



Gordon East Public School

Safe, respectful learners

Term 3 – Issue 11

July 28 2023

School Newsletter

Diary Dates

Monday 31 July

- Education Week commences.

Wednesday 2 August

- 9:30am Open Day
- Blue Haven Public School visit

Thursday 3 August

- Australian Mathematics Competition

Friday 4 August

- PSSA Winter continues.
- Soccer @ Warrimoo Oval
- Netball @ Canoon Road

Tuesday 8 August

- Author visit Years 3-6

Wednesday 9 August

- Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic @ Muogammara Nature Reserve.

Friday 11 August

- Soccer @ NTRA 1
- Netball @ Canoon Road

From the Principal – Mrs Ruth White

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3! I trust that all our families enjoyed the winter school holiday break and had a chance to spend time with family and friends.

We've again had a busy start to the term. Yesterday we were pleased to be able to run our first K-6 Athletics Carnival in perfect weather conditions for such an event. A very big thank you to Mrs Ngyuen and Miss Baxter for their hard work and organisation in making this event possible.

A very big Happy 100 days at school to Kindergarten!

SCHOOLBYTES - Online permission notes

This term we have started our transition across to using SchoolBytes. We have commenced this with using the online consent and payment feature for events and excursions. Families will now receive event or excursion information via email with a link to provide permission to attend and a link for payment. Parents are also able to use the translate button to translate information and the digital permission note into a number of different languages.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Continuing our Annual Reporting to Parents program, families will be invited to select an appointment time for Parent-Teacher Conferences this term. These will be held in Weeks 5 & 6 of this term. Please refer to the email which was sent this week for more information. This term, we will be extending the opportunity for three-way conferences to Stage 2. Please check your email for further information on Parent Teacher Conferences for this term.

Absences - Every minute counts

Just a reminder to families about the importance of arriving at school on-time. Each day we have several children arriving to school late of a morning. It is important that children arrive before the bell at 9:10am of a morning each day to avoid missing out on not only their class time, but also the important social interactions with friends before school. Being punctual to school also assists in reducing any stress or anxiety when rushing to class and enables students to transition from home to class with a 'ready to learn' mindset. Your support in enabling your child to arrive on time each day is appreciated.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

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Take care,

Ruth White

Principal



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



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.



The poster features the school crest at the top center, with the text 'GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL' below it. The main title 'KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT' is in large, bold letters, with 'KINDERGARTEN' in red and 'ENROLMENT' in dark grey. Below the title, a paragraph states: 'Enrolments are now open for 2024. Head to the Gordon East website to start your child's online enrolment for Kindy 2024'. A circular inset photo shows three children playing with a green toy. To the right of the photo is a red 'Enroll Now' button and a QR code. At the bottom right, contact information is provided: a phone icon with '02 9498 2011' and a globe icon with the website 'https://gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/'.

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The poster has a dark blue background with orange and yellow wavy shapes. It features the school crest at the top center, with '2023' in large grey numbers and 'Term Dates' in large purple script below it. A list of terms and dates is provided. Decorative elements include a paperclip, a speech bubble with three exclamation marks, a protractor and pencil, and a ruler and backpack.

2023
Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 6 April
Term 2: Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June
Term 3: Tuesday 18 July - Friday 22 September
Term 4: Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

What's been happening at GEPS?

Blue Haven and Gordon East Public Schools Partnership

Term 2 GEPS Visit to Blue Haven Public School

On Thursday 29 July, a busload of excited SRC and leadership students travelled up to Blue Haven Public School (BHPS), accompanied by Mrs Campbell and Mrs Choi. This was our first ever visit to our new partner school and we could not have been more delighted to have the opportunity to connect and meet some new friends.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by Mr Fowler (BHPS APCI) and Mr Edwards (BHPS Principal) and taken on a tour of Blue Haven's extensive grounds. GEPS students had a go at running the 'Running Club' track around the school grounds to get the blood pumping after the lengthy bus trip. Following this, GEPS and BHPS SRC and Leadership teams met in the hall for an ice-breaker before spending some time in their classrooms. This was a chance for GEPS students to meet their counterparts and get to know some more BHPS staff and students.

On this day, the already-bright grounds of Blue Haven were awash with colour as, notably, K-6 were wearing black, yellow and red as their school celebrated their annual 'Doing Things Together' Day. This was a day for their Year 6 students to look after the younger ones (in small groups) and lead them through various tasks and activities which staff members hosted in their classrooms. It was an informal, collaborative session from Recess to Lunchtime where students could choose, as a group, what activities to do. Tasks included arts, crafts, games, and challenges. GEPS students broke off into three separate groups and joined the fun. Just before lunch, they were treated to a cultural dance class which was taught by Aboriginal students from the local high school.

After a lunch out in the sunshine, the afternoon session was a special crafting activity: Turtle Yarning. Students made yarn turtles and tried some bush tucker: refreshing cups of lemon myrtle cordial.

All too soon, we had to leave our new friends at BHPS, with students exchanging goodbyes and excitedly discussing the next time they would see each other. The warmth of connection we witnessed was a true testament to the success of the partnership launch. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the GEPS SRC and Leadership students for their outstanding conduct and for their wiliness to engage and step out of their comfort zone.

I would also like to extend a warm thank you to the staff of both GEPS and BHPS for organising and supporting this wonderful initiative. We cannot wait for our next connection when BHPS SRC and Leadership Team come to join us at GEPS for Open Day 2023.

Mrs Choi

Assistant Principal



100 days of Kindergarten!





What's coming up at GEPS?**GORDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL****EDUCATION WEEK****2 August 2023***Open Day*9:30am - 10:30am: *Classrooms Open*10:30am - 11:00am: *Whole School Concert*11:00am - 11:30am: *Morning Tea Together*

68 Rosedale Road, Gordon



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175
YEARS**Public Education
in NSW**

Merits

Week 2 Tuesday 25 July

KM	Abby & James
1/2H	Leo & Isabel
1/2P	No Merits
1/2U	Elvis & Russell
3/4A	Mitchell & Maya
3/4C	No Merits
3/4R	Hannah & Alice
5/6B	Alex & Daniel
5/6N	Hannah & Parker
5/6S	No Merits
Mini Merits	Flore
Banners	Grace & Sienna



Aussies of the Month

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Aussie of the Month
July 2023

Jacob

Jacob is proud to be part of the Gordon East community and involves himself fully in school activities and initiatives. He is a wonderful role model to other students and consistently upholds our school values of being a safe, respectful learner.

His commitment to learning and achieving his personal best is evident in the exceptional effort he gives to all learning tasks. Jacob is always respectful and courteous when interacting with others and is a thoughtful and supportive friend.

His citizenship qualities make him an outstanding school leader and he undertakes his responsibilities as School Vice-captain with dedication and commitment. At all times, Jacob displays the Aussie of the Month values of mateship, respect, inclusion and giving everyone a fair-go and is a very deserving recipient of this Aussie of the Month award.



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Annie

Annie is a respectful and thoughtful student who applies herself consistently in all aspects of school. Annie upholds the Gordon East PS expectations of safe, respectful learners in all that she does.

Annie tries her personal best in all aspects of school, this includes in the playground, the classroom and in other group learning. She is always willing to help her peers out and does her best to contribute to all classroom discussions.

Annie is a kind and friendly member of the class and it is always a pleasure to have her in the classroom

Congratulations on being a worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award, Annie.



PSSA Reports

Date	Sport	Opposition Team	Score	Notes
21.7.23	Netball Snr B	Gordon West	8-9	Today we played Gordon West and the score was really close but we still played AMAZING!! The best players on our team today were the whole team! Reporter: Sasha
21.7.23	Netball Jrn A	Chatswood	2-2	Today we played Chatswood. Our defending was good. I think everyone tried their best. The best players on our team were Bella, Emi, Katelyn, Emily and Maggie. Reporter: Meredith
30.6.23	Netball Jnr A	Killara	7-0	Today we played Killara and WON! The whole team played well. The best players today were Nina, Ava, Emily and Maggie. Reporter: Bella
30.6.23	Netball Sen A	St Ives North	5-13	Today we played St Ives North and we played very well and tried our hardest but sadly lost. We had a few minor injuries but all fine. The best players on the team were Frances with lots of intercepts, Jas with lots of turn overs and Maddie and Sasha trying very hard in the Centre. Maddie battled very hard in GD and GK. Reporter: Tilly
30.6.23	Soccer Jnr A	St Ives North	5-2	Today we played Gordon West and we lost 5-2 but we still had a great game! The best players on our team today were Hugo. He did a very good job of kicking it up to the striker and Marcus had an excellent goal. Lachy got kicked in the leg, but he was very brave. Reporter: Rebecca
30.6.23	Soccer Sen B	Gordon West	3-0	Today we played Gordon West and we won with Scarlett scoring an amazing hat trick! The best player on our team today was Scarlett. Thanks to Ben and Jacob for helping our team since we were down on players. Reporter: Max
30.6.23	Soccer Snr A	Gordon West	2-1	Today we played Gordon West and won with a close goal in the last 10 seconds, also thank you to the 8 players for filling in considering we had many absences. The best players on our team today were Jacob, Bobby and Oscar. Reporter: Parker



P&C Presidents Report

President's Report

Welcome back to Term 3, and I hope everyone had a great break.

On Tuesday 8th August (Week 4) at 7.30pm we have our next P&C meeting in the school library. Details on how to dial in will be sent out shortly, and we very much welcome people to also turn up in person and meet the team.

From week 3 we will send out our annual P&C donations request via the School Bytes portal.

With this request you will also have the opportunity to make additional contributions to our Environs & Band committees, which in turn supports the great activities and contribution they make to GEPS community life.

In the coming weeks we will be engaging the GEPS community on your views and the opportunity to make changes to the school uniform. There will be more information about this in the next newsletter, as well as information from class parents via the WhatsApp groups.

Finally, we are seeking a volunteer to take up the vacant position as P&C Treasurer. If you have accountancy experience and have an hour a week that you feel you could contribute to the P&C committee then please reach out to me directly for more information.

Kind regards,

Simon Taylor-Cross

2023 P&C President

President@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Environs Update

Council Sustainability Grant – Shortlisted!

We are pleased to let you know that our application for a council grant for recycling bins has been shortlisted!

To progress the application, a small group of students will be involved in an environmental workshop incursion as part of the Environ Mentors sustainability educational program (one of the programs supported by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW).

The workshop will be followed by a lunchtime waste audit. If our application is successful, the grant will be used to purchase small sets of recycling bins for classrooms and larger sets of recycling bins for outside.

The Environs Committee

environs@gordoneastpandc.org.au

Events Committee Update

A warm welcome back to everyone for Term 3 and some dates to put in your diary!

Friday 1st September - Father's Day Breakfast

Saturday 28th October - GEPS Trivia Night! More details to follow but please save the date for what will no doubt be another fantastic GEPS trivia night!

We are always keen for more volunteers! If anyone would like to help with organising the Trivia Night, or any of our other events, or has any fundraising ideas that we could incorporate with a trivia night then please get in touch with Lucy at vpevents@gordoneastpandc.org.au.

The GEPS Events Committee**Uniform Shop Update**

Opening hours: Tuesday morning 8.30am - 9.45am

Flexischools Orders: Cut off is 4.50pm on a Monday for Tuesday delivery to student's classroom.

Welcome back to Term 3 and the continuation of winter uniforms. In addition to new items, we currently have a healthy stock of second-hand winter uniforms items also available for purchase. These will continue to be available until midway through Term 3, after which the change-over to our summer second-hand stock will occur. Second-hand donations are kindly accepted and clean items in good condition can be dropped off at the uniform shop each Tuesday morning.

If you have any uniform-related questions or concerns, please get in touch at uniformshop@gordoneastpublicschool.org.au

Regards

Shari Allinson

GEPS Uniform Shop Manager

Band report

Rehearsals have recommenced for all band students and the progress made at the Band Workshop Weekend last term is evident!

We have a busy term ahead with performances scheduled for all three bands at the school and at the NSSWE Spring Music Festival at the Concourse in September.

More information on all these events will be provided in coming weeks.

Marina Brand & Bev Hughes

GEPS Band Committee

Community News



UNLEASH *potential.*
CHANGE *the world.*

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 24 Aug 2023
9:30am to 12:00pm
Koola Avenue, KILLARA

*Bring
the
family!*



What's happening on the day?

- Tours
- Art Show
- Enrolments Information
- P&C Information

Come along and see our school
in action! No need to register.



Killara
High School

Discover more at www.killara-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

<p>Are you worried about your teens gaming habits?</p>			<h1>Killara High School Presents a Safe on Social Parent Seminar</h1> <p>When: Monday 14 August 6pm Where: Killara High School Kerrabee Centre</p> <p>Kirra Pendergast the CEO of the Safe on Social Group, will provide parents with cyber safety and social media awareness so we can partner with our teens in this ever-changing world.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <p>Presented by Killara High School & Killara Schools Partnership</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">safe on social</p>
		<p>Want to learn more about AI and chat GPT?</p>	
			
<p>Hear about online safety and privacy information</p>			

PLAY CRICKET!

GIRLS and BOYS of all ages and skill levels welcome.

Learn new skills, meet new friends and have fun!



**JOIN WITH FRIENDS
PLAY TOGETHER**

U7 Lindfield Skills Clinic

- 5-6 year olds / Kindergarten students, new to cricket
- 12 week program during school term (Oct 23 - Feb 24)
- Skill development & fun game based activities
- Saturday mornings 8.00-9.15am @ Lindfield Oval, Tryon Rd
- Registration includes playing shirt, shorts and cap.

U8 Woolworths Cricket Blast

- Year 1 & 2 students
- Training: Fridays 5pm @ Lindfield Oval, Tryon Rd
- Game: Saturdays 8:00 – 9:15am @ Hassall Park, St Ives
- Registration includes playing shirt, shorts and cap

U9 - 17s Junior Cricket

- Boys/Mixed formats & Girls Only formats available
- Sat & Sun games available, depending on age & format.
- Sept 23 - Mar 24

**REGISTER
NOW
FOR
2023/24**





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OR TO REGISTER**

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