



# Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people

Safe, respectful learners

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## School Newsletter

### Diary Dates

- **Friday 3 September**
  - PRC Ends
- **Friday 17 September**
  - Term 3 ends

### From the Principal – Mrs. Ruth White

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of week 4 and just over the halfway mark of current lockdown dates. Thank you to families who have been keeping their children at home. It is no easy task balancing working from home, learning from home and family care. We appreciate your continued support. As always, our school will be open with minimal supervision to support those students who cannot be educated from home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker.

Over the last two weeks we have been participating in a range of learning opportunities both at home and at school as part of our learning packages. We have included a small taste of what's been happening in our photo gallery section. Last week, 3-6 participated in a writers festival as part of Education week, students have been enjoying engaging with the Olympics and had great fun spending some time outside in the sunshine drawing the Olympic mascots throughout the playground, and Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of learning. We look forward to sharing some of the work from Education Week in the upcoming weeks.

### 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.

**Parent Support sessions**

Headspace are hosting free mental health education sessions with a focus on Covid, titled “*Supporting young people impacted by COVID-19*”. They provide parents with information and strategies to proactively support young people during these uncertain times.

**Parent and Carer Events ([headspace.org.au](https://headspace.org.au/schools/headspace-schools/parent-and-carer-events/))**

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The following sessions are scheduled virtually over the next 5 weeks:

- 9 August 2021 at 6:30pm – 7:45pm, **Northern Sydney**
- 10 August 2021 at 6:30pm – 7:45pm, **Georges River**
- 11 August 2021 at 6:30pm – 7:45pm, **South Eastern Sydney**
- 17 August 2021 at 6:30 – 7:45pm, **Western Sydney**
- 19 August 2021 at 6:30pm – 7:45pm, **Randwick**

*(Although being online I would imagine geographical boundaries probably won't matter)*

Sessions can be booked here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/headspace-national-youth-mental-health-foundation-30549822220>

Take care

*Ruth White*

Principal



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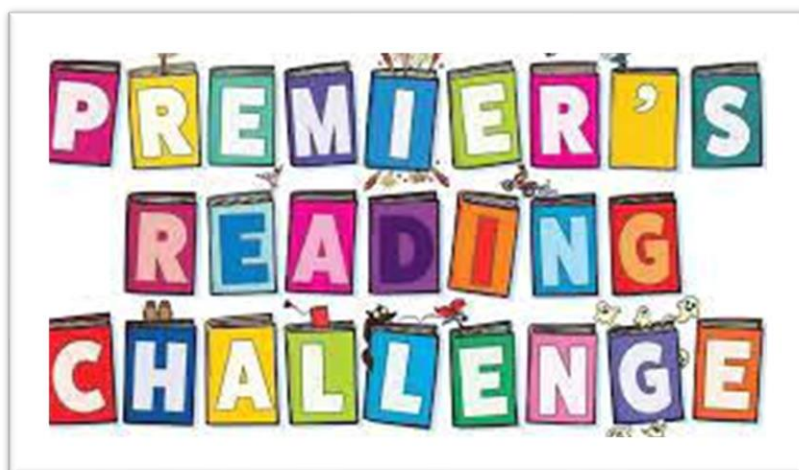
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**2022**

**ENROL ONLINE**

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

## Library News



**The closing date for the Premier's Reading Challenge has been extended:  
The PRC now finishes on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday Week 8.  
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, 142 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest finishers:

**Kindergarten:** Emily D, Leo S

**Year 1:** Marcus L, Maya S

**Year 2:** Jyun-Yuen H, Leo M, Archie S

**Year 3:** Madison C

**Year 4:** Karishma P, Heath R

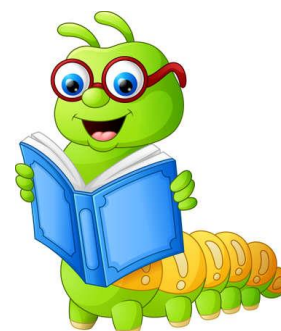
To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with their school username and password. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC.

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.

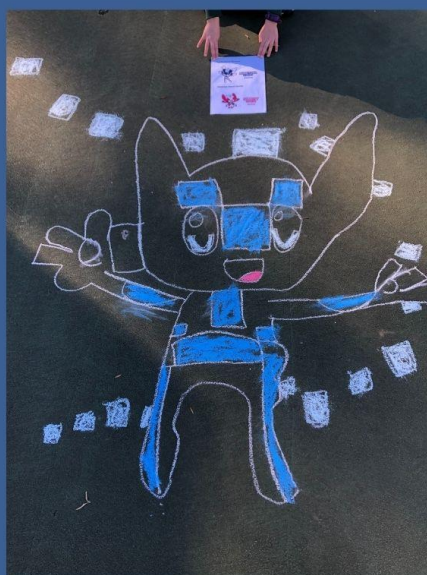
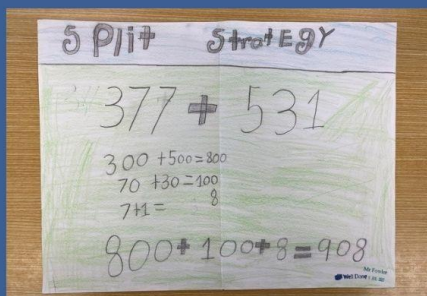
*It's always a great time to read!*

Bronwen Campbell,  
Teacher Librarian





## Photo Gallery

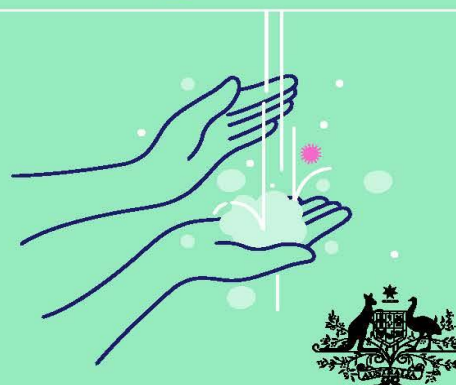
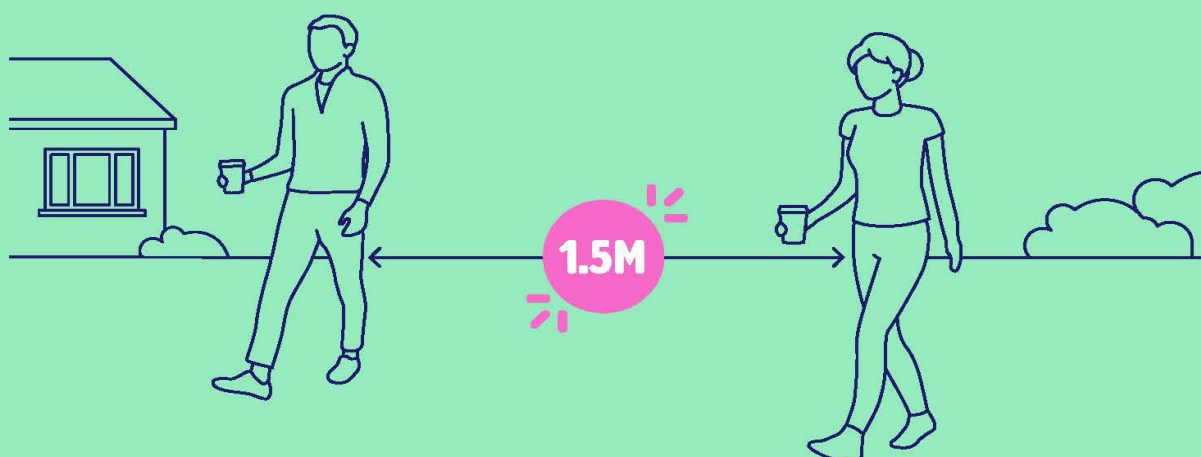


# Keep physical distancing and **BE COVIDSAFE**



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=EAlaIqobChMIs-uewLzH7gIVgQVyCh2QCQIQEAAAYASAAEgl1VPD\\_BwE](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIs-uewLzH7gIVgQVyCh2QCQIQEAAAYASAAEgl1VPD_BwE).