



Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 2 – Issue 6

May 5 2023

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

Monday 8th May

- Burn Bright Incursion for Stage 3

Tuesday 9th May

- P&C Meeting – School Library at 7:30pm

Wednesday 10th May

- Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May

- Mother's Day Breakfast & Junior Concert Band Performance
- PSSA Soccer @ Warrimoo
- Netball @ Canoon

Monday 15th May

- Promotional Photo Day

Tuesday 16th May

- Donut Fundraiser for Band

Friday 19th May

- PSSA Soccer @ NTRA2
- Netball @ Canoon

Wednesday 23rd May

- Zone Cross Country

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school and term 2! I trust our GEPS families had an enjoyable and restful Easter Holiday break.

Last Monday, we commenced our school term with a Staff Development Day focused on Aboriginal Education. Our learning on the day centered around Acknowledgement & Welcome to Country as well as integrating Aboriginal Perspective into our curriculum.

Our students were off with a great start to the school term with the commencement of the PSSA Winter competition on Friday of Week 1 and our cross-country carnival being held this week.

Just a reminder that Term 2 and Term 3 are our winter uniform terms. Children are expected to wear school uniform each day including school hats, jackets and other accessories. Please ensure with the changing weather, that your child has a jumper or jacket each day and checks lost property regularly for missing items.

We are looking for family volunteers to assist our Friday Garden Club. Please see more information within our newsletter and the note sent home today. I am also looking for a family to assist with caring for the chickens. If you are interested in helping with the chickens, please send your details to the front office.



Birthday ice blocks and cupcakes

Many of our children enjoy celebrating their birthday with the classmates each year. Unfortunately, we have run out of room to store ice blocks and cupcakes. As such, the office will no longer be storing ice blocks and cupcakes for birthdays. Did you know that our canteen offers icy pole birthday buckets and cupcakes (with prior notice) for birthdays. A few of our children have enjoyed a special birthday bucket already. Birthday buckets are delivered to the class and include a bonus birthday surprise for the birthday child.

Community Feedback

We'd like your feedback. Do you have any questions, suggestions, feedback or thanks you would like to offer us? If so, please leave us a message via our new ongoing community feedback initiative. Our feedback survey will remain open for the year to enable families to provide feedback at any time. Please find details of how to leave feedback in the following pages. These details will remain in the newsletter each issue and also via a poster at the front office.

Working together for student attendance and to maximise learning

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. One way we can help make this happen is to be sure your child attends school each day unless they are sick. Notifying the school either before or on the day that your child is away helps us keep accurate student attendance records to support you and your child.

We know that school is the best place to learn and regular attendance means students can stay on top of their schoolwork and get the most out of their learning. If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.

We understand that it can be difficult to keep track of how many days your child has been absent from school. To assist you with this, we will be sending home a letter at the beginning of terms 2 – 4 to families of those students who have been attending school less than 90% the preceding term.

Please contact your class teacher or myself (Mrs Ruth White) if you would like to discuss your child's attendance further.

Thank you for working together with us to ensure a positive attendance rate.

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

Take Care

Ruth White

Principal



Gordon East Public School Community Feedback



we want your feedback!

**DO YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS
SUGGESTIONS
FEEDBACK
OR
THANKS
???**

PLEASE LEAVE US A MESSAGE VIA THE QR CODE OR THE LINK BELOW.



Leaving a message via a link? Please click [HERE](#)
Leaving us a message via QR code? Please scan
the QR code.

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge

So far this year 52 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest finishers:

Year 1: Oliver C

Year 2: Joshua C, Malachi W

Year 3: Bella A, Jun L, Isaac M, Ava V, Stella Y

Year 4: William E, Joshua H, Jyun-Yuen H, Sienna P, Bella R, Nina W, Gary Y

Year 5: Sebastiana m, Evan S, Elizabeth T, Madeline V

Year 6: Diana T

PRC books read to KM during Library lessons:

Room on the broom by Julia Donaldson

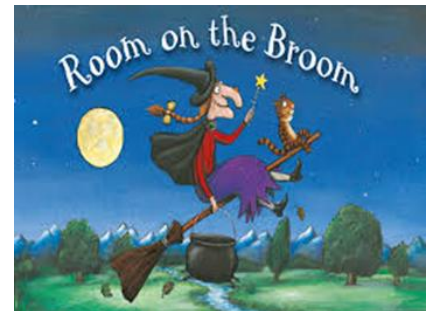
There's a hippopotamus on my roof eating cake by Hazel Edwards

Flame stands waiting by Corinne Fenton

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

The very cranky bear by Nick Bland

No bears by Meg McKinlay



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!

2023 Library Monitors

Congratulations to this year's Library monitors:

5/6B - Parsa G, Danial J, Matilda P, Alexandra Y

5/6N - Madeline B, Isla H, Jessie K, Ruby L, Chloe T, Diana T, Nethya W

5/6S - Ana Luiza E, Ariana F, Grace T, Madeline V.

They have been doing wonderful job helping to keep the library running at lunchtimes.

Bronwen Campbell, Teacher Librarian



What's coming up at GEPS?

Stage 3 Canberra Camp 4-6 April 2023



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Full PREFERential Voting				
Candidates	1st count	Transfer vote	2nd count	3rd count
PEACH	9			
APPLE	12			
BANANA	12			
ORANGE	3			
Total FORMAL votes				
Informal votes				
TOTAL VOTES				
				ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (More than 50%)



Merits

Week 2 Tuesday 2nd May

KM	Leon & Arrie
1/2L	Isabel & Kenneth
1/2P	
1/2U	Matthew & Daniel
3/4A	Yuka & Archie
3/4C	Zach & Hugo
3/4R	Emi & Diaco
5/6B	Alex, Jake,
5/6N	Ray & Hayley
5/6S	Karissa & James
Mini Merits	Orson, Abigail, Xavier & Nina
Banners	Thomas



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Congratulations Aussie of the Month
April 2023

Zoe

Zoe is a considerate and helpful student who shows care and concern for those around her. She always has a smile on her face and has a cheerful demeanour. Zoe has a positive attitude. She demonstrates resilience and works hard to achieve her personal best.

Zoe is respectful, thoughtful, and courteous towards teachers and fellow students. She is a well-deserved recipient of this Aussie of the Month Award and is an asset to 3/4A and the Gordon East community. Congratulations Zoe!

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Isabel

Isabel applies herself conscientiously to challenges in the classroom or on the sports field. She listens carefully, poses well thought-out questions and produces work of a high standard.

Isabel is a supportive student who treats those around her with care, consequently earning the respect of peers and teachers alike.

Congratulations on being a worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award for April, Isabel Hinder!



PSSA Reports

Date	Sport	Opposition Team	Score	Notes
28.04.23	Netball Jnr B	Pymble	0-3	Today we played Pymble and we lost but it was a good game and we had good defence. They were a good team. The best players today were Ava and Bella. Reporter: Alice
28.04.23	Netball Sen A	Lindfield	7-11	Today we played Lindfield and they won but we played okay. Our best players today were Maddie, Tilly, Isla, Maddie. we need to work on defending tall players. Reporter: Frances
28.04.23	Netball Jnr A	Pymble	0-10	Today we played Pymble. To improve we need to spread out on the court. The best players today were Emily, Maggie & Katelyn. Reporter: Emilia
28.04.23	Netball Sen B	Masada	1-5	Today we played Masada and got 1 goal in the final second. Masada players were tall. I think we played to our best. Go GEPS!! The best players on our team today were Jazzy, Karissa and Kate. Reporter: Grace
28.04.23	Soccer Jnr B	Gordon West	2-0	Today we played Gordon West and we won. The best players on our team today were Orson and Paddy. Reporter: William
28.04.23	Soccer Sen A	Gordon West	10-0	Today we played Gordon West and won 10-0!! the whole team played well, an extra shout out to Oscar and Clayton as well as Tri for having a great game! This was the first game of the season. Reporter: Parker
28.04.23	Soccer Sen B	Gordon West	0-0	Today we played Gordon West and played well. I was a back and touched the ball 3 times. The score was 0-0 but I still think that was a good start to the season. The best players on our team today were Scarlett and Duncan. Scarlett was very good in defence and in the second half had some good shots on the net. Duncan was also very good as right and mid and game some very good set ups! A great first game! Reporter: Max
28.04.23	Soccer Jnr A	Gordon West	1-11	Today we played Gordon West and we played very well. We passed a lot and won the game. Zach was the best player today because he was a good goalie. It was a fun game! Reporter: Rebecca





PARENT HELPERS



THANK YOU

Dear Gordon East Families,

I'm hoping to get some parent helpers in to assist with the school's *Garden Club* which runs every Friday lunch from 1:30-2pm. I am anticipating parent assistance will begin in Week 3 this term (Friday 12th May).

1:25pm: Arrive at school and sign in at the office

1:30pm: Meet Miss Baxter at Kitchen Garden to set up

1:35pm: Students arrive

If you have any gardening expertise or are just wanting to be involved in a school initiative, please indicate below that you are willing to assist and return this slip to Miss Baxter by Thursday 11th May.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,
Miss Sarah Baxter

Yes I would love to help out with the Garden Club.

Name: _____

Contact details:

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

I have submitted my WWCC declaration: Yes/No



P&C Presidents Report

President's Report

I hope everyone is settling into the school routine, and had a great Easter break.

The P&C will hold its term 2 meeting on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the school library and would very much welcome the community to come along in person, as it's a great opportunity to network and share your ideas.

In Tuesday's meeting we will be covering a few key topics including an update from the Principal, P&C annual contribution process, events calendar, wishlist progress, as well as other updates.

There will also have a video link into the meeting for those wishing to dial in, which will be shared with the community via school stream.

Term 2 has several key events, starting next week when we celebrate Mother's day with a stall for the children to purchase gifts. This is followed on Friday with our Mother's Day Breakfast and junior concert band performance, and we very much look forward to seeing many of you at the breakfast.

Within this week's newsletter, you will also see information about a new community feedback feature that enables members of the community to give feedback on all aspects of GEPS. Importantly at the end of each term the community will learn how we have responded to the feedback or ideas that have been given.

Finally, we still have a vacant position for an Assistant Treasurer, to help support in the transactional area of incoming funds for the P&C. If you would like to find out more information on this role, please email me directly.

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,

Simon Taylor-Cross 2023 P&C President

President@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Uniform Shop Update

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

Welcome back to Term 2 and the change over to winter uniforms.

In addition to new items, there is also a selection of second-hand winter stock that can be purchased directly from the uniform shop each Tuesday morning. If you are unable to attend on a Tuesday morning but are interested in second-hand items, please get in touch at uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au. Our new long-sleeved sports polos are also available to purchase in-store or via Flexischools, if you are looking for a warmer option with the changing weather.

I now have the space available to accept donations of any pre-loved uniform items once again so if you have any items in good, clean condition that you no longer need and would like to donate, these can be dropped off at the uniform shop on a Tuesday morning. All profits made from the sale of these second-hand items are invested back into the school to help with the purchase of items from the wishlist.

Finally, if there is anyone that has an hour free on a Tuesday morning and would be willing to occasionally help out at the uniform shop, please get in touch.

Kind Regards

Shari Allinson

GEPS Uniform Shop Manager

**Band Report**

Term 2 is a busy one for the band program!

Senior Concert Band will be performing at the NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble) Autumn Concert on Monday evening, 8 May, at The Forest High School. They will also be performing the following day at assembly, Tuesday 9 May.

Junior Concert Band will be performing at the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday May 12 and again at assembly on Tuesday May 16.

Tuesday May 16 we will also be holding our Delicious Donut Fundraiser! This has become such a favourite with all students so keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Our annual Band Workshop is taking place on Saturday June 17 and Sunday June 18. This is one of the highlights of our calendar with all band students coming together for an entertaining and educational weekend of music and activities ending with a concert for families on the Sunday evening.

Kind regards,

Marina Brand

GEPS Band Committee bandcommittee@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Events Report

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held at school on Wednesday, 10th May 2023. This year, all gifts available to purchase on the stall are to the value of \$10.

Please purchase your \$10 coupon/s via the Trybooking link below. Only coupons (no cash) will be accepted on the day. Orders close 5pm on Tuesday, 9th May 2023.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHVIJ>

Mother's Day Breakfast

Everyone is welcome at our Mother's Day breakfast as we honour the wonderful women in our lives and celebrate motherhood! Friday, 12th May 2023 from 7.30 - 9am on school grounds.

Join us for a morning of delicious pastries, tea and coffee and homemade yoghurt and chia seed pots; a performance from the Junior Concert Band; and a Mother's Day raffle.

The coffee van has once again kindly been sponsored by Marshall, Chan and Yahl. Croissants will be freshly baked from Bakerie, Gordon. Homemade yoghurt and chia seed pots, and ham and cheese croissants will be supplied from our GEPS canteen by Local Lunches.

Order your food and drinks via the Trybooking link below, and be sure to order some raffle tickets at the same time. Food orders will close at 5pm on Tuesday, 9th May. All food and drinks must be pre-ordered.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHRZC>

All profits made from this event will be invested back into our school, and items on the 2023 Wishlist.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

The GEPS Events Committee





GEPS Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 10th May

All gifts are \$10

Gifts will be purchased at school

**Buy your child's \$10 tokens online before Tuesday 9th
May so they can spoil their mum or special person**

[https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?
eid=1051397&](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1051397&)



Please join us for the
Gordon East Public School

Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday May 12, 2023

7.30am - 9am

Enter via the front gate

Junior concert band performance

Coffee van sponsored by Marshall Chan Yahl

Mother's Day Raffle - fabulous prizes to be won!

Order your food, drinks and raffle tickets at
<https://www.trybooking.com/CHRZC>

Food orders close Tuesday, May 9 at 5pm



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.**





Want to do something life-changing? Why not volunteer at Gordon East Public School as an ethics teacher!

Your school currently has children waitlisted for Ethics in Years 2 and 3.

Ethics classes can only be offered to our children if we have volunteer teachers. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, friends and from the local community, from every walk of life and of all ages, 18 to 80+. Primary Ethics, the approved provider, offers full free training, lesson scripts and ongoing support.

Ethics encourages children to develop their opinions through ethical reasoning and respectful discussion. Ethics helps kids develop confidence and empathy. As a volunteer ethics teacher, you'll get a lot out of it too!

If you have an hour on a Tuesday morning, and want to ensure children at our school can access this valuable program, go to:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

Or contact Lisa at lisakrug2@gmail.com (GEPS Ethics Coordinator)