



# Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 2 – Issue 7

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## School Newsletter

### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 23rd May

- Zone Cross Country

#### Wednesday 24th May

- SRC Fundraiser Mufti Day for UNICEF- Ukraine
- KSP Y3 Drama Workshop

#### Friday 26th May

- PSSA Soccer @ NTRA 1
- Netball @ Canoon

#### Wednesday 31st May

- Multicultural perspectives speaking comp school final.

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- PSSA Soccer @ Warrimoo
- Netball @ Canoon

### From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Here we are almost half-way through the term already!

Last Monday evening, I had the pleasure of accompanying and seeing our Senior Band perform at the NSWEE Autumn series.

Congratulations to our musicians for their outstanding performance and audience participation. Thank you to Mrs. Brand & Mrs. Hughes for their organisation and help in making this event possible.

On Friday, we ended the week with our annual Mother's Day breakfast. It was delightful to see families enjoying the morning together and the children having fun. Thank you to the events team for organising the Mother's Day breakfast, but also the Mother's Day stall from which children enjoyed buying a special gift.

Just reminder to families that starting on Monday, work is commencing at the front of our school to level out the paving at our entrance pathway. This means our Rosedale Road entrance will be closed for two weeks. Our Cameron Road Gate will remain open for families to enter through, and Carline will remain unaffected. Visitors and families can enter the front office through the back via the staffroom. Thank for your patience during this time.

### EVERY DAY COUNTS!

1 absence per fortnight = 4 weeks per year  
x  
each year of schooling  
=  
1 full year absent from schooling life.



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

## School Reports

Each academic year, parents receive two written reports about their child's learning at school. These are sent home at the conclusion of each semester (that is, towards the end of Term 2 and Term 4). Reports provide feedback to students, parents, and other teachers about a student's progress.

Please note that if parents/carers would like to receive multiple copies of a child's report, families will need **to notify the Front Office by Friday 2 June (Week 6)** so that we can ensure that more than one copy is prepared for your family.

Student progress in each of the six Key Learning Areas is measured using a standards-referenced framework, where teachers make professional judgements about student achievement. This is done at key points in the learning cycle.

### Goals

This semester, GEPS reports will include specific sections for learning goals. Each goal will be a short statement which captures a skill or target area that your child is encouraged to focus on to progress in their learning in a particular Key Learning Area.

### Grading

The Common Achievement Scale (that is, grades – 'A to E' or equivalent) is used to describe levels of student achievement. This scale provides an understood language for communicating achievement. Teachers use 'A to E' to report on students in Years 1 to 10 across primary and secondary schools.

In Kindergarten, reports describe a child's achievement through teacher comments and progress descriptors – Working Towards, working at and Working Beyond.

We will unpack the Common Achievement Scale further in our Week 6 Newsletter.

### Effort

Each Key Learning Area also includes an effort rating (from 1 to 5). This effort achievement scale is an important indicator as it captures the learning behaviours exhibited by your child in this learning area. Learning behaviours are an important part of the learning journey and mastery of these behaviours set students up for life-long learning.

We will unpack the effort achievement scale further in our Week 8 Newsletter.

## Birthday Treats

Thank you to families that have been taking advantage of the canteen Birthday Buckets. Just a reminder to ensure any cakes or treats from home are nut product free and are in individual portions.

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 64 Gordon East Students have completed the PRC.

Congratulations to our latest finishers:

Kindergarten: Hugh E, Azalea W

Year 1: Adele B, Sebby J

Year 2: Isabel H, Christian S

Year 3: Rachael H, Natsumi S

Year 4: Emily A, Danial S, Archie S

Year 6: Scarlett M

PRC books read to KM during Library lessons:

*Go Go and silver shoes* by Jane Godwin

*A house of her own* by Jenny Hughes



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!





## What's coming up at GEPS?

### The Premier's Spelling Bee!



What's the buzz around Gordon East? The Premier's Spelling Bee is back for 2023!

Students in Years 3 – 6, this is your opportunity to have some fun while strengthening your spelling strategies.

All the spelling action is happening in Term 2! Class finals will be held in Week 7 and then two finalists from each class will participate in our School Final in Week 9. So, it's time to get s-p-e-l-l-i-n-g and start p-r-a-c-t-i-s-i-n-g!

The Premier's Spelling Bee word lists are available on the Arts Unit website at <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee>. The password will be emailed to you so look out for it in your inbox soon!

Ms Preshaw  
GEPS Spelling Bee Co-ordinator



  
**SCHOOL  
&  
COMMUNITY**  
*Working together*



**HOW TO COMPOST**



1. Start with a layer of twigs or straw to help with drainage and follow with layers of green and brown material
2. Add water after each layer to keep moist (don't make it too wet)
3. Turn the compost every week or two
4. Make sure to keep the compost covered to keep in heat and moisture which are essential for the process

GREENS	BROWNS
FRUIT SCRAPS	STRAW
VEGETABLE SCRAPS (uncooked)	PAPER - SHREDDED / RIPPED UP
USED TEA	CARDBOARD
CRUSHED EGG SHELLS	DRY LEAVES
GRASS CLIPPINGS	SAWDUST

## Sustainability and Recycling

## SRC Fundraiser

Week 5, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The SRC are fundraising for UNICEF Australia branch with all donations going towards supporting Ukraine. Children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and wear blue and yellow to support Ukraine.

### One Year of War in Ukraine

Help make a difference in the lives of children.  
Donate to UNICEF's ongoing efforts in Ukraine.

**DONATE NOW** →

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## Merits

### Week 3 Tuesday 9th May

### Week 4 Tuesday 16th May

<b>KM</b>	Hugh & Angus	<b>KM</b>	Adelaide & Abigail
<b>1/2L</b>	Max & Leo	<b>1/2L</b>	Oliver & Morris
<b>1/2P</b>	Marie, Jordan Eleanor & Malachi	<b>1/2P</b>	Bella & Liam
<b>1/2U</b>	Esha & Oliver	<b>1/2U</b>	Charlie & Ben
<b>3/4A</b>	Taraneh & Sienna	<b>3/4A</b>	Max & Isaac
<b>3/4C</b>	Marcus & Hannah	<b>3/4C</b>	Archie & Magnus
<b>3/4R</b>	No Merits this week	<b>3/4R</b>	Ashley, Ava, Harriet & Ben
<b>5/6B</b>	Ella & Jacob	<b>5/6B</b>	Sharon & Tri
<b>5/6N</b>	Madeline & Parker	<b>5/6N</b>	Isla & Troy
<b>5/6S</b>	No Merits this week	<b>5/6S</b>	Danny, Zayd, Max & Madeline
<b>Mini Merits</b>	Lachlan	<b>Mini Merits</b>	Milla
<b>Banners</b>		<b>Banners</b>	Lachlan, Eileen & Xavier





## PSSA Reports

Date	Sport	Opposition Team	Score	Notes
12.05.23	Netball Jnr B	Masada	0-2	Today we played well against Masada but sadly we lost. The best players today were Ava V, Bella A, Rachel, Scarlett, Pippa & Ava P. Reporter: Philippa
12.05.23	Netball Sen A	Gordon West	8-12	Today we played Gordon West and we played hard, but we lost. Our best players today were Maddie B, Tilly, Isla, Maddie V, Jasmine, Karissa & Alexandra. We need to work on our passes and getting free. Reporter: Alexandra
12.05.23	Netball Sen B	Masada	3-4	Today we played Masada, and we played well only losing by 1 point. The best players on our team today were Desiree and Hannah. Reporter: Jessie





## P&C Presidents Report

### President's Report

It was great to see so many members of the community at the Mother's Day breakfast last week, and to see the children have so much fun. Thank you to everyone that gave up their time to support the morning and help host the event.

In last fortnight's newsletter we launched the GEPS Feedback portal that enables members of the community to give feedback on all aspects of life at GEPS. Our Principal and the P&C Executive are always keen to hear feedback or suggestions and all submissions are responded to.

You will find the QR code in the newsletter as a permanent ongoing feature, in addition to this being sent out via the class parents to the WhatsApp groups.

Very soon some of the key projects that were placed on the Wishlist by the school will commence. As soon as these are underway, we will be able to provide updates on how these are progressing throughout the term. Information on these projects can be found in the minutes of this terms P&C meeting that were recently sent out.

If you have not received a copy of the minutes or want more information about the Wishlist, then please contact our Secretary, Zoe Falster at [secretary@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@gordoneastpandc.org.au),

As we continue to plan several events across the year, we are always keen for people to register their interest to support these events. Whatever the amount of time a person can volunteer for event in the community is always greatly appreciated, and I welcome you to contact anyone of the P&C team to register your interest.

Kind regards,

Simon Taylor-Cross

**2023 P&C President**

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

### Environs Update

#### **Composting**

School-wide composting is being kicked off! No more leftover banana skins in lunchboxes 🍌. Each classroom will have its own caddy with compostable bags to collect vegetable and fruit food waste. Students will help to transfer the caddies into our large composting bins (these are already established). The compost will then be used for plants around the school and for activities such as gardening club. The Recycle Rangers will assist in managing composting – they have already started collecting kitchen scraps for the chickens and returning any eggs that have been laid for canteen use.



## Recycling

You may already be aware that the canteen operates with a sustainable approach and has a focus on reusable food containers. To assist with recycling of non-reusable food packaging and recyclable waste from other school activities, an application is being made to the council under the Environmental Levy Grants process for new recycling bins across the school. We will find out in July if our application has been successful.

The Environs Committee

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



## Events Committee Update

### Mother's Day 2023

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mother's Day breakfast last Friday. What a gorgeous sunny morning it was to be celebrating all the mum's and special women in our lives.

We hope enjoyed their pressies from the Mother's Day Stall! Thank you so much to Sarah Holmes for organising the stall for us again this year. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our stall and breakfast a success last Friday. We really appreciate those who were able to volunteer their time to help set up and ensure the breakfast ran smoothly.

Thank you also to Marshall Chan Yahl for again sponsoring the coffee van, and Bakerie in Gordon and Local Lunches for the delicious pastries and yoghurt pots.

Finally, a big shout out to those who donated raffle prizes - Seven Deadly Gins, Shoe Guru St Ives, Hair Traits Pymble, NorthbyOne, The Emporium Gordon, St Ives Jewellers and Mathnasium in Gordon. Congratulations to everyone who won!

Our Mother's Day events have raised over \$2000 this year, which will continue to help pay for items on the P&C Wishlist for 2023.

### The GEPS Events Committee

## Community Update

On behalf of the P&C exec, we would like to thank the hundreds of people who volunteer at our school each year.

Whether you have generously donated your time as class parents, literacy group helpers, P&C committee members, canteen volunteers, sports event volunteer, working bee gardener or one of the many other opportunities, we'd like to sincerely thank you for helping to make our school the special community that it is!



Happy National Volunteer Week 2023 🍀

## Mother`s Day Breakfast 2023





**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.

**Uniform Update**

Discounted zip jackets are now available for purchase in-store or via Flexischools for \$25 each. These jackets are from a previous supplier and of the same style as our current zip jacket however the sizing of the discounted jacket is slightly smaller (in length and sleeve) and the colour is a slightly different green. These jackets are in limited numbers/sizes and only available until sold out. Should you wish to view the jacket before purchase, please stop by the uniform shop on a Tuesday morning during opening hours.

**Flexischools Update**

You may have noticed that Flexischools has recently updated their ordering system. Unfortunately, most of the photos of the uniform items are no longer visible under the new system, however, please note that this is only temporary, and photos will be reuploaded very shortly.

Any questions, please get in touch at [uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@gordoneastpandc.org.au)

Regards,

**Shari Allinson**  
**GEPS Uniform Shop Manager**



## 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.**





**Volunteer as an ethics teacher**

"I started for my children and stayed for myself - it's so rewarding"

**Primary**  
**ETHICS**



## **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](mailto:lisakrug2@gmail.com) (GEPS Ethics Coordinator)