



Gordon East Public School

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Safe, respectful learners

Term 3 – Issue 15
September 23 2022

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

- **Friday 23 September**
 - Last Day of Term 3
- **Monday 10 October**
 - First Day of Term 4
 - Yr 6 CARES Excursion
- **Thursday 13 October**
 - School Tour – 2.30-3.00pm
- **Friday 14 October**
 - PSSA Cricket @ Barra Brui Oval
 - PSSA T-Ball @ St Ives Village Green
- **Wednesday 19 October**
 - NSW State Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 21 October**
 - PSSA Cricket @ Warimoo Oval
 - PSSA T-Ball @ St Ives Village Green

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of Term 3 with another term having flown by!

Thank you for your attendance at our Term 3 Parent Teacher Conferences over the last two weeks. We do hope that you found these helpful in monitoring your child's progress in learning. Next term is a report term with Semester 2 reports being sent out at the end of Term 4.

I'd like to wish all of our families and staff a happy and safe break over the school holidays and hope that everyone has a chance to rest and rejuvenate ready for our final term of the year.

Just a reminder that there is no School Development Day at the beginning of term 4. Staff and students will all return to school on Monday 10 October.



Recovering from COVID-19

Still sick on day 7? Stay home and call your GP to keep classrooms symptom free.



COVID SAFETY



Enrolment for Kindergarten 2023 – enrol your child now.

We are currently processing 2023 kindergarten enrolments. If you have a child starting kindergarten in 2023, please submit an online application via the school website.

Share our Space

During these School Holidays our school grounds will be open during weekends. Share our Space is a Department of Education program opening schools around the state at various times of the year during school holidays. Please see the flyer on the following pages for more information.

School Planning for 2023 – leaving GEPS?

We are commencing our planning and organisation for 2023. Leaving GEPS? If you are planning on leaving Gordon East PS at the end of 2022 from Kindergarten to Year 5, please let us know by completing the form located [here – GEPS Leavers Form](#) or emailing the office ASAP. You may also print and send through a completed copy of the form included in our school Newsletter each fortnight.

This information helps with class organisation, staffing and planning for 2023.

Take care

Ruth White Principal



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Gordon East Public School**School Tours**

Come along and learn more about Gordon East Public School with a guided tour with our school principal Mrs Ruth White.

Tuesdays 9:30am-10:00am on:

- 2 August
- 13 September
- 8 November

OR

Thursdays 2:30pm-3:00pm on:

- 25 August
- 13 October



School tours commence from the front office verandah. To attend a tour, please use the QR code or [click here](#) to register.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for a school tour.

Aussie of the Month

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month
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Thomas S

Thomas is a conscientious and interested learner who always tries his best. He is a courteous, reliable and helpful student who shows care and concern for those around him. Thomas is respectful towards teachers, staff and fellow students.

Thomas has worked hard at demonstrating resilience by persevering. He is respectful of the school and class environment and is always the first to stay back and assist in helping tidy the classroom. Thomas upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by striving to be a Safe, Respectful learner.

Congratulations Thomas, you are a well-deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month award and an asset to 2A.



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Molly C

Molly Chadwick has shown that she is a conscientious, hard-working and reliable student. She is respectful towards peers, students, staff and visitors to our school. Molly works independently and willingly assists others without having to be asked. She regularly cleans up after art lessons and other activities without being prompted. Molly is kind and caring towards others. She can often be seen helping out a troubled friend. Molly has carried out her role as a netball captain diligently, collecting kits and ensuring the balls have been pumped up. She has demonstrated a sense of fair play both on and off the sports field and is a role model for fellow teammates and junior players alike. Molly is a wonderful ambassador for our school and a worthy recipient of the September Aussie of the month. Congratulations Molly



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Merits

	Week 9 Tuesday 13 September 2022		Week 10 Tuesday 20 September 2022
KC	Ethan D, Liliya K	KC	Isabelle D, Veronica L
KR	Yukino Y, Charlie A	KR	Oliver H, Kai P
1L	Albi A, Max P	1L	Martina J, Sam B
1W	Karen K, Joonku H	1W	James T, Matilda T
2A	Marcus L, Bella A	2A	Eloise T, Olivia M
2P	My N, Olivia Z	2P	Isaac McB, Zoe K
4/3C	Ashley S, Ryan H, Bradley L	4/3C	Alexandra Y, Yuuv B, Jyan-Yuen H
4/3M	Jessie K, Toby T, Desiree G	4/3M	Brian T, Oliver H, Emily A
4/3R	Grace T, Hannah J, Joshua H	4/3R	Tarun J, Trisan Y, Duncan L
6/5M	James A, Marisa L, Irene M	6/5M	Randolph T, Duc N, Michelle C
6/5P	Jake T, Ollie C, Sophie H	6/5P	Nethya W, Alex K, Oakley S
6/5S	Tri N, Jasmine D, Isaac M	6/5S	Annabel W, Ethan W, Ray W
Mini Merits	My N, Benjamin L, Sophie H, Joshua C, Charlie H, Sophia B, Iris L	Mini Merits	Charlotte A, Scarlett L, Lauren A, Oliver L
Banners	Chloe V, Nathan S	Banners	Sophie H, Kip R
Medal	Ronan J		Chloe V



Congratulations



Congratulations to Matilda!

Congratulations to Matilda P, who represented Gordon East Public School in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition 2022 Northern Sydney Regional Final.



Parent Tips, Tricks and Support Tools

Offline Activities



The school holidays are here, which means your child is about to have a lot of free time. To support parents and carers, we've compiled a list of offline activities to help keep your child curious and learning during this period.

Considering how much time we all spend in front of a screen these days, it's important to keep that balanced with some offline activities. Here are a few ideas you can incorporate into your child's daily or weekly schedule:

Board games: You can stick with the classics including Monopoly, Chess, Scabble and Jenga or explore new, online versions. Board games can help with developing your child's literacy and numeracy skills.

Start a virtual book club: If your children like to read, they can start a book club with you or with their friends. This allows them to get together with their friends once a week to discuss the book they're reading and recommend new books.

Start a virtual film club: If your child is passionate about film, they can start their own film club with you or their friends. This allows them to get together with their friends once a week to talk about the same film they've watched and recommend new films.

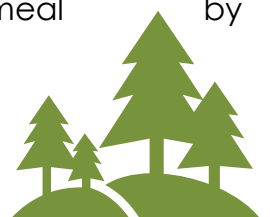
Have an indoor or garden picnic: And indoor or outdoor picnic in your garden or local park will help to break the monotony of the routine and just add some fun and whimsy to meal times.

Learn a musical instrument: If you have a musical instrument in your home, you can help your child learn to play it. If you aren't proficient in the instrument there are a variety of online tutorials that teach the basics of how to play musical instruments.

Build a puzzle: This is an easy and simple way to keep little ones busy or even create an entire family activity.

Teach your child or teen to cook: Getting your child or teen to cook a few basic meals during the holiday for themselves or the family is a great life skill. It'll also help them feel a sense of accomplishment once they've successfully created a meal by themselves.

Teach your child or teen to bake: Getting your child or teen to bake a few basic desserts or baked goods during the holiday for themselves or the family is a great life skill. It'll also help them feel a sense of accomplishment once they've successfully created a meal by themselves.



Go for a walk: Getting out of the house and doing exercise in a safe way once a day is recommended for good health. A few times a week, go for a walk with the immediate family, but be mindful of physical distancing.

Make a blanket fort: An activity that never dates. By helping your child make a blanket fort you'll provide them with hours of entertainment.

Colouring: This is a great activity for you to do with your child, as colouring promotes mindfulness, focus and calm. It will help your child decompress and get creative at the same time. Get them to decorate their room with their colouring masterpieces.

Homemade play-dough: You can make this with a variety of recipes online and it'll give your younger child hours of enjoyment. It also supports the development of your child's fine motor skills, teaching your younger child how to grip and pull.

Reading: Reading is a calming, solitary activity that promotes mindfulness. It's a great activity, especially during stressful times and will help your family focus on learning, imagination and curiosity during uncertain periods.

Origami: All this requires is square pieces of paper. There are numerous online tutorials that can teach you and your child how to create all sorts of interesting objects through paper folding.

Start an art project: Suggest to your child to create a drawing, painting or craft something. This will help them to use their creative brain. You could also schedule time to work on the art project over multiple days.

Have a 'spa' day: Have some relaxing and fun time with your children by organising a 'spa' day. This can be done in your home, and can include activities such as yoga, meditation, hand and back massages, to painting each others nails and facials.

Stargazing: For those who can, spend some time every night having a look at the stars in the sky. Learn the constellations and the stories behind them, and learn about which planets can be seen in the night sky. There are also a variety of stargazing apps to help you with this.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/school-holidays/offline-activities>



2023**GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Rosedale Road, Gordon, NSW 2072

GEPS Leavers

As we begin our plans for 2023 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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P&C Report

President's Report:

Well done to us all for getting through to the end of Term 3!

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed to the P&C Annual Donation Request.

We greatly appreciate your support for our 2022 Wishlist.

In total to date, we have 42% of the families who have contributed very generously and therefore have been able to purchase most things in Priority A list. This includes replacement of HP Probooks our children use that desperately needed to be phased out, Staff Pro Books and Library Pro Desks that also needed to be replaced, as well as literacy and numeracy resources for K-6 which all our children directly benefit from.

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a contribution, please go to **Flexischools** via the app or this link: <https://user.flexischools.com.au/login?returnUrl=/home>. Select "Payments" icon and then "P&C Annual Donation". If you have multiple children, please choose your eldest child at the school to pay the contributions.

Hope you have a wonderful break and come back refreshed for the final term of the year.

If you are interested in joining the P&C executive (AGM in early December), please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Sarah Kim
GEPS P&C President
president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Band Update:

On Sunday, 11th September, our three bands performed at the NSSWE Spring Music Festival at the Concourse in Chatswood. What an experience!

The Concert Hall is a spectacular venue and for most of our little musicians this was their first visit. Walking out onto the stage for the first time, in front of an audience of over 700, was daunting for most but everyone rose to the challenge.

Our Training Band was the smallest in size but received the largest applause, the Senior Concert Band had the audience clapping along and Junior Concert Band played better than ever before.

Our students performed beautifully on stage and behaved perfectly backstage, we could not have been more proud of them.

Thank you to Mrs White, Mrs Choi and Mrs Smith for their assistance supervising students throughout the day and to all the parents who were in the audience to support their children.

Last Friday we ran another “Donut Drive” Band fundraiser. The children certainly seemed to enjoy their Friday afternoon treat. Thank you to all the families that supported our program by placing orders. A special thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers who helped ice, sprinkle and package over 400 donuts!

We are looking forward to a busy Term 4 with our upcoming recital evening and recruitment plans for next year’s Training Band in place. Stay tuned for more information regarding these events!

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Marina Brand

On behalf of the GEPS Band Committee



Canteen Report

Time flies.... Term 3 is coming to an end! To celebrate the last week of the term we had Sausage Sizzle Special Day on Tuesday and Zooper Dooper Special Day on Friday this week. Some children came afterwards to say thank you and to tell us that it was yummy! So awesome to know that they were happy. Happy children happy Canteen. It was very busy at the Canteen, but it was totally worth it!

Huge thanks to all the volunteers this term. I couldn't have done it without all of you! That's for sure. Let me share some photos of happy faces at the canteen. I look forward to welcoming all the volunteers back in term 4!



Our canteen will be open in term 4 on Friday October 14th.

If you are interested to volunteer, then don't hesitate to sign up! It's fun, it's a great way to socialise with other parents, and your children and I would definitely be happy to see you at the canteen!

Have a lovely holiday everyone! See you next term!

Kind regards,

Lia ter Horst

GEPS Canteen Manager canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Please sign up to volunteer in the canteen for Term 4 via this link <https://volunteersignup.org/JEQ3M>. We value any time you can spare to help with the running of our canteen. Tuesday and Friday spots available.



[GEPS Canteen, Term 4 2022](https://volunteersignup.org/JEQ3M)

Volunteer signup sheet

volunteersignup.org

Community News



Supporting the transition to School - Webinar

Join our webinar and hear from Allied Health Professionals to improve your skills and confidence to support a positive transition to school.

This session will support Early Childhood Educators and Primary School Teachers with:

- Practical strategies to support the transition to school
- Identifying developmental delay and providing appropriate support
- Offering referrals to health professionals

Date Wed Sept 14th, 2022

Time 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Location Online via MS Teams

[REGISTER](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Guest presenters: Child, Youth and Family Allied Health Professionals

- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Physiotherapist



MORE INFO:

Northern Sydney Local Health District:
NSLHD-LiveLifeWellatSchool@health.nsw.gov.au



Free family fun at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 7 October 10am to 3pm

FREE ENTRY

Cartooning workshop
Draw people and objects with the award-winning illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke.
Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm

Vote for me!
Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission.
Every half hour from 10:00am

Mock Committee Hearing
Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings.
Every half hour from 10:00am

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for **Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some very important people.)

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AUSLAN interpreters available

The Public Café open

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E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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6 Macquarie Street, Sydney - opposite Martin Place

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