



# Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

Term 3 – Issue 11

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## School Newsletter

### Diary Dates

- **Mon 26 – Fri 30 July**
  - Education Week
- **Friday 20 August**
  - PRC Ends
- **Friday 17 September**
  - Term 3 ends

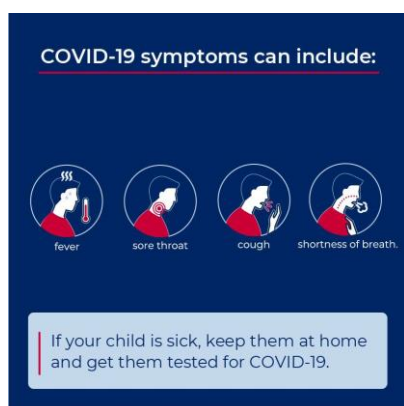
### From the Principal – Mrs. Ruth White

Dear Families,

I hope this finds you well.

It certainly has been an unusual return to school this term to say the least. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of our parents who are juggling working at home with the supervision of home learning. We know that this is an extremely challenging time, but you are doing a great job and we appreciate your support.

I would also like to acknowledge and send out a huge thank you to the GEPS staff. All staff are spending countless hours supporting the operations of the school, whether it be designing home learning packages, packing resources, setting up the contactless collection point on the verandah each morning - and the list goes on, all while working at home with a skeleton staff onsite and managing an online classroom environment using 2 platforms.



### 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.

We are seeing a great level of engagement in our Google Classrooms and via our Zoom check ins. Most classes are engaging and connecting with their class at least once or twice each day. Google Classroom and Zoom remain regular ports of call for questions, clarification or just to connect. We are seeing some fabulous work being returned to school and congratulate the children on their efforts.

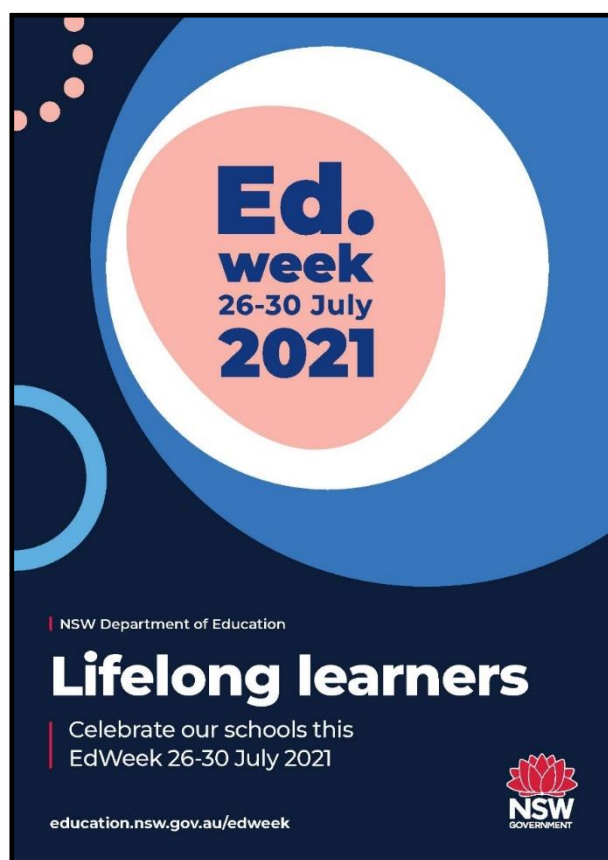
Just a reminder: During this time flexibility is the key! Scaffolds and timetables are provided to give some structure and support to families when they need it. Regardless of when students complete their tasks during the week, we do ask that one week's work is returned for marking when collecting the following week's work. It is to be expected that something will come up and we understand. If children are unable to complete all of a task at the suggested time, that is ok. If the timetable isn't working during a particular time and you change it, it's ok. Our expectation of all our families is to simply *"Try your best"*. We are all in the same boat together.

We wanted to showcase some of the work being completed by students following celebrating NAIDOC week at the beginning of the term. Next week is Education Week with this year's theme being Lifelong Learners. Children will be participating in a number of activities (virtually), and we look forward to sharing them with you soon.

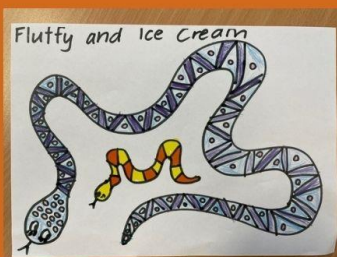
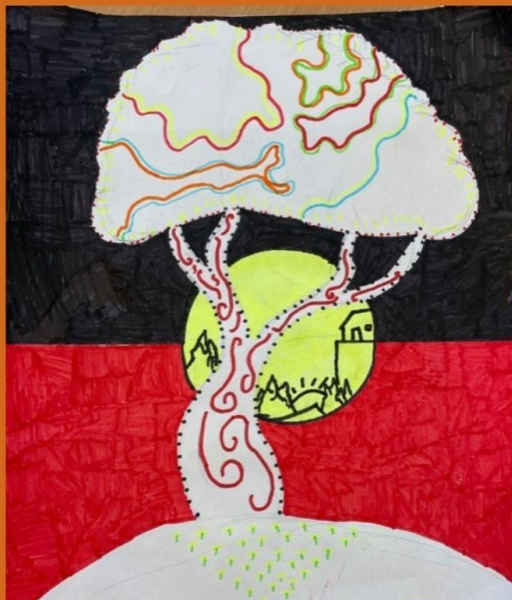
Take care and stay safe.

**Ruth White**

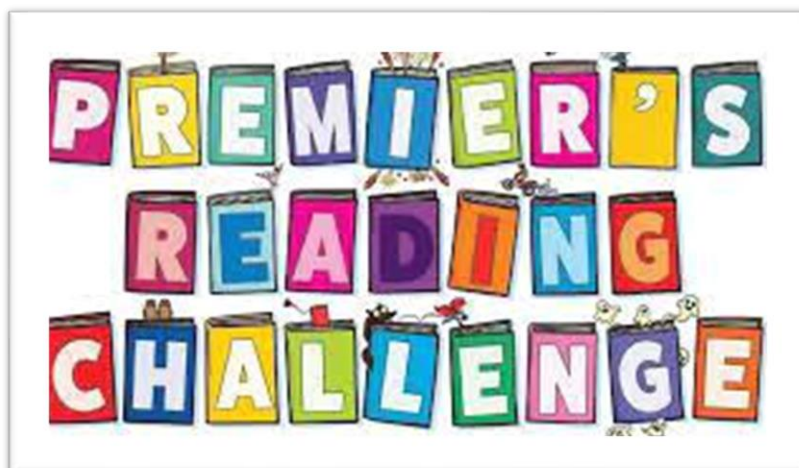
Principal



# NAIDOC Week



## Library News



### Library News Term 3 Week 2

So far this year, 132 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest finishers:

Kindergarten: Martina J, Ben L, Martin M, Ilia P

Year 1: Bella A, Zoe K, Mark S

Year 2: Eden K, Oliver L, Katelyn Y

Year 3: Hannah J, Danial J,

Year 5: Eli K

Year 6: Leona A, Asha P, Thomas R

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with their school username and password. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC.

The PRC finishes on 20<sup>th</sup> August – Friday Week 6 of Term 3.

Remember you can still access GEPS library books via Click and Collect. See the front page of Oliver Library (log in through the link on Student Portal) for information about Click and Collect.

*It's always a great time to read!*

Bronwen Campbell,  
Teacher Librarian

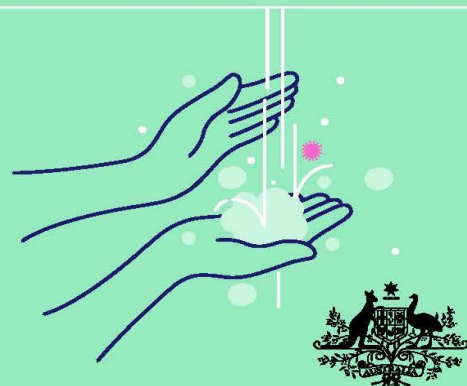
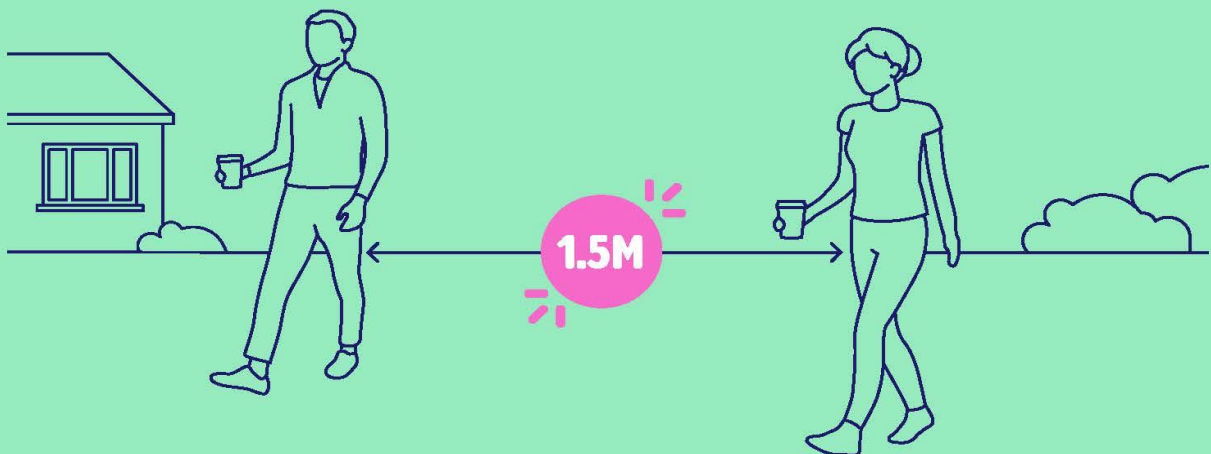


# Keep physical distancing and **BE COVIDSAFE**



Physical distancing is working to help keep us all COVIDSafe. Remember, whenever you go out, stay 1.5 metres apart and avoid physical greetings. Follow guidelines in shops and businesses and always practise good hygiene. This will help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Together, let's **BE COVIDSAFE**.  
Visit [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au) for more information.



  
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## COVID SAFETY AT GEPS

### Sick or unwell?



Parents, visitors, staff and students must not come to school or a community event if they are unwell. Even with very mild symptoms.

### COVID testing



Need to get a COVID test? The nearest testing clinics to Gordon East PS include

- **Killara Histopath Pathology Drive-through Clinic** 28 Stanhope Road, Dalcross Private Hospital Killara, 2071, Killara, NSW , AU
- **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital** Burdett Street, Building 93, 2077, Hornsby, NSW, AU
- **Ryde Respiratory Clinic** 11 Khartoum Road, 2113, Macquarie Park, NSW, AU

Please go to [https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics/list?pcode=&suburb=undefined&type=all&request\\_id=0.2038061901922883#dcs-search-result](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics/list?pcode=&suburb=undefined&type=all&request_id=0.2038061901922883#dcs-search-result) for further information on COVID testing clinics.



Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

### Let's stop the spread



Get the COVIDSafe app. More information can be found at [https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app?gclid=EAlaIqobChMls-uewLzH7gIVgQVYCh2QCQIQEAAAYASAAEgl1VPD\\_BwE](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app?gclid=EAlaIqobChMls-uewLzH7gIVgQVYCh2QCQIQEAAAYASAAEgl1VPD_BwE) .

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