



Gordon East Public School

Built on the land of the Guringai people
Safe, respectful learners

Term 3 – Issue 14
September 9 2022

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

- **Monday 12 September**
 - Term 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Killara Schools Partnership: Student Leadership Conference
- **Tuesday 13 September**
 - Term 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - School Tour – 9.30-10am
- **Wednesday 14 September**
 - Term 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday 15 September**
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- **Friday 16 September**
 - Term 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - PSSA Summer Round 1:
PSSA Cricket @Regimental Oval
- **Friday 23 September**
 - Year 2 Gibberagong Excursion
 - PSSA Cricket @Primula Oval

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Here we are almost to the end of Term 3 already. Over the last two weeks, we've had a busy week or so of celebrations, excursions and learning.

Thank you to Mrs Campbell for all of her organisation with our Book Week parade and Grandparents Day. It was lovely to see so many families and visitors join us for the day and celebrate reading. Thank you also to Mrs D White and the Year 6 families for their help with providing such a delicious morning tea on the day.

I do hope that all the fathers, uncles, grandfathers and special friends or family members enjoyed a lovely Father's Day last weekend. Special thanks to the P&C Events committee for organising a Father's Day staff this year as well as our Annual Father's Day breakfast.

Just a reminder that next week, Parent Teacher Conferences commence. Please check the room allocation timetable on the front office window for the location of your conference appointment.



Recovering from COVID-19

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



COVID SAFETY



Road Safety – Rosedale Road

Unfortunately, we continue to see unsafe behavior on our roads around school. Please keep our children and families safe by:

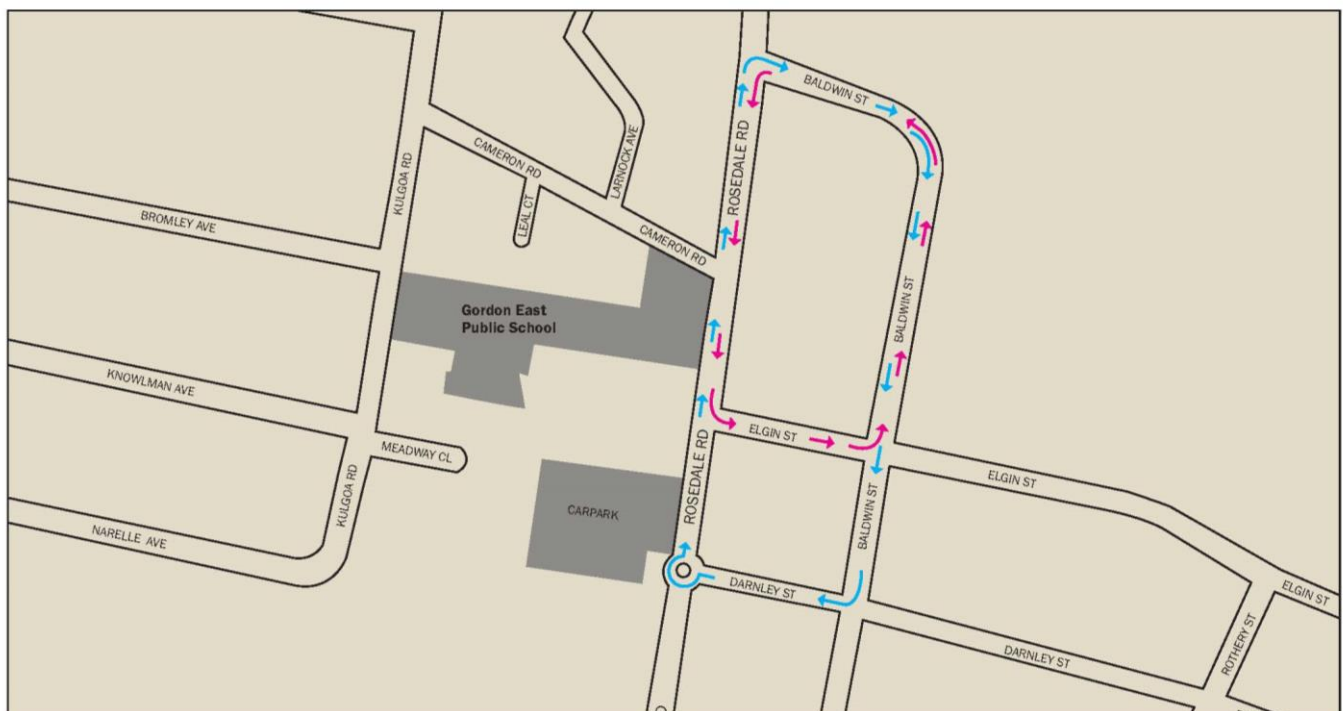
- using the pedestrian crossing when crossing the road.
- not queuing in the bus zone.
- obeying the parking signs. Remember, the kiss and drop zone in front of our school is a no parking 2 minutes 3 metres zone. This means you are only able to stay there for 2 minutes and are to stay within 3 meters of the car.

To assist in making the school drop off or pick up safe, we ask families to:

- make sure your child can put their seat belt on quickly by themselves.
- save conversations in car line for the drive home or to make play date arrangements via phone prior to pick up.
- keep rolling up car line and move off quickly (and safely) as soon as the children have been collected.
- should car line be full, please move around the block rather than queuing and come back to car line.

Your assistance with this is appreciated

Gordon East Traffic Management Extended Map



➡ Direction for around the block –
Baldwin Street – Darnley Street – Rosedale Road

➡ Direction after 5 minutes parking has
lapsed during school zone times.



Take care

Ruth White Principal



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.

☎: 9498 2011 📍: 68 Rosedale Road, Gordon, NSW 2072 ✉: gordoneast-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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

Kindergarten enrolments 2023 – If you have a child starting school at GEPS in 2023 please fill out an enrolment [here](#) – online enrolment

Library News

Library News Term 3 Week 8

Book Week Events

GEPS donate-a-Library Book – Thank You!

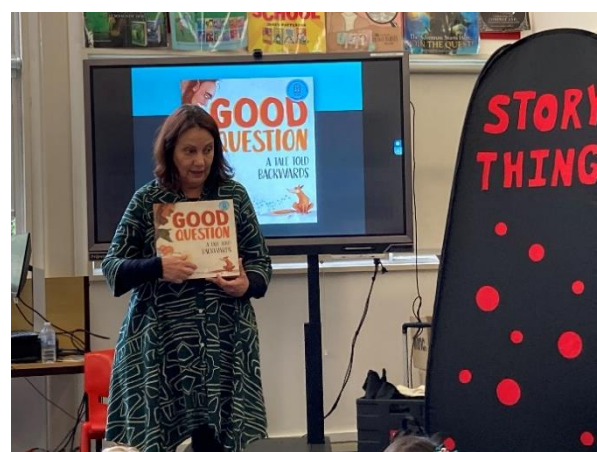
Thank you to all the families who went online to donate a book. You are very generous. Donations totalled over \$1900.00.

Thursday 1st September – Grandparents' Day

It was lovely to welcome so many grandparents and grand friends. We hope you enjoyed the Book Parade, Concert and the chance to read donated books with your grandchildren.

Monday 29th August

Author **Sue Whiting** captivated Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 with a fun-filled presentation about her books and how she works as an author. We especially loved the 'Story Thingy'!



Wednesday 1st September

Popular author **R.A. Spratt** talked to years 3-6 about how her stories are inspired and the challenges of earning her living as an author.



What's been happening at GEPS?

Year 1 Excursion

On Friday, the students in Year 1 headed off to Bobbin Head for a wonderful day of exploring the natural and built features of the area. We started the day off by travelling by bus to meet our Gibberagong teachers. Some of the day's activities included walking over a suspension bridge and through mangroves. We also went on a bush walk, completing a scavenger hunt and viewing an Aboriginal carving along the way. At the end of the walk, we stopped and listened to the soundscape of the rainforest. We even got to put some ochre on our faces! During the day we also practiced our map reading skills and completed a treasure hunt looking for different stones around the picnic area. This excursion supported our current Geography Unit and provided us with a variety of fantastic hands-on learning experiences.



Aussie of the Month**AUSSIE OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations Aussie of the Month
August 2022

Francesca J

Francesca is a respectful and supportive student who applies herself consistently to all tasks. She is highly creative and excels in visual and performing arts. Francesca demonstrates an awareness of the rights of all living creatures and treats those around her with respect. She offers insightful peer feedback and thoughtfully contributes to group discussions. Francesca's keen sense of humour and sunny disposition make her a pleasure to teach.

Congratulations of being a worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award for the month of August, Francesca!

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Shiv M

Shiv participates in all aspects of school life with a positive attitude. He is an enthusiastic learner who contributes thoughtful ideas to discussions and completes tasks to the best of his ability. Shiv always strives to achieve success and perseveres with challenging tasks. He is a capable mathematician, great critical thinker, fair sportsperson and a responsible class helper.

Shiv is a kind and respectful friend. He considers the feelings of others and does his best to include all students in games and class activities. He consistently cooperates with his peers and teachers.

Shiv upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by always being a safe, respectful learner.

Congratulations Shiv, you are an extremely worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award.



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Merits

	Week 7 Tuesday 30 August 2022		Week 8 Tuesday 6 September 2022
KC	Aiden A, Oliver C	KC	Sally S, Mia H
KR	Mattias H, Jeremy L	KR	Timothy L, Vera P
1L	Milla C, Martina J	1L	Annie L, Sienna A
1W	Daniel O, Isabel H	1W	Monty A, Cornelia T
2A	Jun L, Archie R	2A	Hannah L, Ava V
2P	Rachael H, Maya S	2P	Nathan Z, Sean G
4/3C	John S-F, Alexandra Y, Elizabeth T	4/3C	Katelyn Y, Scarlett W, Jamie W
4/3M	Blake D, Jasper A, Kyrylo P	4/3M	Kate L, Leo M, Nick E
4/3R	Lena F, Isla H, Tian N	4/3R	Madeline B, Hugo S, Neil B
6/5M	Elyse K, Ella S, Anastasiia P	6/5M	Jacob M, Sviatoslav, William V
6/5P	Oscar W, Isabella Y, Chloe V	6/5P	Harrison H, Naomi G, Joe Y
6/5S	Wei S, Kip R, Karishma P	6/5S	Nathaniel P, Iris L, James A
Mini Merits	Dilan W, Scarlett P, Martina J	Mini Merits	Ruby L, Frankie J, Bella R, Annie L
Banners	Hermes D	Banners	Aayu C, Desiree G, Isabel H



Congratulations



Congratulations to Scarlett, Alexandra and Victoria

On Sunday, August 28, Scarlett P (3D), Alexandra Y (3D) and Victoria Y participated in the Sydney Synchronized Skating Festival 2022 at Erina Ice Arena. The girls and their team won silver medals in their division.



Parent Tips, Tricks and Support Tools

Travelling Safely to School

When can I let my child travel to and from school independently?



As children get older they naturally demand more independence and, at some point, they will want to travel to school without you. But how do you know when this is safe?

The answer will depend on your judgment of how well they manage the unpredictability of an ever-changing traffic environment.

Watching their behaviour and talking with your child about potential dangers will help you make up your mind.

Transport for NSW recommends you:

- always hold the hand of children under 8 years of age when in the traffic environment.
- actively supervise children between 8-10 years of age when in the traffic environment.
- ride with your children up to 10 years of age.
- ride on the footpath with your child (you can do this up till they're 16 years of age).

Before you allow your child to walk, ride or take public transport alone:

Explain that road safety is a shared responsibility and they're expected to follow the road rules for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users.

- Talk with them about their personal responsibility for making safe decisions.
- Plan the route together.
- Travel the route together, discuss potential dangers and solutions and role model safe road user behaviours such as:
- putting your mobile phone and electronic devices in your bag.

- waiting at least one step back from the edge of the road before crossing.
- stopping, looking, listening, thinking every time you cross the road together.
- making eye contact with drivers so you know the driver has seen you, before stepping out onto a road.

When practising, let your child make the decisions of when to cross the road so you can see how well they're able to cope with various traffic environment situations.

Consider responsible friends they can travel with.



Discuss safe alternatives for going to and from school if something changes, e.g. missing the school bus, public transport delays, flat bike tyre and footpaths blocked.

Until you feel comfortable letting your child travel on their own continue to travel with them.

Resources

Read the following information and share with your child:

- [Walking to school safely](#) – pedestrians and drivers have a shared responsibility on and near roads and need to look after each other.
- [Starting high school safely](#) – as an independent traveller you're never too old to be safe.
- [Safety on public transport](#) (PDF 887KB) – everyone who uses public transport has rights and responsibilities.
- [Always wear a helmet](#) (PDF 1MB) – choosing a helmet to protect your lid.
- [Skateboarding safely](#) – skateboards are best ridden in safe areas away from busy roads.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/health-and-safety/safe-travel/when-can-i-let-my-child-travel-to-and-from-school-independently>



NSW Department of Education

Switch it up

7 reasons to actively travel to and from school

Did you know that most students in NSW travel to school by car even though they live less than two kilometres from their school? Are you one of them? If so, think about switching it up and give it a go.

There's many physical, social and mental benefits to walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to and from school.

Active travel:

1. is a great opportunity to socialise with others
2. connects you with others in the community
3. gives you time and space to think
4. gets you moving and keeps you physically active
5. improves your concentration and readiness to learn
6. helps your independence and resilience
7. reduces traffic congestion around school which is better for the environment.

More
information

<http://bit.ly/2GEYH6F>

education.nsw.gov.au



2023**Leaving GEPS?**

If you are planning on leaving Gordon East PS at the end of 2022 and your child is in Kindergarten to Year 5 please let us know by filling out this online form [here – GEPS Leavers form](#). Alternatively, print out the form below and drop it in to the office at your earliest convenience.

**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

Band Report:

It's been a busy schedule for our band program! Last week the Senior Concert Band performed beautifully at the Grandparents Day and Book Parade Concert. The Junior Concert Band and Training Band had their turn the following morning, entertaining us with their repertoire at the Father's Day Breakfast. Well done to all – it's clear that you have been rehearsing extremely hard!

This Sunday all three bands are performing at the NSSWE Spring Music Festival which will be held at the Concourse in Chatswood. This is a fantastic opportunity for our musicians to represent GEPS and perform on stage in a magnificent auditorium. We thank them all the best in their first formal concert!

Friday next week (16th September - W9) sees the return of our very popular "Donut Drive" fundraiser! Orders can be placed next week – keep a look out for more details to follow soon! Thank you in advance for supporting our band program.

Marina Brand

On behalf of the GEPS Band Committee

Uniform Shop Report:

Next term marks the change over from winter to summer uniforms, so now is the time to order any items that you may need through Flexischools to ensure that you have them in time for the first day back in Term 4. New and second-hand summer items are also available for purchase from the uniform shop each Tuesday morning 8.30am - 9.45am.

Thank you to families for their kind second-hand uniform donations. As we do not have clothing recycling available on-site anymore can I please kindly remind families of the following requirements for all donations:

1. Only items that were originally sold by the GEPS uniform shop (i.e. no items purchased elsewhere such as Target and Kmart etc...)
2. Items that are in good, clean condition (i.e. no rips/tears, elastic still intact for shorts/pants/skorts, no stains from paint and text etc...)
3. No hats, library bags or socks.

For items that do not fit the above, there are a variety of external clothing recycling businesses around that will accept clothing items for re-use/re-purposing to avoid them ending up in landfill.

If you have any uniform-related queries, please stop by on a Tuesday morning or get in touch at uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Regards

Shari Allinson

GEPS Uniform Shop Manager

Community News



GUEST
SPEAKERS

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.)

\$4 Democracy Sausage

AUSLAN interpreters available

The Public Café open

BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
P: (02) 9230 2047
E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

WHERE
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney - opposite Martin Place

MORE INFORMATION
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/events




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