



# Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 1 – Issue 4

March 17 2023

## School Newsletter

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 20 March

- NAPLAN

#### Tuesday 21 March

- Harmony Day
- Zone Swimming

#### Wednesday 22 March

- PSSSA Winter Trials
- NAPLAN

#### Thursday 23 March

- Swimming North Area

#### Friday 24 March

- PSSA Winter Trials

#### Wednesday 29 March

- Skellern Cup

#### Thursday 30 March

- Skellern Cup

### From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Here we are almost to the end of term 1 already. Over the last 2 weeks we have been busy with: Raw Art Workshops, Parent Workshops, School photos and re-opened the canteen just to name a few things.

Last week, the Annual P&C AGM was held where we farewelled our 2022 P&C office bearers and elected the new 2023 office bearers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Kim for all her hard work, time and effort as our outgoing P&C President, along with other members of our P&C who have handed over the reins. Your time, commitment to volunteering and support of the school has been very much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to Welcome Simon Cross (P&C President) and our 2023 Office Bearers to the School year and look forward to continuing the strong partnerships between the school and community throughout 2023.

This week has been a very exciting week with the canteen re-opening. Robby and Hannah from Local Lunches have been have enjoyed meeting the children this week and have been busy serving recess and lunch every day. The children were excited to see cheesy sticks on the menu as well as enjoy the new food on offer. The favorites so far have included the home-made banana and blueberry pikelets, chicken tenders, ploughman's & sushi & sandwich lunchboxes, wraps and juice icy-poles.



Every day matters



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

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Xavi for volunteering to help others and for giving back to the community. Xavi was among 980 *young people* who assisted in providing over 12,500 hot & cold meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, care packs, writing empathetic, positive messages to 13 charities around Sydney over the December/January holidays. Well done Xavi!

## Pink Stumps Day

Thank you for your participation in the annual pink stumps fundraising day. As a result of our fundraising, we are able to donate \$312.60 to the McGrath Foundation. Well done Gordon East!

## Neurodiversity Week

This week, we also celebrated Neurodiversity week. Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. As part of our celebrations, we welcomed two guest speakers at this week's assembly who spoke about their challenges and successes going through school and what helped get them to where they are today. Thank you to both Ruby and Adrian, two, Year 10 High School students from St Ives HS for their discussion, speech, and advice as well as their time spent with students following their presentation with the children afterwards.

## NAPLAN

This week our students in years 3 and 5 have started NAPLAN assessments which will be completed over the next two weeks. The first test was writing and was completed on Wednesday. Students will also be completing Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy tests. NAPLAN provides the school with useful data about literacy and numeracy achievement trends, and we encourage students to approach the tests in a relaxed way.



Take care

*Ruth White*

Principal

## Library News

### The Premier's Reading Challenge

We are off to a great start at Gordon East, 18 students have already completed the PRC.

Congratulations to:

- Kindergarten: Abigail P
- Year 2: Max P
- Year 3: Keira B, Lachlan B
- Year 4: Yuuv B, Zachary H, Xavier C
- Year 5: Desiree G, Tarun J, Jessie K, Duncan L, Matilda P, Alexandra Y
- Year 6: Michelle C, Lachlan C, Finley H, Clare H, Joe Y

PRC books read to KM during Library lessons:

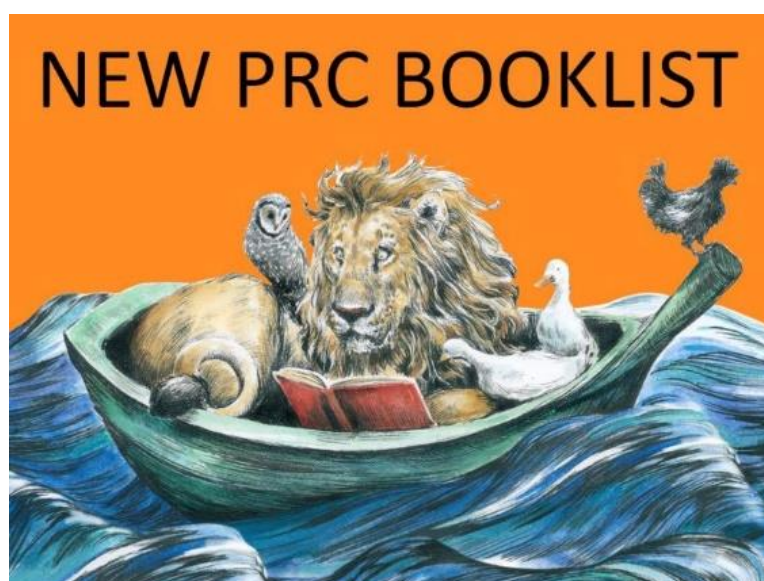
- Hold on tight by Sara Acton
- Kip by Christina Booth
- PRC books read to 1/2L, 1/2P, 1/2U during Library lessons:
- Another book about bears by Laura Bunting
- No place like home by Ronojoy Ghosh

To record books on the PRC website, students need to log in with their 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**



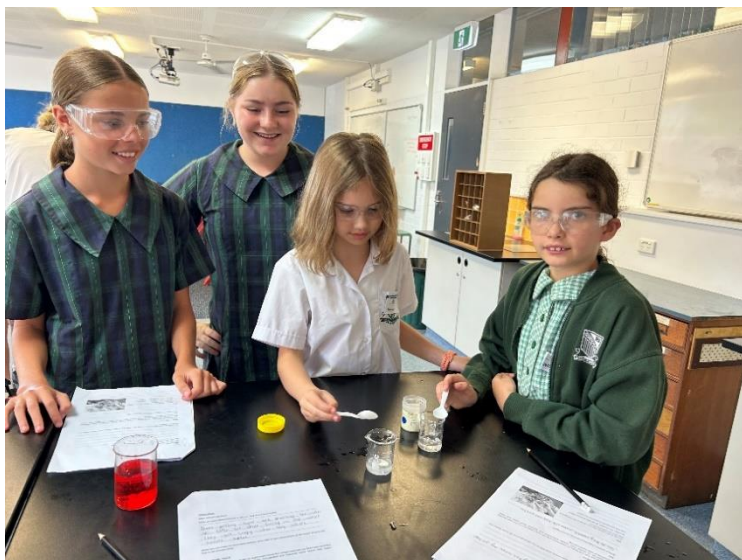


## Killara Schools Partnership



Killara Schools Partnership  
PROUD TRADITIONS, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT  
AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### GIRLS IN SCIENCE AT KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL



KSP Girls in Science workshop is an invitation for primary school students to develop their knowledge of basic Science. When creating bath bombs, the Year 4 students gained an understanding of chemical engineering as they needed to use the scientific method to determine the correct concentration of each ingredient. They were able to identify the necessary ingredients to generate the best bath bomb. The factors of colour, fizz and shape were kept in mind as they prepared their bath bombs. The successes were numerous despite minor incidents such as overflowing beakers, when they made bath bombs that were a little too fizzy!!

Additionally, the workshop consisted of working with water beads and their absorption of different water mixtures. The girls added the water beads into a mixture of water and other substances such as sugar, salt, and bicarbonate soda. The girls all observed how the bicarb soda slowed down the process of the beads growing and shared their observations with each other. All the girls discussed the safety risks in the classroom and the aim for the experiment. The Year 8 girls assisted with the experiments and guided them through writing aims and observations. All the girls had loads of fun helping each other and acting as role models for the younger students. The Year 4's had many questions and queries about the experiment and were super excited to learn about the subject.



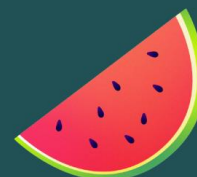


## What's been happening at GEPS?

### GEPS Canteen



# WE ARE OPEN!



## RAW Art 2023



Over the last two weeks, K-6 participated in Raw Art workshop sessions with their class, creating masterpieces out of clay. The travelling artists, Autumn and Tracy, visited each room and taught students different techniques using clay to create plants, creatures and even sushi!

A big thank you to Autumn and Tracy as well as our class teachers for assisting and facilitating, without whom these hands-on experiences would not have been possible.

Mrs Choi





What's coming up at GEPS?

# HARMONY DAY

**TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023**

*Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity*



**WEAR EITHER CULTURAL  
DRESS OR ORANGE MUFTI**

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**SHARE A FAMILY RECIPE  
AND DROP THIS IN THE BOX  
AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY  
FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023**



Dear Families,

You are warmly invited to join us for

# The Easter Hat Parade

Monday 3 April 2023, 9.30 – 10.30am  
Under the GEPS COLA

Parents are invited to stay for Crunch 'n' Sip and a hot cross bun (preordered from the Band Program fundraiser) with their child at the conclusion of the parade. There will also be a short performance from the Training Band.

If attending, please arrive from 9:15am and make your way to the designated parent viewing areas on the Kindy verandah or the end of the COLA nearest the hall.

If you experience any flu-like symptoms on the day, we ask that you stay home and do not attend.

Many thanks,  
GEPS Staff





## Merits

Week 7	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 8	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>KM</b>	Romy C Teresa G	<b>KM</b>	Tyra K Andrew S
<b>1/2L</b>	Aiden A Annie L	<b>1/2L</b>	Wyatt G Sofia F
<b>1/2P</b>	Lena L Kai P	<b>1/2P</b>	Flynn R Kristina F
<b>1/2U</b>	Christian S Taelia L	<b>1/2U</b>	Russell G Albi A
<b>3/4A</b>	Nina W Patrick P	<b>3/4A</b>	Nicholas P Mitchell N
<b>3/4C</b>	Yuuv B Keira B	<b>3/4C</b>	Daniel S Eloise T
<b>3/4R</b>	Meredith H Leo M	<b>3/4R</b>	Pippa W Isabella B
<b>5/6B</b>	Parsa G Aiden S	<b>5/6B</b>	Ethan L Madison C
<b>5/6N</b>	Marco D Jasmine D	<b>5/6N</b>	Nethya W William V
<b>5/6S</b>	John S Edward C	<b>5/6S</b>	Grace T Bobby B
<b>Mini Merits</b>	Dylan H	<b>Mini Merits</b>	Natsumi S Thomas S
<b>Banners</b>	Scarlett W Flynn R Mark S	<b>Banners</b>	



## PSSA Report

Date	Sport	Opposition Team	Score	Notes
3.3.2023	Modball Senior	St Ives North	19-4	Today we played St Ives North. We won and played well, we managed to win. We are very happy. The best players were everybody. Maddie V got a ball right at her ankle.
3.3.2023	Modball Junior		14-7	Today we played a game of t-ball and we won, it was very exciting. The best players on our team today were Maggie Anikka, Nicholas, Ava, Pippa and Ava. We played St Ives North.
3.3.2023	Cricket Junior	West Pymble	148-142	Today we played, we got a lot of fours and byes. Hugo and Kish's partnership which was 26 runs in 2 overs. We also played at Regimental oval.
3.3.2023	Cricket Senior	West Pymble	Score NR	Today we played West Pymble and we won. Everyone played well. The best player on our team today was Jacob for his great bowling. Christian
10.3.2023	Modball Senior	St Ives Public School	11-14	Today we played St Ives and we all played very well but unfortunately, we lost. Everyone played very well. We had a great game and can't wait for the next season to come!
10.3.2023	Cricket Junior	Roseville	Score NR	The best players on our team today were Archie for getting an extraordinary Hat-trick in the last 3 balls of the game! We played at Regimental Oval. Krishan.





## P&C Presidents Report

I am delighted to be writing my first report as the new P&C President and would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing President Sarah Kim for her enormous contribution and hard work over the last year.

The recent AGM saw a series of changes with newly elected members of the Executive, in addition to new members of the subcommittees. I thank all those who have agreed to take up these new positions in our P&C this year. Many of the people working for our P&C are volunteers and I greatly appreciate in advance the time and effort everyone will be putting in.

This week (week 8) sees the canteen service return as part of community life, and it's great to see the children enjoying some old favourites (cheesy sticks), along with some healthy new items on the five-day week menu.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to still be involved in the canteen ongoing, which our new provider Local Lunches will provide further information on shortly. A special mention should go to our 2 Vice Presidents, Sally Pearman & Lucy Long, along with our Principal Mrs White in spending considerable time in getting this off the ground.

Following an earlier communication this week, the next P&C meeting is the **Wishlist Meeting** scheduled for next **Tuesday 21st March 2032 at 7:30pm**.

Everyone is welcome to attend and both face to face & online access will be made available. The purpose of the meeting is to identify areas of focus and priority for our spending over the coming year. All of you are welcome to join and participate.

If you are not familiar with the Wishlist process, in summary:

1. A Wishlist of costed items that the P&C could contribute to is put together from a combination of requests from teaching staff, parents and the P&C committee (this includes you!)
2. We discuss and vote on these items at the Wishlist meeting, with prioritising of the items made on the night – from A (high priority) to D (low priority)

Items are costed, so the P&C can estimate, based on fundraising of previous years, how much of the items we are likely to be able to fund.

3. Based on the financial contributions of this community, and fundraising initiatives throughout the year, we work towards funding all priority A items, then progressively fund the lower priority items where possible.

If you have any items you would like to include on the Wishlist, please provide details to me, (together with costs and supplier information where possible), by emailing me by the evening of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at [president@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:president@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Kind regards

Simon Cross  
GEPS P&C President  
[president@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:president@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

**Update for 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.

The new long-sleeved sports polos are on their way and should be available for purchase from the uniform shop and via Flexischools from Week 10. Please note that this is an optional uniform item and students can continue to wear the short-sleeved polos on their assigned sports days if they wish.

The uniform shop price list is also in the process of being updated and should be available very shortly and will be distributed via email once finalised, so please make sure to check your inbox. As it has been almost 2 years since the last update and to take into account increasing material/supplier costs, there will unfortunately need to be a small increase in price for certain items to ensure the uniform shop remains financially viable (there will however be a small decrease in cost of the boys' shirts due to bulk supplier discounts).

Should you have any uniform-related questions or concerns, please get in touch at [uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Regards  
Shari Allinson  
GEPS Uniform Shop Manager

**Environs Committee Update**

To support the upcoming Election Day fundraiser, we are working with the Events Committee to stand up a plant stall. In addition to donations from local nurseries we are seeking donations from the school community

- If you have any potted plants, you could donate these can be dropped off at the **School Canteen** on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** between **2.30-4.30pm** – or otherwise at the canteen on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**
- All donations are welcomed including any small, propagated plants you might have, as long as they are already in a pot.
- If you are in need of some additional pots, please contact Zoe using the Environs email below.

**Also, please consider volunteering to assist on the plant stall on Election Day!**

Environs Committee  
[environs@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:environs@gordoneastpandc.org.au)





# **ELECTION DAY BBQ**



**CAKE & BOOK STALL**

.....  
**SATURDAY 25TH MARCH**

**GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
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**COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**



Join us for the  
2023 GEPS  
**Welcome**  
EVENT



Let's come together and welcome all  
new and existing GEPS families

**C&M SPORTS**



SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST 3-6PM  
GEPS SCHOOL GROUNDS  
BYO PICNIC  
ICE CREAMS, DRINKS AND SMALL SNACKS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE



## 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/carers 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>

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## Autumn Holiday Program

Kool HQ St Ives



## LOCATION

Masada College  
9-15 Link Rd, St Ives NSW 2075

## DATES

Term 1 Holidays (Autumn)  
17 – 21 April 2023 (5 days)

## HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

## FEES

Standard: \$96.00, Early Bird: \$84.00  
Fees are before child care subsidy. T&Cs Apply.  
From \$12.62 with maximum subsidy^  
Check out our [Child Care Subsidy Fee Estimator](#)

^Based on the maximum possible entitlement of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

## HOW TO BOOK

Go to [koolhq.com.au](http://koolhq.com.au) and click the Register button at the top of the page

## CONTACT US

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SPORT



ART



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DRAMA



DANCE



COOKING



Local Lunches has opportunities for casual and part time employment of canteen staff for when the canteen opens in Gordon East Public School. If anyone is interested in applying, please send your CV to -

[support@locallunches.com.au](mailto:support@locallunches.com.au)



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lunches

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# Gordon East Public Tennis Programs - Term 1, 2023

**Tuesday 31st January 2023 - Thursday 6th April 2023**

Location: 68 Rosedale Rd, Gordon NSW 2072

**FREE TRIAL FOR GROUP TENNIS LESSONS!!!**

TERM 1 PROGRAMS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>RED</b> Ball 1 (K-2) Beginner			● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am	
<b>RED</b> Ball 2 (Yr 1-3) Beg/Inter			● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am	
<b>ORANGE</b> Ball 1 (Yr 3-5) Beg/Inter		● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am		
<b>ORANGE</b> Ball 2 (Yr 3-5) Inter		● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am		
<b>GREEN</b> Ball (Yr 4-6) Inter/Adv		● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am		
<b>YELLOW</b> Ball (11+)					
PRIVATE/SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS: MON-SUN BY ARRANGEMENT					

**Terms and Conditions:** Fees are payable prior to commencement of class. On receipt of payment your child will have a reserved place in the class. Classes may be changed subject to availability of places. If a class is missed a similar class may be arranged if available. No refunds for missed lessons.

**JOIN US AT HOLIDAY EASTER CAMP THIS APRIL!!!!**

**HOLIDAY EASTER CAMP: Monday 17th April - Friday 21st April 2023**

To enrol for HOLIDAY EASTER CAMP, please enrol through our website: <https://cameronstennis.com.au/holiday-camps/>

For all enquiries, email us at [info@cameronstennis.com.au](mailto:info@cameronstennis.com.au)