aboutthecentre/resources/index.html>

Safe riding



## From the office

A reminder that payment of all outstanding fees is required by Friday 27 November, Week 7. Prompt payment would be appreciated for year-end reconciliation purposes.

Please contact the office if you would like your statement of account emailed to you.

## Projects update

### Enviromentors Workshops

Well done to our Stage 2 classes who attended the Enviromentors workshops this week. Our aim is to facilitate the development of students' knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviour in relation to recycling, its products and social and environmental benefits. By learning about reducing natural resource, energy and water use, students are motivated, willing and able to adopt correct recycling actions and encourage others to do so. Students from Stage 2 have suggested the following ways for our school and broader community to improve our waste management habits

1. Start a worm farm or compost bin
2. Find ways to reduce, reuse, repurpose and recycle
3. Use reusable food containers

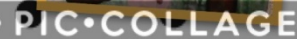
It's wonderful to see our students develop their understanding of the importance of looking after our environment. Such an important consideration for future generations.



This semester, Stage 2 students participated in the LittleScribe My Life Story Project. Throughout the project students have worked with authors and illustrators like Cameron Daddo and James Foley. We have developed and refined our skills for creative writing, language techniques and illustrations. Students learn about the writing cycle whereby they had to draft, edit, revise and publish a story about their lives. The inspiration for their stories was characters and people.

Stage 2 students thoroughly enjoyed My Life Story project and are very proud that they are published authors and illustrators at such a young age. Please enjoy their work!

## Stage 2 Teachers



## Merit Awards

	Tuesday 3 November 2020		Tuesday 10 November 2020
<b>KC</b>	Keira B	<b>KC</b>	Rachael H
<b>KR</b>	Isabella A	<b>KR</b>	Stella Y
<b>K/1L</b>	Archie A, Eli M	<b>K/1L</b>	Ines R, Mark S
<b>1C</b>	Sienna P, Jacob S	<b>1C</b>	Oliver H, Ava W
<b>2A</b>	Chloe T, John S	<b>2A</b>	Maison S, Matilda P
<b>2M</b>	Madeline B, Olivia T	<b>2M</b>	Grace T, Scarlett P
<b>4/3W</b>	Karishma P, Frances C	<b>4/3W</b>	Jasmine D, Evie M
<b>4/3A</b>	Oliver P, Marisa L	<b>4/3A</b>	Eli K, Alex K
<b>4/3M</b>	Scarlett M, Sarah L	<b>4/3M</b>	To be advised next newsletter
<b>4/3F</b>	Oliver H, Lihon C	<b>4/3F</b>	Oscar W, Natasha M
<b>6/5S</b>	Egor G, Julian C, Ashley P	<b>6/5S</b>	<i>The Great Aussie Bush Camp</i>
<b>6/5P</b>	Sophia M, Angus W, Niall J	<b>6/5P</b>	<i>The Great Aussie Bush Camp</i>
<b>6/5W</b>	Lachlan M, Aidan T, Leona A	<b>6/5W</b>	<i>The Great Aussie Bush Camp</i>
<b>Mini Merits</b>	Tommy F, Brandon M		
<b>Banners</b>	Brandon M, Lena F, Ines G, Callum S, Edie G, James A		



## Congratulations

Lydia R competed in the U12 NSW State Championship Softball Tournament last weekend as part of the North Shore Team. Her team came 3rd and just missed the final!







## GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# 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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## Live Life Well

**Nutrition Snippet****WAR ON WASTE.**

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



**Want to know how you can reduce your food waste?**

Check out our [blog](https://healthylunchbox.com.au) at [healthylunchbox.com.au](https://healthylunchbox.com.au) for more tips that will save you money, time and our planet!

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



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

**Nutrition Snippet****SAVVY SNACK SWAPS.**

**Swap cake for these healthy snacks:**

- [Banana Bread](#)
- [Pumpkin and sweet potato scones](#)
- [Fruit loaf](#)

Check out our [interactive healthy swap guide](#) for more inspiration!

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



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## From the P&C

### President Report

Dear Families,

#### Year 6 Farewell

Thanks to the small group of parents who have taken an active role supporting the Year 6 farewell. Our year 5 families organise this farewell and this year is particularly challenging to organise! If you are in year 5 and can also spare a moment to help with this, please contact me and I'll put you in touch with the organiser.

#### 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.***

#### 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 have had a few odd things happen recently!

There have been quite a few children come to the canteen at lunch time saying that they should have an order but when I check, they aren't in Flexischools with an order for that day.

I'm not sure whether it's orders that aren't quite being completed (make sure you get the box that says your order has been placed) or whether orders are being placed for the wrong day.

**Please** make sure that you double check as you go that you're ordering for the day that you actually want. If a child doesn't have lunch we will always make sure that they're fed but it will only be a sandwich, not necessarily what they thought was ordered & the school will send an email asking you to send in the money for their lunch.

If you have any questions, feel free to email [canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Alex

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

We are now on the last issue of the Book Club catalogue for the year (Issue 8) and all orders are due in by Sunday 22Nov. This issue is a great opportunity to grab some early Christmas presents or reading materials for the upcoming Summer school break, while also supporting the school library through Scholastic reward dollars. 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. All orders can be placed online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

Any questions or issues, please contact me at [bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Regards

Shari Allinson

## Band

Thank you to those parents who have already registered their child for Training Band 2021.

If you have yet to register, we have extended our deadline a little longer.


Register via <https://portal.msrmusic.com.au/gepsmusic>

We are particularly keen on any students interested in playing lower brass instruments. We have Trombones and Euphoniums which have no hire fee for the first year of playing. These instruments are very important in a band and are also particularly fun to play. And, as an added bonus, they are not too difficult to play!

Any questions please email [gepsband@gmail.com](mailto:gepsband@gmail.com)

Kellye Bettman

GEPS Band Director




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 Mercy College - Mount St Benedicts College*



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

**This summer, your kids can fire up their imaginations and keep their hands and minds busy at our popular school holiday programs.**

### Holiday gymnastics and swimming programs

Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, or jump in the pool with our swimming classes which range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels (4 to 15 years of age). Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

### Vacation care

Our vacation care program has something for everyone: indoor and outdoor activities and excursions, arts and crafts, drama, cooking and games. It's hands off devices and hands-on fun.

### Junior Science Academy

Switch on their curiosity at our Junior Science Academy with fun, hands-on experiments in classes for students from kindergarten to Year 6.

### RoboCamps

Build robots and learn to drive them with the Thunder Down Under robotics team. Fun, educational and professionally run, these classes are ideal for children in Years 1-7. **Creative Kids vouchers** (value is \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher).

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