



Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 1 – Issue 3

March 3 2023

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 March

- P&C AGM 7:30pm

Wednesday 8 March

- School Photos

Thursday 9 March

- Parent Volunteer Workshop
@ 3:30-4:15pm Session A
@ 5:30-6:15pm Session B

Friday 10 March

- PSSA Pink Stumps Day
- PSSA Summer – Round 4
- Cricket - Regimental Oval
- Modball – St Ives Green

Wednesday 15 March

- NAPLAN commences

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Here we are half-way through the term already.

It was wonderful to be able to make the Swimming Carnival happen last week. We managed to fit it in just before the rain started again. Thank you to Miss Christie, Miss Rawling and Mrs Auer and our parent helpers for all of their hard work in making sure that everything ran smoothly. Congratulations to all of our students who competed on the day.

This week, we commenced Parent Teacher Conferences. It has been lovely to see so many parents coming in and out of the school to discuss their child with our 2023 class teachers. Each year we hold two, one being in Term 1 and the other in Term 3. Written reports are distributed in Terms 2 and 4.

Over the last two weeks we have also seen our first school assembly for the year and all our in-school extra-curricular groups commence as well.



Every day matters



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We recognise the traditional owners of the land where we learn and play each day.

Canteen

Just a short update in regards to canteen. We have commenced working with Local Lunches to ensure that the canteen is all ready to open as soon as possible. Currently we are waiting for the License Agreement to be issued by the Department. Once this has occurred we will be able to open the canteen again. In the meantime, you will see our new provider coming back and forth getting this set up ready for opening.

Road Safety – Walk & Talk where possible.



Please ensure you always follow the road rules around the school. It is essential that our roads are safe for our community.

- Please continue to move up the 'Kiss & Drop' Zone and park directly behind the car in front of you and allow cars behind you to park.
- Do not cut in front of cars. Wait for cars to roll up or drive around the block if waiting too long. Remember 'Kiss and Drop' is 2 minutes, 3 metre parking zone.
- Do not park in 'No Stopping' zones to drop off or pick up your children.

NAPLAN

As NAPLAN approaches, at times an increased level of stress or anxiety about tests can be experienced. Assessments, including NAPLAN, are used to gauge where students are at in their learning and where to next. They assist us in planning for future learning. NAPLAN is just one example of a range of assessment methods that we use across the school to assess children's learning.

Some hints and resources to assist you in supporting your child during tests or exams include:

- Do look after your child's wellbeing with mindfulness and physical activity.
- Do talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the test or testing situation.
- Do make sure that your child gets plenty of rest and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Do remain positive about the situation.
- Do keep active.
- Practicing mindfulness assists in managing any feelings of stress or anxiety.
- Avoid adding additional pressure.
- Don't forget, practice is helpful within as part of developing good study habits or supporting skill acquisition, however, coaching is not necessary for this assessment.
- Do encourage positive affirmations and self-talk. This facilitates a growth mindset.

Take care

Ruth White

Principal

WHY POSITIVE SELF-TALK IS WORTH IT	
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1	Increases self-esteem
2	Improves motivation
3	Curbs negative emotions
4	Helps with physical health
5	Develops resilience
6	Reduces stress
7	Encourages risk-taking
8	Serves as a coping skill
9	Helps kids achieve potential
10	Increases self-esteem

What's been happening in...

1/2U



123 My Numbers 456

Name: Emily

My Age: 7

Number of letters in my name: 5

The number on my letter box: 4

Number of people in my family: 3

Number of pets: 1

The total of my numbers is 20

1. Who has a total number higher than you?
Name: Martin Number: 21

2. Who has a total number lower than you?
Name: Siena Number: 17

8 Skip Counting

Let's skip count by 2s

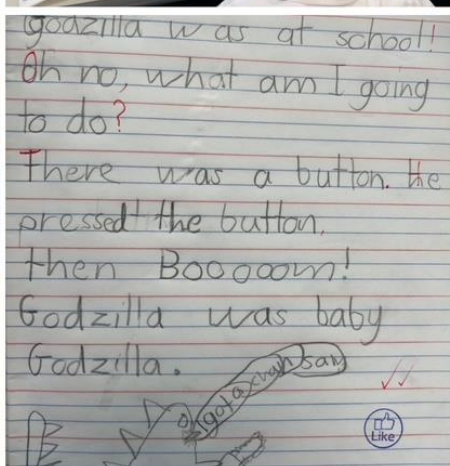
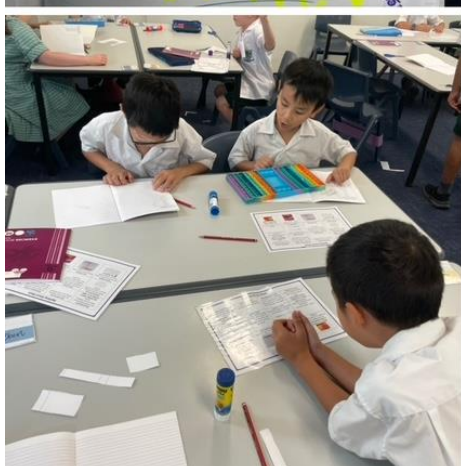
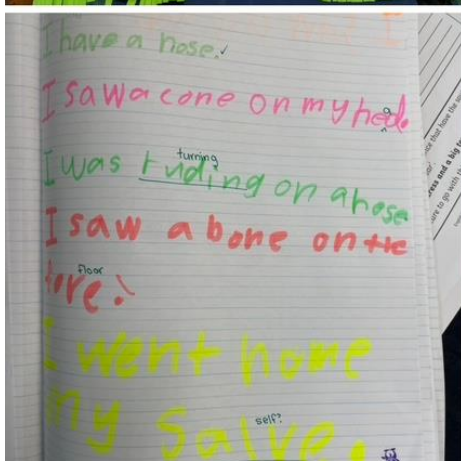
Count by 2s and trace a blue circle

Count by 3s and trace a red circle

Count by 5s and trace a green circle

Count by 10s and trace a purple circle

1	2	3	4	5	6
11	12	13	14	15	16
21	22	23	24	25	26
31	32	33	34	35	36
41	42	43	44	45	46
51	52	53	54	55	56
61	62	63	64	65	66
71	72	73	74	75	76
81	82	83	84	85	86
91	92	93	94	95	96
97	98	99	100		



This week I have learnt:

"I can count by threes" Livinia

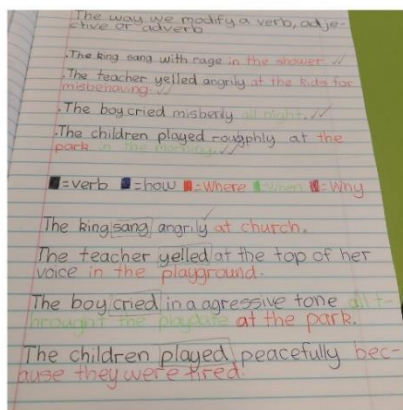
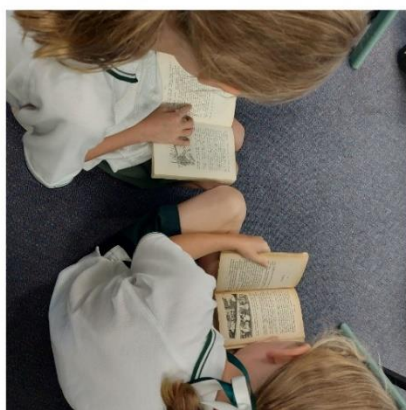
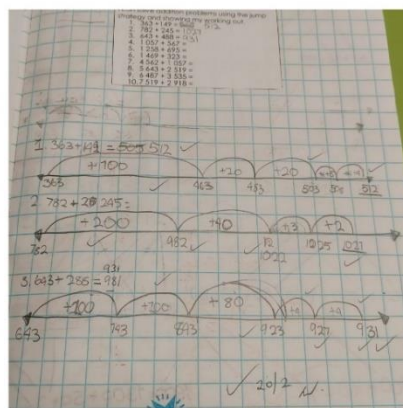
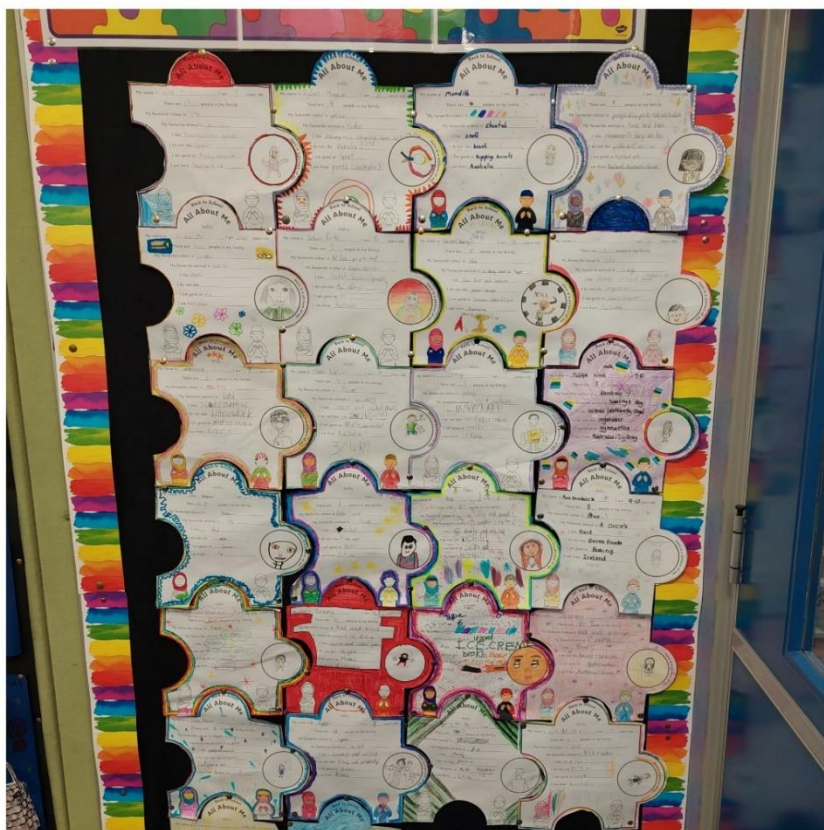
"I've learnt many things, but I do like maths" Daniel

"I've learnt how to write a new sentence." Vera

"I like skip counting." Jeremy

What's been happening in...

3/4R



"I learnt how to use the split strategy using thousands." Harriet

"Miss Rawling taught us to make our names into a 3D art picture." Emi & Emily

"This week I learnt how to do subtraction on a number line taking 2-digit numbers away from 3-digit numbers." Diaco

"I learnt how to do the split strategy using colours to help." Tommy

"We learnt how to write narratives in 4 different parts: orientation, complication, series of events and resolution which is where the problem is solved." Benny

What's happening at GEPS

2023 School Photos



Wednesday 8th March 2023

Just a gentle reminder to iron the uniforms and check those smiles – our Photo Day is on *Wednesday 8th March (Week 7)*.

For the day itself, students should be wearing **full summer uniform** with polished, black shoes and correct socks (girls – green/boys – grey).

Hair should be neatly tied or combed back from faces and school ribbons in hair as appropriate. Badges should be worn on the left collar (as appropriate) and no jewellery should be worn.



Raw Art

Raw Art is just around the corner! This incursion, run across Weeks 7 and 8, is designed to enable hands-on experiences as students explore visual arts concepts, including themes and art techniques with different media (e.g. clay, paint). Each workshop is run by an artist who will demonstrate and guide students through the process of producing a final piece. This year, each stage's Raw Art experience will have a focus on clay sculpture. We look forward to sharing our masterpieces with you in the weeks to come!



K-2 Parent Volunteer Workshops for 2023

We are thrilled to let you know that we are running our Parent Volunteer Workshops once again this year. If you are new to the GEPS community and are keen to volunteer in classrooms this year (and beyond!), this is a great place to start to hear about the scope of opportunities for you to get involved.

This 45-minute session aims to:

- equip participants with an understanding of school activities where volunteers can participate
- outline roles and responsibilities of volunteers
- explain how to go about getting involved and school routines.

This term, we have just two sessions available: one in person if you'd like the chance to meet other families informally as well as meet some of our staff, and one online if you'd prefer the convenience and flexibility. Either way, we would love to connect with you.

Thursday 9 March @ 3:30pm (onsite*), OR
Thursday 9 March @ 5:30pm (online)



*Childcare will be offered at Session A if they are preschool-aged or older.

Volunteers only need to attend one session. This is intended for parents and/or caregivers who are interested in volunteering in their child's classroom and have not attended this workshop in previous years or for those who would like a refresher. Please note that Kindy 2023 families already participated in this workshop at Orientation last year.

In order to attend, please RSVP here: <https://forms.office.com/r/YyxXNUDK5p> or via QR. Registration closes promptly at 5pm on Monday 6 March 2023.

Please note that we do not intend to facilitate another round of these workshops this year. We look forward to partnering with you then!

Mrs Hwa Choi
Assistant Principal

Mrs Ruth White
Principal

Pink Stumps Day 2023

Time to get excited and 'Pump up the Pink'!

Each year Gordon East, along with the Ku-Ring-gai zone PSSA, actively supports Pink Stumps Day as our summer sport charity. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the incredible initiative of the McGrath Foundation and also a chance to raise awareness and prompt meaningful discussion.

On the day, all students K-6 across the school, are encouraged to wear a touch of pink, including students who participate in PSSA, and bring in a gold coin donation for the Pink Stumps charity.

Please spread the word and encourage your children to wear some pink with their uniforms on the day!

For further information regarding pink stumps day, see this link for more information: <https://www.pinkstumpsday.com.au/>

Chris Pullen

Science and Robotics Teacher | PSSA Soccer and Cricket Coach



Library News

Library news Week 6 Term 1 2023

The Premier's Reading Challenge

"The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely." PRC Website.

The PRC is open for 2023. Students from years K-6 can take part in the challenge from February 27 to August 18.

K-2 students read 30 books (20 from the PRC lists, 10 personal choice)

Years 3-6 read 20 books (10 from the PRC lists, 10 personal choice)

To complete the challenge, books must be recorded on the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The website explains how to complete the challenge and lists all the books you can include.

To logon to the PRC, students use the username and password they use to access computers at school and the student portal. **Please contact your child's class teacher** if you don't know their username or password, or check your child's **homework book**.

Detailed information for parents has been sent out this week via email and Schoolstream.

Gordon East encourages all students to take part. We have hundreds of PRC books here at GEPS and Ku-ring-gai Library also supports the challenge. You probably have many books at home that are on the PRC lists.

You can get your child's Reading Record started by adding the following books, read during Library lessons:

KM

The children who loved books by Peter Carnavas

Parsley Rabbit's book about books by Frances Watts

1/2L, 1/2P, 1/2U:

Midnight at the Library by Ursula Dubosarsky

It's a story, Rory! by Frances Watts

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the PRC.

Bronwen Campbell,

Teacher Librarian.

Merits

Week 5 Tuesday 21 February 2023

KM	Sylvie H Azalea W
1/2L	Caroline M Teddy Somers
1/2P	Ethan D Edie C
1/2U	Sienna A James T
3/4A	Bella R Sean G
3/4C	Abigail J Mark S
3/4R	Emily A Jyun-Yuen H
5/6B	Daniel J Desiree G
5/6N	Jessie K Christian E
5/6S	Jae Y Jonathan B
Mini Merits	
Banners	

Week 6 28 February 2023

KM	Lachlan H James O
1/2L	Henry A Isabella S
1/2P	Timothy L Grace L
1/2U	Vera P Martin McD
3/4A	Isabella A Joshua H
3/4C	Zac H Lachy B
3/4R	Stella Y Kishan P
5/6B	Sasha Y Matilda P
5/6N	Karishma P Harrison H
5/6S	Neil B Ana Luiza E
Mini Merits	Anna V Sophia F Harriet O Jessie K Edie C Flynn R Kiera B Monty A Sam B
Banners	Edie C

Congratulations



Aussie of the Month

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Congratulations Aussie of the Month
February 2023

Harriet

Harriet is a friendly and enthusiastic student who always brings a positive attitude to school. She strives to achieve success in all learning areas and perseveres with challenging tasks. Harriet is a kind and thoughtful friend, who consistently demonstrates inclusivity and empathy towards her peers. She is highly active in the school community, particularly in sport.

Harriet 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 Harriet!



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Malachi

Malachi is an inquisitive, self-motivated learner. He engages positively with all learning opportunities and contributes thoughtfully to class discussions. Malachi readily supports his peers with their learning and shows an appreciation for others' ideas in collaborative activities.

Malachi is respectful and courteous towards teachers, office staff and peers. He is a kind and considerate friend, showing care and concern for all his peers.

Malachi upholds the values of Gordon East Public School by being a safe, respectful learner at all times. He is a valued member of 1/2P and a very deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award.

Congratulations Malachi!



PSSA Report

Modball (Senior) – 17 February 2023

Today we played well against Gordon West. We are still learning to tag the players. Our best players on the team today were Scarlett, Sasha, and Hailey.

The final Score was: 0-7

Reporter: Frances

Modball (Junior) – 17 February 2023

Today we played Gordon West. We played T-Ball and sadly we lost but we were great! We got lots of home runs! The best players on our team today were Harriet, Alice and Ava.

The final score was: 18-5

Reporter: Pippa

Modball (Junior) – 24 February 2023

Today we played West Pymble and we were great but sadly we lost. Our best players on the team today were Harriet and Pippa.

The final Score was: 2-16

Reporter: Ava

Cricket (Junior) – 24 February 2023

Today we played St Ives North and we got an injury and a lot of runs, wickets and some amazing catches. Our best players on our team today was Orson for getting a run out and bowling very well for his first PSSA game. We won by 48 runs. We played at Warimoo Oval.

The final Score was: 150-102

Reporter: Kishan

Cricket (Senior) – 24 February 2023

Today we played St Ives North and we won. Everyone played well. The best players on our team today were Harrison for scoring lots of runs and Jasper for his great bowling.

The final score was: 172 – 40

Reporter: Christian

P&C Presidents Report

President's Report

Our 2022 P&C AGM meeting and the Term 1 meeting is coming up next Tuesday 7 March at 7:30pm. You would have seen the email from our P&C Secretary Zoe Falster – we are offering both on site and online method of joining the meeting, so please make the time to join if you can. In this meeting, we will have all office bearer roles and sub committee co-ordinator roles from 2022 vacated and have 2023 appointments formalised.

We will have many who are continuing in their positions which is important and valuable for the stability and continuation of our P&C function. And we also have some that are newly joining us to fill much needed positions – We are very excited and appreciate all those who are volunteering their valuable time and effort to make our P&C fulfil its purpose which is to support the school, staff, our children and the community.

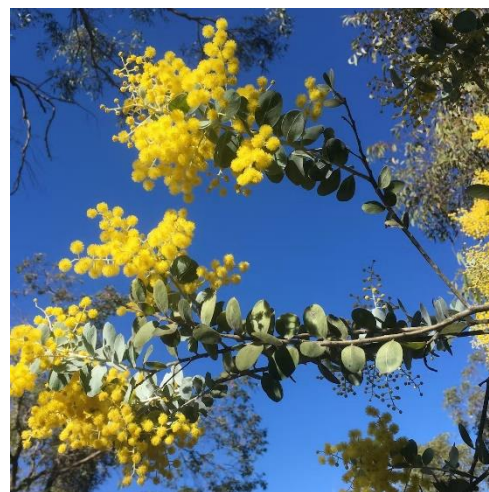
If you have not received any communication from the P&C via email, it means we do not have you on our database. Please complete the contact request form if this is you and we will ensure that your details are added to the database and you are receiving the communications coming from the P&C.

This is my last report before I handover to the incoming president for this year. I would like to thank everyone in the community for all your support and involvement last year. We have a wonderful community here at GEPS and I am proud to have been involved and part of the P&C for 2022. I will continue to support the P&C this year in different ways and look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming events that are mentioned below!

Take care everyone,

Kind regards,
Sarah Kim
P&C President 2022

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



Events Report

Welcome Event

On Sat 1st April from 3-6pm the P&C will be hosting a Welcome Event for all GEPS families- old and new. This is a fabulous opportunity to get to know other families at GEPS. It's a BYO Picnic event with some small goodies for sale, and C&M will be there to run sports activities for the kids.

State Election

On Saturday 23rd March, the Election Polls will be open at GEPS. The P&C will be hosting a BBQ, cake and book stall to fundraise for the school, so look out for more details coming soon on how you can help.

Sally Pearman

GEPS P&C Vice President - Events

Band Report

Weekly rehearsals are in full swing and our conductors are very pleased with the progress being made in all three bands.

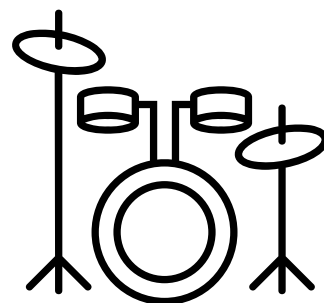
If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in joining our fun, vibrant band program it's not too late! Please email me at bandcommittee@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

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

Uniform shop

Uniform shop opening hours: Tuesday 8.30am - 9.45am

Flexischools cut off - Monday 4.50pm for Tuesday delivery to student's classrooms.

Back To School Vouchers - accepted for in-person purchases.

I am currently in the process of changing over the second-hand items available for purchase and second-hand winter stock will be available starting next week, Tuesday 07Mar23. Due to limited storage, I will, unfortunately, need to place a pause on the donation of second-hand uniform items, except for any good-condition school zip jumpers which can be dropped off at the uniform shop on a Tuesday morning. If I can please ask that no other items are dropped off for the time being, it would be much appreciated, and I will re-review donation possibilities next term once some of our current stock has been sold.

Should you have any uniform-related questions, please get in touch at

uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Regards

Shari Allinson

GEPS Uniform Shop Manager

Book Club

Issue 1 book orders have arrived and will have come home with students this week.

With the AGM next week, I would like to take this opportunity to advise GEPS families that I will be handing over the role of Book Club Coordinator at the meeting to Fennalia Carle, and thank her for volunteering for this role. I would also like to thank all families that have supported the Book Club over the last 3 years. Every order made by GEPS families has helped fund additional book purchases for the school library and provide such a wide range of reading materials available for students to borrow each week.

If you have any book club-related queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch at bookclub@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Regards,

Shari Allinson

GEPS Book Club Coordinator





ELECTION DAY BBQ



CAKE & BOOK STALL

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SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
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COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

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.

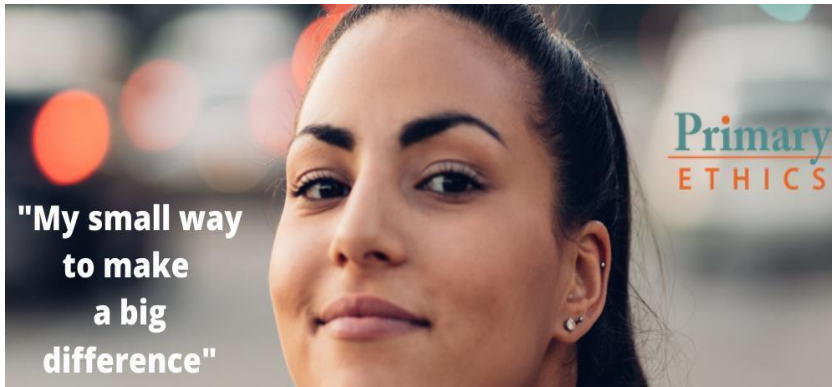
To book your tickets - click on this link:

<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



Primary
ETHICS

Are you interested in volunteering to teach ethics at Gordon East Public School?

The school would like to form an extra class, so that no interested child misses out.

In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and have an interest in learning.
- You're willing to learn how to use the lesson scripts provided by Primary Ethics to read stories and ask children ethical questions.
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think.
- You're available each school week on Tuesdays at 9.15 am for a half hour.
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

All lesson scripts and resources are provided by Primary Ethics. You don't need to be a trained teacher to teach ethics!

Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

For more information visit www.primaryethics.com.au
or contact Lisa on lisakrug2@gmail.com (Ethics Coordinator for GEPS)