



# Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 1 – Issue 2  
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## School Newsletter

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 20 February

- Kindy parents – Literacy workshop

#### Wednesday 22 February

- Swimming Carnival @ Ku-ring-gai Fitness & Aquatic Centre

#### Friday 24 February

- PSSA Summer – Round 2
- Cricket – Warimoo Oval
- Modball – St Ives

#### Friday 3 March

- PSSA Summer – Round 3
- Cricket – Regimental Oval
- Modball – St Ives

#### Wednesday 8 March

- School Photos

### From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Well, here we are at week 4 – almost half way through the term already!

It has been a delight to visit the classrooms and see the children so settled and engaged in their learning. This week we have hosted our annual Meet the Teacher Evenings. It was lovely to start the year with these in person again and a nice way for families to meet their child's teacher and get to know class routines.

Just a reminder to ensure that you have booked in your Parent Teacher Conference appointment. These will be held in week 6 across the school and week 8 for 1/2L. Parent Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity to connect with staff one to one and partner in your child's learning journey.

This week, Expressions of Interest were given to children interested in our Creative Arts Extra Curricula groups for 2023. This year we are pleased to introduce a Drama Club to our ongoing Choir and Dance groups. Garden Club will also be returning this term on a Friday lunch time on a flexible basis.



Every day matters



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Next week, we are looking forward to our Annual Swimming Carnival. This carnival is for students who are in years 3 -6 and students in year 2 who turn 8 this year. Please keep an eye out for more information via school stream and email.

### Canteen

I was very pleased to be able to announce this week that our canteen tender has been approved. Local Lunches will be the canteen provider, ensuring our children are well fed. Our new service provider will be open 5 days a week. We will be working hard together to make sure that the canteen is open again as soon as possible.

### Attendance and absences – Attendance targets

Did you know that schools have an expected attendance rate? Our school strives for the expected attendance rate which is above 95% of students at school each day over the year. We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. Two ways that we can help make this happen are to make sure your child attends school each day unless they are sick, and avoiding taking family holidays during school terms.



## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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### NAPLAN

NAPLAN this year will be held in Term 1 between 15 – 27 March. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9, and is the only nationwide assessment that all Australian children undertake. Students will sit 4 tests – Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy during the test period. Assessments are completed online except for Year 3 Writing, who will complete their test on paper. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding NAPLAN in the upcoming weeks.

Take care

*Ruth White*

Principal



# What's been happening in KM?



This week I have learnt:

"I learnt about dice patterns." Angus

"I learnt about the letter a." James

"I learnt everything.  $100 + 100 = 200$ ." Eleanor

"I learnt how to write. I can sound out s h e – she." Ruby



## P&C Presidents Report

### President's Report

I hope everyone is settling into the school routine.

### **AGM & First P&C Meeting**

The P&C will have its 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Term 1 meeting on Tuesday 7 March 2023 7:30pm. In this meeting will be when all the volunteer positions within P&C will switch from the year 2022 members to the 2023 committee. Everyone in the GEPS community is welcome and encouraged to join the meeting and participate. More details on how to join the meeting will be communicated closer to the date.

### **P&C Database:**

The P&C Association maintains a database of contact details for each class to facilitate communication between the volunteer class parent/s, the class teacher, and the class families. If you have not been receiving emails from the P&C regarding class parent volunteering in the last week or so, it means we do not have you on the database.

If this is you, please follow the link and complete the form for your child/children at GEPS.

<https://forms.office.com/r/hUVYiAbdhs>



Kind regards,

Sarah Kim, 2022 P&C President

[President@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:President@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

### **Uniform shop**

The GEPS uniform shop is open each Tuesday morning during school term from 8.30am - 9.45am for new and second-hand uniform purchases. You can also purchase new uniform items online, through Flexischools, and these will be delivered to the student's classroom on a Tuesday (cut off for orders is 4.50pm each Monday). With school photos coming up in Week 7, if you find that you are in need of new shirts, dresses, etc., please make sure to place your orders in the next couple of weeks. If you wish to pay for items using the Back To School Vouchers, this will need to be done in person rather than through

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Flexischools - please get in touch at [uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au) with any questions in regards to this.

Finally, I am currently in need of some additional clothing hangers for storing/displaying second-hand items so if anyone has any that they are looking to get rid of, I will very happily take them off your hands and they can be dropped off at the uniform shop on a Tuesday morning, or the front office at other times.

Regards,

Shari Allinson  
GEPS Uniform Shop Manager

### **Band**

I hope everyone is settling well into the new school year. We are off to a great start with all three bands commencing rehearsals over the past week.

We would like to welcome back all our wonderful band students from 2022 and extend a very warm welcome to the new 2023 Training Band children and their families. It was an absolute delight to see 40 very excited little musicians participate in their very first rehearsal on Tuesday morning!

We are planning an exciting calendar of events this year with many performance opportunities for each band. More information will be made available in coming weeks.

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in joining our fun, vibrant band program it's not too late! Please email me at [bandcommittee@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:bandcommittee@gordoneastpandc.org.au).

**Rehearsal days and times are as follows: -**

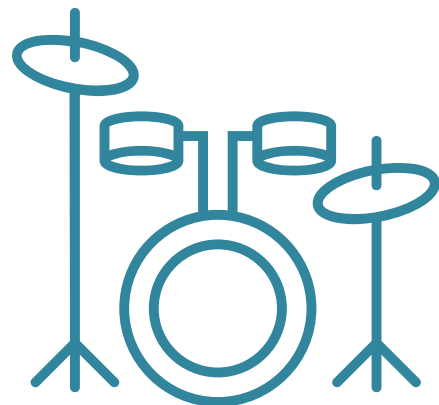
**Junior Concert Band:** Monday 7.45-9am

**Training Band:** Tuesday 7.45-9am

**Senior Concert Band:** Thursday 7.45-9am

Marina Brand

On behalf of the GEPS Band Committee



## Book Club

Welcome to Book Club for 2023. For those new to GEPS, the Scholastics Book Club is a fantastic and easy way to purchase new books/materials for school-aged children. All orders also directly benefit the school with 15c from every dollar spent given back to the school in Rewards Dollars that can spend on new books/resources for the school library. Catalogues are distributed to students twice a term, with all orders collated, sent to school, sorted and then handed out to students in the classrooms. There is always a large range of books and resources available in each catalogue covering a variety of ages.

Issue 1 of the new look Book Club, now known as Book Club News, closes this week so please make sure all orders are placed online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> by 5pm this Sunday 19Feb23. For those new to Book Club, you will initially need to set up an online account before ordering (this can be done at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>). Issue 1 also includes a free book offer for orders over \$30 - please see catalogue for further information.

If you have any questions in regards to Book Club or problems with placing an order please contact me at [bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Regards,

Shari Allinson

GEPS Book Club Coordinator





## Community News



# Killara High School

Come and discover Killara High School.  
Meet the Principal, Mr Robin Chand  
and our student leaders.

28 February 2023	3.30-4.30pm
15 March 2023	3.30-4.30pm
29 March 2023	3.30-4.30pm

Places are strictly limited to one parent/carer and  
one attending student.

Please note that you must book a ticket for  
each adult and child that wishes to attend.  
We have a limited capacity of 20 people per tour.

Strictly Online Bookings.

To book your tickets - click on this link:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFVPE>

A copy of Frequently Asked Questions and additional  
enrolment information can be found on the enrolment  
page of our website. **CLICK HERE FOR WEBSITE.**



## Community News



All GFC girls train for  
free in 2023 thanks to a  
Football NSW Grant!



COME AND JOIN

# GORDON FOOTBALL CLUB

Season runs from April to end of August. Register before 24 February.  
All girls and boys welcome!

Kindys & Year 1s register for free in conjunction with an  
Active Kids Voucher!



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