



Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

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School Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Students **return** to school term 1
Friday 29th January 2021



From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

This is our last Newsletter for the year. 2020 has been a unique year for all and quite the journey as we tackled learning in a year of COVID. Albeit a challenging year with regulations, it was wonderful to able to end it on a high with our annual end of year events – the year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day, Year 6 Graduation and our traditional tunnel; all with parents in attendance.

As we come to the end of 2020, I would like to acknowledge our community for their hard-working efforts and look forward to starting a new and fresh year of learning in 2021.

Thank you to our students for their hard-working efforts and engagement in their learning.



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.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for their commitment and giving well over 100% and more through such a challenging year teaching the students at Gordon East. Thank you also to our Assistant Principals Mrs White, Mr Fowler and Mrs Choi. Their support and assistance is very much appreciated by all. Lastly, thank you to the P&C and school families for your continued and great support of the school throughout 2020.

Year 6 Farewell

On Monday night, we enjoyed a tropical survivor themed Year 6 Farewell. Thank you to the parents who worked over the weekend ensuring a marquee was set up with delightful decorations and catering for the staff and students. Without your efforts, it would not have been such a special evening for year 6. Thank you also to year 5 for hosting the evening.



Staff Changes

As with every year, we have a couple of staff changes. We farewell Mr Girvan, Miss Acton, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Miranda. I would like to thank Mr Girvan, Miss Acton, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Miranda for their contributions to GEPS and their care and support of the children's learning at GEPS. Mr Hutchison will continue his role as Relieving Assistant Principal Role at Willoughby Public School throughout next year. In the office, Mrs Hensler will be taking leave next year. We wish everyone well whatever their plans are for 2021. As we finalise staffing for 2020, we will start 2021 welcoming some new staff members.

Return to school in 2021

Just a reminder that all teachers return to school for two school development days on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January and the first day for students in years 1-6 will be Friday 29 January.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the break with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone when school returns in 2021.

Ruth White

Principal

