



Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 1 – Issue 5

March 31 2023

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

Monday 3 April

- Easter Hat Parade

Tues 4 April

- Year 5 & 6 Camp to Canberra

Thursday 6 April

- ANZAC DAY Assembly
- Year 5 & 6 return from Camp.
- Last Day for Term 1

Term 2

Wednesday 26 April

- First Day for Students

Friday 28 April

- PSSA Winter Starts

Thursday 4 May

- Cross Country

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

I can't believe that we are almost at the end of term 1 already!

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. 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.

Throughout this week, children have been working together in buddy classes making their Easter Hats ready for the Easter Hat parade. We look forward to welcoming all families in for the parade.

Thank you to our events committee for their tireless work and organisation for the Election Day BBQ. What a wonderful success! It was also fabulous to see families braving the wet weather and enjoying an afternoon of play and catch up under the COLA on Saturday afternoon for the Welcome Event. Thank you to Sarah Holmes and her team for their work organizing this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mrs. Lorge on her retirement from full-time teaching and thank her for her commitment and dedication towards caring for and teaching children. We wish her all the best.



Every day matters



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

Skellern Cup

Last week, 23 of our girls participated in the annual Skellern Cup soccer competition. All girls played well and enjoyed the day. Congratulations to our Junior Girls' Team for winning the competition on the day and thank you to Mr. Pullen for his organisation and time at the event.



Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 open on **Thursday 30 March** and close **Monday 15 May 2023**.

Information for applicants is available from the front office upon completion and returned of the attached Intention to Apply form. Copies are also available from the front office.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly.
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Note: Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 76 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 45 schools are in metropolitan Sydney.
- 30 schools are in rural or regional centres.
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in 618 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class.

High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education.

Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- Students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- Students from rural and remote locations
- Students with disability

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to help increase their participation.

These students may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school.

Learn more at Equity Placement Model [HERE](#).

Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at Opportunity classes – Year 5 [HERE](#).

Ready to apply? Apply online at education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Wishing all our families and staff a well-deserved, happy Easter holiday break.

Take Care

Ruth White

Principal



Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge

So far this year 31 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest finishers:

Year 1: Eleanor J, Marcus L

Year 3: Orson F, Tommy F, Meredith H, Abigail J, Emilia K, Harriet O, Mark S

Year 4: Leo M

Year 5: Ruby L, John S

Year 6: Aarin C

PRC books read to KM during Library lessons:

The Cat wants custard by P. Crumble

PRC books read to 1/2L, 1/2P, 1/2U during Library lessons:

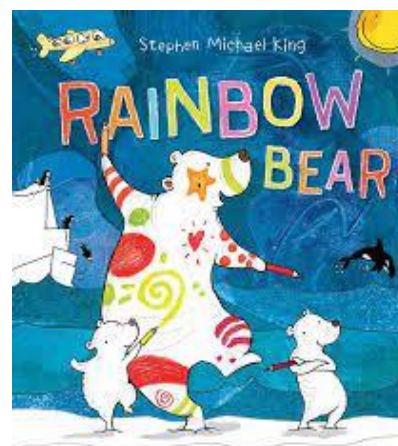
Rainbow bear by Stephen Michael King

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



What's coming up at GEPS?

ANZAC SERVICE

On Thursday 6th of April at 11.45 am, Gordon East will hold their annual Anzac Day Assembly. This assembly will be hosted by the Stage 2 SRC Representatives, Yuka Y and Joshua H from 3/4A, Annika L and Mark S from 3/4C and Ava C and Oliver L from 3/4R.

This assembly will give our students a chance to reflect upon our ANZAC's and give them an opportunity to understand the life and times of Australia and its people.

Anzac Day falls on the 25th of April each year. The date was officially named Anzac Day in 1916. The word 'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.





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 9	Tuesday 21st March	Week 10	Tuesday 28 th March
KM	Ava Y Isabelle C	KM	Mitchell D Ruby J
1/2L	Milla C Lily K	1/2L	Jemima P Elise T H
1/2P	Adele B Monty A	1/2P	Joshua C Isabelle D
1/2U	Liv F Ben L	1/2U	Esha S Timur B
3/4A	Lauren A William E	3/4A	Ryan H Rachael H
3/4C	Jamie W My N	3/4C	Archie R Yuuv B
3/4R	Olivia M Orson F	3/4R	Katelyn Y Dylan H
5/6B	Jasper A Aarin C	5/6B	Clare H Lucas C
5/6N	Chloe T Lihon C	5/6N	Elizabeth T Alex P
5/6S	Kip R Frances C	5/6S	Ben W Maison S
Mini Merits		Mini Merits	James T
Banners		Banners	



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

Congratulations Aussie of the Month
March 2023

Evan

Evan is a kind and responsible student who is considerate of others' feelings.

He upholds the school's values by being a Safe, Respectful Learner. Evan demonstrates impeccable manners and behaviour in class.

He is a thoughtful student who always strives to achieve his personal best.

Evan makes insightful contributions during class discussions. He is a delight to teach and a very worthy recipient of The Aussie of the Month Award.

Congratulations Evan!

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Sienna

Sienna is a respectful and supportive student who applies herself consistently to all tasks. She upholds the Gordon East PS expectations of safe, respectful learners in everything she does.

Sienna tries her personal best in all that she puts her mind to and regularly includes others both in the playground and in the classroom. She offers insightful peer feedback and thoughtfully contributes to group discussions.

Sienna's kind and caring personality along with her sunny disposition make her a pleasure to teach.

Congratulations on being a worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award for the month of March, Sienna!



P&C Presidents Report

President's Report:

It has been a busy fortnight for the P&C having held the Wishlist meeting, in addition to hosting the state election day event last Saturday.

Within this newsletter you will be able to read a breakdown of the priorities and proposed spend per category that was agreed by the P&C with the school at the Wishlist meeting.

I would like to thank everybody that contributed to the process and look forward to reporting back when some of the key items are purchased or the projects are completed. If you would like a detailed breakdown of items that were on the final Wishlist please email our Secretary Zoe, secretary@gordoneastpandc.org.au

The state election was a great day to bring the Gordon community together especially as we raised significant funds for the school, through the BBQ, selling plants, cakes, books in addition to the very popular shoe stand.

Thank you to everybody that gave their time on the day or contributed by providing items to be sold and the amazing total funds that were raised on the day.

As we head towards the end of term 1, we also have 2 further key events with the Welcome Picnic this Saturday (1st April), the Easter Hat Parade and hot cross buns on Monday (3rd April). All members of the GEPS community are welcome, this also gives the opportunity for our band committee to raise important ongoing funds.

Assistant Treasurer Role:

Following a review of the activities being planned by the P&C for the year ahead, the executive committee is seeking an **Assistant Treasurer** to support the role of the Treasurer.

This volunteer role will require minimal weekly hours commitment and will be focused on managing the yearly P&C donations, in addition to supporting reconciling the income for a few key events. If you are interested in finding out more or putting your name forward, please email president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

I hope that everyone in the GEPS community has a great Easter break and look forward to meeting many more members of our community at our events in Term 2.

Kind regards

Simon Cross

GEPS P&C President

president@gordoneastpandc.org.au

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>





GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

	Quantity	Size	Unit Cost	Total
GIRLS				
Summer Dress			\$ 52.00	
Summer Skort			\$ 32.00	
White Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeved Shirt			\$ 34.00	
Winter Tunic			\$ 55.00	
Winter Pants			\$ 35.00	
White Peter Pan Collar Long Sleeved Shirt			\$ 36.00	
Short Green Socks Shoe Size 9-12, 13-3, 2-8			\$ 5.00	
Long Green Socks Shoe Size 9-12, 13-3, 2-8			\$ 12.00	
Green Tights			\$ 13.50	
Assorted Hair Accessories			\$4 - \$12	
BOYS				
Green Shorts (Gaberdine)			\$ 20.00	
White Short Sleeve Shirt			\$ 30.00	
Green Double Knee Trousers			\$ 25.00	
White Long Sleeve Shirt			\$ 31.00	
Grey Socks Size 9-12, 13-3, 2-8			\$ 5.00	
SPORT				
Sports Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve			\$ 27.00	
Sports Polo Shirt - Long Sleeve			\$ 35.00	
Sports Shorts			\$ 15.00	
Girls Skort (Gaberdine)			\$ 24.00	
Girls Skort (Cotton)			\$ 23.00	
Green Microfibre Track Pants			\$ 30.00	
Green Bootleg Fleece Track Pant			\$ 25.00	
Soccer/Modball (PSSA) Socks			\$ 16.50	
ACCESSORIES				
Green Zip Jacket			\$ 32.00	
Dry & Cosy Jacket			\$ 51.00	
Hat (XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL)			\$ 16.50	
Library Bag			\$ 13.00	
School Back Pack			\$ 51.00	
Music Bag			\$ 10.00	
Second Hand Items				
TOTAL				
Name:	Class:		Date:	
Payment Details				
M/Card	Visa:	EFT:	Cheque:	Cheques payable to: Gordon East Public School P & C Association
Card Number:				
Cardholders Name:			Expiry Date:	/
Signature:			Contact Phone:	

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	Quantity	Size	Unit Cost	Total
HAIR ACCESSORIES				
Snag Free Elastics - 4 pack			\$ 4.00	
Hair Elastics 24 pack			\$ 7.00	
Cotton Lycra Headband			\$ 6.50	
Narrow Headband			\$ 11.00	
Basic Grosgrain Hairband with Bow			\$ 8.50	
Basic Wide Satin Hairband			\$ 5.50	
Basic velvet scrunchie			\$ 5.50	
Scrunchie (2 colour)			\$ 12.00	
Single colour korker bow			\$ 7.00	
Two colour Korker Bow			\$ 7.00	
Sports bow - 2 colour			\$ 8.50	
Pony Bow - one colour			\$ 6.50	
Pigtail bow (2 pack)			\$ 9.50	
Snap Clips in Bottle Green - 8 pack			\$ 5.50	
TOTAL				
Name:		Class:		Date:
<i>Payment Details</i>				
M/Card		Visa:		EFT:
				Cheque:
Cheques payable to: Gordon East Public School P & C Association				
Card Number:				
Cardholders Name:			Expiry Date:	/
Signature:			Contact Phone:	



Community News



Killara High School

Tour for Prospective Families.

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

3 May 2023 3.30-4.30pm

31 May 2023 3.30-4.30pm

Places are strictly limited with a capacity of 36 people per tour and places fill quickly! You must book a ticket to attend. Strictly Online Bookings.

Please note:

These tours do not form part of the enrolment process for Year 7 2024.

Anyone who will be enrolling in Year 7 2024 will participate in a number of specific Year 7 Orientation Days and transition events in November this year.

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

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



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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 and click the Register button at the top of the page

CONTACT US

02 9539 6836

info@koolhq.com.au

Visit koolhq.com.au/st-ives


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

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OR
17TH – 21ST APRIL 2023EMAIL: info@mstyp.org.au
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TERM 2 2023
WEEKLY CLASSESCLASS LOCATIONS:
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• GORDON
• TURRAMURRA
• HORNSBY
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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
RED Ball 1 (K-2) Beginner			● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am	
RED Ball 2 (Yr 1-3) Beg/Inter			● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am	
ORANGE Ball 1 (Yr 3-5) Beg/Inter		● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am		
ORANGE Ball 2 (Yr 3-5) Inter		● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am		
GREEN Ball (Yr 4-6) Inter/Adv		● 8 - 9 am	● 8 - 9 am		
YELLOW 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