



# Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people

Safe, respectful learners

Term 3 – Issue 14  
3 September 2021

## School Newsletter

### Diary Dates

- **Friday 3 September**
  - PRC Ends
- **Friday 17 September**
  - Term 3 ends
- **Tuesday 5 October**
  - Term 4 begins
- **Monday 25 October**
  - Years K & 1 return to onsite learning
- **Monday 1 November**
  - Years 2 & 6 return to onsite learning
- **Monday 8 November**
  - Years 3, 4 & 5 return to onsite learning

### From the Principal – Mrs. Ruth White

Dear Families,

It really is very hard to believe that we have been learning from home for 8 weeks! Congratulations to our entire community for keeping up the momentum and supporting home learning programs. We are almost to the holidays!

A big thank you to the community for your feedback by way of Parent Focus Groups. Your feedback was appreciated. You will find some tweaks to our home learning as we work our way through the feedback along with some further changes as term 4 commences. We hope this will assist you in making home learning more manageable. Thank you to the class parents and the P&C Exec for their time and participation with this process.

### 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.

**KSP Parent Workshop**

This term a parent workshop has been organised by Killara High School for all the schools in the Killara Schools Partnership. The workshop is on cyber safety and will be delivered by Ysafe. The parent workshop will be held next Monday 6 September, and I recommend attending if you can; it will be relevant for all parents.

To register go to: [https://familyzone.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y\\_dmKduiTvqA4nCjtk2C5A](https://familyzone.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y_dmKduiTvqA4nCjtk2C5A)

**OC Placement Test Delayed**

As a result of recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of Covid-19 restrictions and the return to school plan, the Opportunity Class Placement test scheduled for 6 October 2021 has been delayed. Parents of our Year 4 applicants will be advised of new testing arrangements as soon as they are announced.

**Typical Day ‘teaching from home’**

One of the questions that arose from our focus group meetings was “What does it look like for teachers, Teaching from Home”. Teaching this term has been very different.

In addition to this, business as usual is still occurring, ie: staff meetings, Professional Learning, administrative tasks and duties etc.

**What does the average day look like for teachers at GEPS during Learning From Home?**

- Early start to the start with alarms going off anywhere between 5:30 – 7:00
- Up to about (and some days more):
  - 1 hour to prepare and gather thoughts for the day
  - 2 hours working on learning packages
  - 2 hours researching & locating resources
  - 1 -2 hours creating activities
  - 2 hours marking
  - 1 – 1.5 hours professional discussions with colleagues
  - Zoom session/s with class between 30mins – 1 hour at a time depending on the year of the student
- Monitoring Google Classroom throughout the day for questions
- Responding to emails and contacting parents
- Supporting their own families in working or learning from home
- Managing households
- Checking in on extended family

**Happy Father’s Day**

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads, grandfathers and uncles in our community. I would like to wish you all a very happy Father’s Day this Sunday! Enjoy your special day.

Take care and stay safe.

**Ruth White**

Principal

## Killara Schools Partnership

## KSP Parent Seminar

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## Killara High School presents a Parent Information Session with ySafe and Yasmin London via ZOOM

**Monday 6 September, 6.30pm**





Protecting kids in the digital world is an ever evolving task for Australian families. Now, more than ever parents are looking for guidance on how to manage screen time, deal with negative online experiences and navigate the world of gaming and social media.

Join Australia's award winning and leading cyber safety educators, ySafe, as they take you through the latest trends in online behaviours, social media and games, as well as the latest research and legislation as it applies to children and their families in the online world.

This session is strategy rich, and full of practical tips (including take home resources) to help you ensure you are able to create a truly cyber safe home. If you've ever struggled in getting your kids off their devices and into bed, or worried about the content or connections they have online, then this webinar is for you.

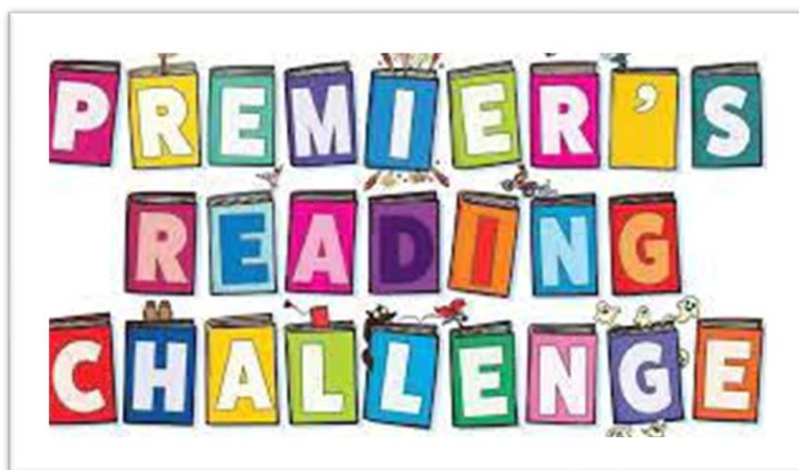
**[Click here](#) to register for this event.**

You will be sent to the webinar registration page to register your attendance for the ySafe cyber safety education session. Once registered, you will be sent a link to join the seminar on 6 September.



**KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL**

## Library News



### Library News Term 3 Week 8

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes *today*. Students have until midnight to finish entering books they have read. Remember that students can include 10 choice books (instead of 5). Instructions for adding choice books can be found on the support page of the PRC Website.

So far this year, 167 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest finishers:

Year 1: Diaco M, Olivia Z

Year 2: Sienna P, Pippa W

Year 4: Troy H, Darius M

Year 5: Natasha M, Oliver P

Year 6: Michaela M, Ashley P

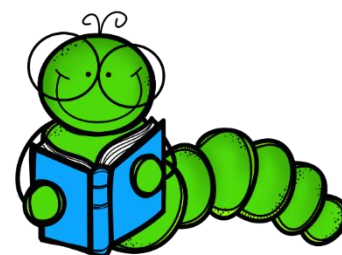
To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with their school username and password. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC.

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.

Cut off time for holiday borrowing is 9am Wednesday 15th September (Week 10). Book requests received after then will not be ready for collection by the end of term.

Bronwen Campbell,  
Teacher Librarian





## Merits

Tuesday 31 August 2021	
<b>KL</b>	Scarlett L, Ilia P, Sam B, Liam S, Audrey C, Elise T, Edie C, James T, Ben L, Isabel H, Edward K, Flynn R, Charlie H, Jordan K, Cornelia T, Ryan L
<b>KR</b>	Malachi W, Joshua C, Martin M, Emily D, Karen K, Monty A, Grace L, Max P, Frankie J, Sienna A, Leo S, Frankie J, Milla C, Anna V, Sofia F, Annie L
<b>1C</b>	Bella A, Diaco M, Zoe K, Olivia M, Alice M, Lachlan B, Harriet O, Olivia Z, Magnus H, Archie A, Senna L, Keira B, Abigail J, Hannah L, Orson F, Victoria Y
<b>1M</b>	Thomas S, Ava V, Nicholas P, Flore Z, Nathan Z, Stella Y, Isaac M, Eloise T, Nikki W, Tommy F, Jayden H, Pippa R, Emilia K
<b>2M</b>	Yuka Y, Xavier C, Toby T, Kishan P, Scarlett W, Oliver L, Gary Y, Nina W, Daniel S, Oliver H, Ava C, Jyun-Yuen H, Ines R, Archie S, William E, Yuuv B
<b>3/2A</b>	Catherine F, Jessie K, Joshua H, Mitchell N, Jamie W, Neil B, Emily A, Tarun J, Isla H, Caleb K, Ruby L, Eden K, Jonathan B, Zachary H, Pippa W, Ashley S, Jacob S, William T, Rebecca S, Kate L, Bradley L, Benny M, Sienna P, Tristan Y
<b>4/3C</b>	Jasmine D, Benjamin W, Scarlett M, Claire C, Grace T, William C, Kip R, Chloe T, John S, Xavi S, Ana Luiza E, Tom M, Ariana F, Michelle C, Yoonku H, Aiden S, Lachlan C, Desiree G, Max S, Ella S, Jaden K, Brian T, Zoe L, William V
<b>4/3F</b>	Evan S, Alex P, Daniel J, Diana T, Karishma P, Darius M, Hannah J, Marco D, Ray W, Sasha Y, Scarlett P, Tian N, Ollie H, Aarin C, Heath R, Oscar W, Nathya W, Olivia T, Evie M, Eileen S, Harry C, Troy H, Parker M
<b>4/3W</b>	Finley H, Rhiannon J, Maison S, Max T, Madison C, Mia H, Madeline V, Alex K, Hayley B, Clare H, Harrison H, Joe Y, Christian E, Lena F, Ethan L, Duc N, Jacob M, Clayton W, Lihon C, Hermes D, Tomas C, Matilda P, Ariane A, Phoebe M
<b>6/5P</b>	Amy A, Abigail B, Ollie C, Ryan D, Edith G, Naomi G, Lily H, Sahana J, Cagla K, Eli K, Aiden M, Sia M, Irene M, Anna P, Lydia R, Alon R, Marco S, Ethan W, Isabel B, Natasha M, Jake R, Sophia B, Egor G, Sierra L
<b>6/5S</b>	Olivia W, Luke A, Alexander R, Ronan J, Nathan S, Colby H, Ines G, Kalani L, Jaden S, Oakley S, Harrison S, Hazel C, Michaela M, Sophie H, Toby W, William E, Romy L, Marisa L, Sarah L, Leona A, Amelie S, Chloe V, Casey X, AJ V
<b>6/5WS</b>	James A, Meghan B, Lucas B, Oliver D, Sophie H, Elyse K, Iris L, Amelie L, Michael M, Sunita P, Ashley P, Alyssa R, Nicolas S, Katia S, Amelia T, Dilan W, Annabel W, Amy W, Tom R, Asha P, Oliver P, Oliver G, Angus W, Abigail R



## Well Being Day







GORDON EAST  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

# *Enrolments for 2022*

**ENROL ONLINE**

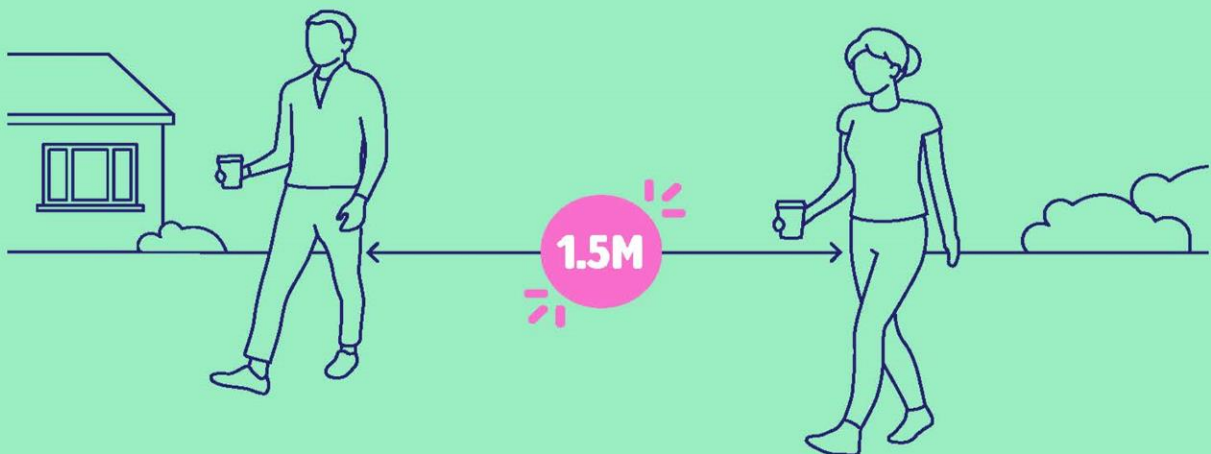
Head to our Gordon East website  
[gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

# 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.





## 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=EAlaIqobChMIs-uewLzH7glVgQVyCh2QCQIQEAAAYASAAEgl1VPD\\_BwE](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIs-uewLzH7glVgQVyCh2QCQIQEAAAYASAAEgl1VPD_BwE) .