

Gordon East Public School

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Term 1 – Issue 5 April 1 2022

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

- Monday 4 Friday 8 April
- Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews continue
- Creative & Performing Arts:
 Dance in the Hall
- Tuesday 5 April
- ANZAC Assembly
- Friday 8 April
- Easter Hat Parade 2.15-3pm
- Term 1 ends
- TERM 2 Monday 25 April
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 26 April
- Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 27 April
- Students Return for Term 2
- Thursday 28 April
- Cross Country Carnival
- Friday 29 April
- PSSA Winter Sport Round 1

From the Principal – Mrs. Ruth White

Dear Families,

I can't believe that we are almost to the end of term 1 already. What a busy term it has been. We have been thankful to be able to open the school again and welcome our families back in. This week parent teacher interviews have taken place and we are pleased to have offered these face to face.

A very special Congratulations and our well wishes to Miss Cheung who is getting married over the holidays. We wish her and her soon to be husband great happiness and enjoyment in the years ahead.

Each fortnight, we would like to continue our Parent Tips, Tricks and Support section. We would like to make sure that we are covering topics both for what is happening at school as well as specific areas of interest. We would appreciate your input by filling out our short two question survey found at: https://forms.office.com/r/45MMZDtMk2. This survey will be open until 4:00pm next Friday 8 April.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful Easter Break. School resumes for students on Wednesday 27 April.





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.

Neurodiversity Week

Last week, we celebrated Neurodiversity week. It was great to hear the conversation in the playground and see the children come to school dressed up centred around the posters on display. As part of our celebrations, we were appreciative to our two guest speakers who spoke about their challenges and successes going through school and what helped get them to where they are today. Thank you to both Ashley, a year 10 High School student and Katia who is currently completing a University degree, for their brave and honest presentations as well as their time spent talking to children afterwards. Thank you also to Mrs Roberts for her organisation of this event.









Harmony Week

Last week was a busy week of celebrations with Harmony Day being celebrated on Monday. It was lovely to see children come to school dressed in traditional costumes or a splash of Orange. Every week is harmony week at GEPS as we learn, play and grow together as one multicultural school where everyone belongs.

Easter Hat Parade

Next week we are looking forward to holding our Easter Hat Parade. In order to keep numbers down as part of our COVID Smart measures, only Kindergarten and Year 6 families are able to attend in 2022. Photos of this event will be posted for all families in Class Dojo.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2023 Applications

Applications for Opportunity Class placements for Year 5 2023 are now open. All applications must be submitted online. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between **Tuesday 26 April 2022** and **Friday 13 May 2022**. You will need to access the online application at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 28 July 2022**. Please see the Intention to Apply form located further in the newsletter and return to the office no later than **Wednesday 11th May**. Upon return of the Intention to Apply form, families are able to collect the Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023 information book.

Tech Team, Library Monitors, SRC Exec and Band Captains

Congratulations to all of our student leaders who were presented with their badges over the last two weeks. It was wonderful to be able to invite families of those receiving badges to our prestation assemblies.

I am looking forward to seeing families tomorrow at the P&C hosted *Connect BYO Picnic* under the COLA tomorrow afternoon.

Take care

Ruth White

Principal

News from the Office

A few reminders as we approach the end of term:

- Annual fees and the Term 1 Statement of Accounts have been sent home to all families. Payment prior
 to the end of the Term is appreciated. Payment can be made via the 'Parent online portal' or via the
 school website https://gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/payment.html#/student-details.Please
 contact the office for any further information or assistance. Should you be experiencing financial
 difficulty and require assistance, please contact Mrs Ruth White for a confidential conversation in how
 we can provide support.
- A reminder also to ensure that you have lodged your Working with Children Check (WWCC) Declaration
- Form (Old Appendix 5) at the office, in person with photo identification. This is valid for the time you have a child at the school and allows you to volunteer for reading groups, canteen and other school or P&C activities and events.
- Finally, a reminder to ensure that you have notified the school of any changes to your contact details including email, phone number or residential address.



What's Been Happening At GEPS

Congratulations!

Nathaniel P for making it into the Sydney North Junior Boys Hockey Team!



GEPS SRC on their successful Term 1 Fundraising activity!

\$305.95 will be donated to the GIVIT charity to support flood victims in from the recent floods.



SKELLERN CUP









GEPS Skellern Cup 2022

Juniors

On the 23rd of March, we went to North Turramurra to play in the Skellern Cup. The Skellern cup is a soccer tournament, but it is only for girls. Gordon East played four games with four amazing teams. The teams we played were Artarmon, Hornsby Heights, and because Willoughby is such a big school, we played two of the four teams that were there!

Everyone was showing good sportspersonship, by cheering on our team. Mr Pullen was very good at lifting our spirits and encouraging us. Even though we did not win we had lots of fun anyway!

By Scarlett P and Matilda P.

Seniors

We travelled by mini bus and set up our marquee. The first game we played well, and even borrowed three players from another team. The second match was another good game, which we all tried our best. For our 3rd game, we were successful and won 3-0. Finally, in our last game was played with only 6 players and still managed to win!

Everyone played really well, especially since we only had 6 players. It was a very

since we only had 6 players. It was a very fun experience and we are very glad we had the opportunity to participate.

Library Monitors

Congratulations to our 10 new library monitors for 2022:

Natasha M, Ryan X, Aiden M, Nethya W, Joe Y, Diana T, Rhiannon J, Molly C, Annabel W, Sophia B, I am looking forward to working with you.



We are off to a great start at Gordon East, 26 students have already completed the PRC.

Congratulations to:

Year 1: Edie C, Milla C

Year 2: Patrick P

Year 3: Zachary H, Leo M, Kishan P, Bella R, Ashley S

Year 4: Desiree G, Bradley L, Matilda P, Flynn T, Madeline V, Benjamin W

Year 5: Michelle C, Lachlan C, Finley H, Clare H, Parker M

Year 6: James A, Ollie C, Oliver L, Isaac M, Natasha M, Irene M, Randolph T

PRC books read to KC and KR during Library lessons:

Kip by Christina Booth

The Cat wants Custard by P. Crumble

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

There's a hippopotamus on our roof eating cake by Hazel Edwards

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with the username and password they use to access computers at school. Your child's class teacher can provide you with their username and password. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC.

It's always a great time to read!

Bronwen Campbell, Teacher Librarian

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on Friday 8th April.

According to our COVID Smart plan for this event, audience numbers must be limited to only Kindergarten and Year 6 families in attendance.

Parents of Kindergarten and Year 6 who wish to attend are reminded to complete the RSVP form that has been emailed to those families.

Al class teachers will post photos of the event in Class Dojo.



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'Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023'

For metropolitan/regional applicants

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for intellectually gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Students successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test alone. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 28 July 2022**.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between **Tuesday 26 April 2022** and **Friday 13 May 2022**. You will need to access the online application at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5. You must **not** use the child's email address. Late applications are not usually accepted.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 26 April 2022**.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

To apply you will need to register your email and then submit an application through the Department's website at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5

below by Wednesday 11 May 2022 .
Class:
in 2023 for my child through the Department's
Date:
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Merits

	Week 9 Tuesday 22 March 2022		Week 10 Tuesday 29 March 2022
кс	Oliver L, Liliya K	кс	Mia H, Ethan D
KR	Taelia L, Kai P	KR	Vera P, Daniella L
1L	Flynn R, Frankie J	1L	Leo S, Emily D
1W	Karen K, Sofia F	1W	Marie R-P, Edward K
2A	Nikki W, Thomas S	2A	Olivia M, Tommy F
2P	Isaac M, Pippa R	2P	Abigail J, Nicholas P
4/3C	Bradley L, Alexandra Y, Benjamin W, Scarlett W	4/3C	Ethan L, Elizabeth T, Katelyn Y
4/3M	Maison S, Toby T, Nina W	4/3M	Benny M, Emily A, Oliver H
4/3R	Grace T, Neil B, Zachary H	4/3R	Hugo S, Eli M, Hannah J
6/5M	Jacob M, Ryan X, Irene M	6/5M	Michelle C, Lachlan C, Kevin Y
6/5P	Nethya W, Seojun P, Ollie C	6/5P	Diana T, Toby W, Luke A
6/5S	Oliver L, Tri N, Kip R	6/5S	Ethan W, Jasmine D, Max T
Mini Merits		Mini Merits	
Banners	Karishma P	Banners	
February Aussie	Edie C & Scarlett P	March Aussie	Keira B





Aussie of The Month

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month February 2022

Edie C

Edie is a kind, helpful and responsible student. She is an enthusiastic learner who contributes thoughtful ideas to discussions and always tries her best. Edie consistently follows instructions and strives to achieve success. She actively participates in all activities and demonstrates fairness and compassion.

Edie is a considerate friend who shows genuine care and concern to everyone she meets. She collaborates well with her classmates and is a positive, empathetic team player. Edie displays the values of Gordon East Public School by being a safe, respectful learner at all times.

Edie is a delightful member of 1W and a worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award. Congratulations!

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month February 2022

Scarlett P

Scarlett is a polite and responsible student who willingly helps in and out of the classroom. She demonstrates outstanding manners and behaviour in class and is an excellent role model for her peers. Scarlett is an enthusiastic learner who contributes thoughtful ideas to discussions and completes tasks to the best of her ability. She always strives to achieve success and perseveres with challenging tasks.

Scarlett is a kind and respectful friend who consistently shows care and concern for the feelings of others. Scarlett upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner. She is a delight to teach and a very worthy recipient of The Aussie of the Month Award.

Congratulations Scarlett!

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AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month March 2022

Keira B

Keira is an engaged, self-motivated learner who always strives to do her best. Her enthusiasm for learning and positive attitude when persevering with challenging tasks make her an excellent role model for her peers.

Keira is respectful and courteous towards all staff, community members, and fellow students. She collaborates well with her classmates and is a kind and considerate friend, showing care and concern for all her peers.

Keira upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by being a Safe, Respectful Learner at all times. She is a wonderful member of 2P and a very deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award.

Congratulations Keira!

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P & C Report

President's Report

We have almost reached the end of Term 1 and what a term it has been!

The P&C and its committee members and volunteers have dedicated a lot of time and effort and resources in supporting our children, community and the school through various ways in ensuring smooth operation of some key aspects of the P&C functions. I thank each and every one of you!

Last Tuesday, we had the Wishlist Meeting where we set our spending plan for the academic year. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this meeting, those who took the time to prepare proposals for discussion and everyone working carefully and thoughtfully through the processes to focus and arrive at an outcome that represents what can be achieved this year in the areas of most need for the school and the children. It is never easy to balance competing priorities but I hope with the community support via annual voluntary contributions, and the various fundraising opportunities we hope to have throughout the year, that it will enable us to deliver as many of the items identified in the Wishlist as we can. Your contributions are essential to our success in supporting our school and I will be sending an email communication at the beginning of Term 2 with more details on this.

Class parents for each grade have established communication with all families now either through email, Signal or WhatsApp groups. If you have not been contacted by a class parent, it means the P&C does not have your contact details. If this is you, please complete the form on this link: https://forms.office.com/r/hUVYiAbdhs or email Kathy Zvirblis on classparent@gordoneastpandc.org.au so we can connect you to your class parent.

Lastly, I am so excited for the picnic event our Events team have organised for this Saturday 2 April, 4-7pm. It is not too late to sign up and don't forget to purchase tickets for the online raffle you can participate even if you cannot make it to the picnic. Details as per the Events Report below.

We look forward to meeting and seeing you all there! It is a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with families in our community on the grounds of our wonderful school.

Wishing everyone a fantastic last week of Term 1 next week and safe and wonderful holidays thereafter.

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Kind regards,

Sarah Kim GEPS P&C President

Hi everyone, just a friendly reminder we have the GEPS Community Connect picnic under the COLA this Saturday afternoon. Please rsvp for planning purposes:

April 2, 4-7pm https://www.trybooking.com/BXXAD

There are still volunteers needed on the day for short shifts, so please sign up here if you can: https://volunteersignup.org/MA4DP

Also! For the the first time ever we have an AMAZING online raffle to be drawn with wonderful prizes kindly donated by local businesses. https://rafflelink.com.au/gordoneastpspc

Tickets can also be bought online on the day.

Thank you! Sally



From Term 2, there will be a change over from summer to winter school uniform. If you require any winter uniform items prior to the start of term 2 please make sure to place your order online via Flexischools by 4.45pm on Monday 4 April. The uniform shop will be open, for the final time this term, next Tuesday 5 April during which time all Flexischools orders will be packed and distributed to the student classrooms.

If you would like to visit the uniform shop in person, just a friendly reminder that, due to the current restrictions, appointments are required for all in-person sales on a Tuesday morning and these can be booked at https://www.picktime.com/GEPSUniformShop. Unfortunately, at this time, it will not be possible to purchase any items directly from the shop without a prior appointment.

The uniform shop will re-open for Term 2 on Tuesday 26 April. The shop will be open for appointments (must be pre-booked online) from 8.30am as per usual however as this a pupil-free day all Flexischools orders will be distributed to students upon their return to school on Wednesday 27 April.

I also still have some remaining green raincoats (new condition) available for in-shop purchase for those that are interested. As these are an item that we will no longer be stocking, all remaining raincoats are being sold at a reduced price of \$15 and will only be available until sold out. Sizes left for purchase include sizes 10, 12 and 14. There are also a limited number of Size 14 Boys Long-sleeved shirts (new, unworn condition) that are being sold at a reduced price of \$16 each. These are an older style shirt that has an ink print of the school logo on the shirt pocket rather than the current embroidery style. These are available for in-store purchase each Tuesday until sold out. If you would like to purchase either of these items but are unable to visit the uniform shop on a Tuesday morning due to other commitments, please get in touch by email at uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au with size/quantity requirements.

Shari Allinson

Uniform Shop Manager

Book Club

Issue 2 orders have now arrived and will be ready for distribution to students by the end of week 10/early week 11.

Many thanks to all families that have ordered from Book Club this term. So far this year, over \$650 in Scholastics rewards dollars has been earnt to go towards additional resources for the school library.

If you have any book club related questions, please get in touch at bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Regards

Shari Allinson

This week we had a special treat: hot cross buns at the canteen thanks to Woolworths Gordon for their generous donation to support our GEPS Canteen! The extra effort to prepare and deliver to the classrooms for morning tea was totally worth it. The children seemed to enjoy it. Mission accomplished! J

As you might have seen in the email I sent and/or in the P&C Facebook page, I will be away overseas and unfortunately, we are not able to find someone to take over the canteen on Tuesday April 5th, which means that we have to close the canteen. Apologies for the inconvenience. But.... the canteen will be open again on Friday April 8th (last school day of this term) with an adjusted menu.

I'd like to make a correction on my earlier announcement regarding opening hours of the canteen in term 2. From the first Friday in term 2, April 29th, the canteen will be open again.

As mentioned previously, we would be able to offer more options in the menu with extra help in the canteen. Thanks to everyone who responded to the canteen survey. The Canteen Committee will be working on a volunteer roster from the pool of volunteers who have kindly responded to the survey or otherwise have let me know personally that they are willing to help. We hope to be in a position with enough volunteers to offer morning tea options in Term 2. Please note, you are required to be up to date with COVID vaccinations (including booster if eligible) and have WWCC requirements met. Please join me in putting smiles on our children's faces with our yummy canteen food. Especially if you and your child(ren) are new to our school, trust me you will come back after the 1st time volunteering as it's fun and it's a great opportunity for you and your child(ren) to see each other at school! Please let me or the Canteen Committee know if you are interested to help and just let us know when it suits you. It doesn't need to be on a regular basis. Thanks!

For the new GEPS parents, the canteen order can be placed in advance through https://www.flexischools.com.au

If you have any questions about the canteen, please feel free to contact me: canteen@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Easter everyone! See you in term 2!

Kind regards,

Lia ter Horst GEPS Canteen Manager





Parent Tips, Tricks and Support Tools

4 Top Tips For Helping Children Develop a Growth Mindset.

Based on research by Carol Dweck, PhD

Helping children to switch from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset can come with some challenges. Here are some tips that may help.

1. Have Daily Learning Discussions

- Ask, "What did you learn today?" or "What did you try hard at today?"
- Praise for effort, persistence, perseverance, planning creative strategies, improvement and setting goals.

2. Do You Know Brains Can Grow?

 Explain to children that our brains can grow stronger and our intelligence can improve throughout life

3. Encourage Risk, Failure, and Learning from Mistakes.

- Failure teaches resiliency.
- Try not to fix everything. Let children experience sadness and disappointment.

4. Encourage and Model Positive Self-Talk.

- Say statements like, "Mistakes help me learn better."
- Say, "I can always improve, so I'll keep trying."

GROWTH MINDSET YOGA



I am hard working. **WARRIOR 2 POSE**



I am creative. **DANCER'S POSE**

I am focused. **CHAIR POSE**



I am open-minded. **LUNGE POSE**

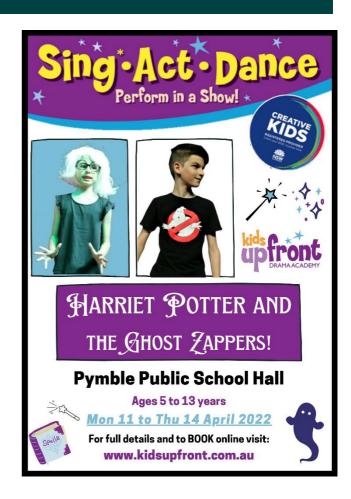
I am curious. THREE-LEGGED DOG POSE



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