A NIGHT OF STARS is coming, Wednesday 29 October 6:30-8:30pm. So bring family and friends and come and join us to be entertained by the great talent we have at GPS. Look out for the invitation next week.

CONGRATULATIONS! BOY’S SOCCER TEAM PROGRESS THROUGH TO STATE FINALS

Our boy’s soccer team and coach Mr Lincoln can rightly be proud of their efforts to reach the State PSSA Knockout semi-final stage of this, the most competitive of all primary school knockouts. Last Wednesday Mr Lincoln, Mr Francis and an enthusiastic group of parents transported the team all the way to Taree to meet Narranga Soccer Team from Coffs Harbour in the quarter finals. The game report from Mr Lincoln and Mr Francis indicated that the teams were evenly matched and to achieve the 2-0 scoreline Gosford PS had to maintain their outstanding defensive work that has been evident in all previous games. Congratulations on an excellent effort throughout the competition. As a school we can all celebrate both the achievements and the sporting spirit demonstrated. The finals will be held on Monday October 13 at Lake Macquarie. I look forward to being at the next match and reporting on the outcome in next week’s newsletter.
WELL DONE SAMANTHA

Congratulations to Samantha of class 5E who for the second year in a row has qualified to contest the Senior state final of the Premier's Spelling Bee Competition. Samantha will be representing the Central Coast. This is to be held on Wednesday 5 November at the ABC Studios Ultimo. This is an outstanding achievement as many schools across the state enter students in this competition.

We wish Samantha the very best as she represents our school once again at the highest level.

ANOTHER EXCITING LINK FORGED WITH HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday 20 Stage 3 students visited Henry Kendall High School to participate in a Game Training 3D Workshop. As a result the students will now be able to download all the materials from the game training website. They can start building 3D Worlds, importing vehicles and commence writing codes to spawn objects. This can lead them to being able to sell their game. I’m looking forward to seeing the final products. The timeframe provided for the students is ONE year.

Thank you to Mrs Latta and Mr Lincoln for coordinating this program.

CANTEEN VARIATION

Starting this week and for the period of the three major HSC exams on Monday October 13, Tuesday October 14 and Wednesday October 22 it has been decided that canteen counter service will not be available.

The canteen will take pre orders and I have been informed that some over the counter items (eg ice blocks) will also be available for ordering via Munch Monitors or by placing an order in the class lunch basket.

It is important for the area around the canteen and including the quadrangle to function without noise on those days. They are the only days where HSC exams will be conducted in the high school’s Multi-Purpose centre (hall).

Additional play space for our students has been provided on those three days by extending the oval space normally allocated for high school students.

SELECTIVE HS APPLICATION

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 are opened online today to parents of students in Year 5 and close on the 17 November 2014. Students in Year 5 have received a letter today, outlining the application process. This year, only online applications will be accepted, if you have difficulty accessing the internet, please contact Mrs Ellis who will be able to assist you with the school computers or any queries you may have. Please visit the High Performing Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement for further information.

INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE REQUIRED for SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS UPDATE

As was reported in the local media Gosford Public School has obtained 1000 cleaned whole bricks from our former school. Our School Promotions team will decide how they will be utilised to create a commemorative showpiece for our 150 Year Sesquicentenary celebrations in 2015.

It is anticipated that current and former students and staff might like to purchase a brick with the name and other details engraved onto a plaque which will be adhered to the brick. More information will be provided following the next meeting of the School Promotions team.

Proceeds of this fundraiser could be used to assist the cost of publishing the 150 Year History of Gosford Public School book that is being authored by Assistant Principal Mrs Newton. Newspaper articles and photographs that are relevant to Gosford Public School are being collected by Mrs Newton. We have the facility to scan them at our office and return them whilst you wait.

TIME TO ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for children starting kindergarten in 2015.
Please advise the office of your child’s name and date of birth and we will send enrolment forms home for you to complete and return. You will also need to provide your child’s original birth certificate, statement of complete immunisation from Medicare and proof of your current address. If you have any friends or neighbours who may have a child to start school next year, please let them know it is time to contact the school for information.

WORKING BEE HELPERS REQUIRED
Currently we **require additional helpers** for the P&C supported working bee planned for **Sunday October 19** between **9am** and **12pm**. The purpose is to establish the first stage of **Callistemon Creek**. We will be putting in place river stones and laying a geo fabric base under the guidance of landscape gardener Mr **Rolph Den Besten**. Due to the physical nature of the work we request that **adults only participate**. However, it is understood that some children will be required to accompany their parent/s or carer/s. For those children a supervised activity will be organised and occur away from the worksite.

**Adults are requested to wear covered footwear, gloves, hats and sunscreen.** Please indicate on the form below if you have a wheelbarrow and shovel that can be used.

A BBQ organised by our P&C will follow the working bee.

For catering purposes please complete the form below and return to the office if you are able to participate.

**John Anderson**

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**WORKING BEE - Sunday October 19 2014**

I will be attending the school working bee on October 19 and will be accompanied by _____ adults and ____ children.

Name: ___________________________ (adult)

Dietary Requirements:________________________________________________________
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I have a wheelbarrow and shovel that can be brought to the working bee: YES / NO (please circle).

**THANK YOU**

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**P & C NEWS**

**The next P & C Meeting is 22 October 2014**

This will be the final meeting before the AGM on the 26 November 2014 and your last opportunity to pay membership fee (50c) to be eligible to vote and stand for Office Bearer Positions.

All memberships must be recorded by the close of business 22 October 2014 (according to P & C regulations) to be eligible to vote at the AGM 2014. Receipts will be issued at the close of business at this meeting.

Please send any items for the 22 October agenda to the P&C secretary by the Friday before meeting (17 October).

P & C now also has an email address if you wish to have items added to the agenda. **gosfordpspandc@gmail.com**

**P&C Meeting 22 October 7:30pm in the Chapman Room**

**All welcome**
Boys PSSA NSW Soccer Knockout Competition Finals Report

It has been a busy year for Gosford Public School including its illustrious soccer (football) teams. The girls set the pace earlier in the year with some confident and high scoring matches coached by Miss Spackman. This helped our boys spur on in the competition and they strived to do their best. As our school song goes 'It’s the Gosford Public way!' Thank you Miss Spackman and the girls' team, congratulations on your wonderful achievement.

The Boys' Road to the Finals

Round 1 we defeated Kariong
Round 2 we defeated Point Clare
Round 3 we defeated Valley View
Round 4 we defeated Lisarow
Round 5 we defeated Empire Bay
Round 6 we defeated Warnervale, making us the top Central Coast side.

PSSA NSW Quarter-final Report
Gosford Vs Narranga

This was another level up for the boys. The team and supporters travelled all the way to Taree on 8th October to play at Omaru Oval. It was a nervy drive up with plenty of rain on the horizon, however the match started fine with nice weather conditions for football.

First Half
It was like watching a previous match. The boys just have this connection with scoring early in games. Luke made a run through the middle doing one of his 'Messi' style attacks and managed to hold off 3 to 4 defenders, before sliding the ball past the keeper from short distance. This pumped them up and gave them the confidence to hold solid until halftime.

Second half
The boys started the second half quite flat. They were making some unforced errors and started to lose momentum in the match. Narranga were taking the game to us for most of the second half which took a bit of the wind out of our boys. At this stage the rain came pouring down and made the conditions even more difficult. We stood firm enough and kept them at bay, then we finally found our feet once again towards the end of the match. We finally regained our form and scored that all important 2nd goal cushion to erase all doubt.

It was a tough match for the boys, but as always they didn't give up and played with some class and sportsmanship.

A special thanks to the parents and Mr Francis who joined us on the day. Your support and words of wisdom were invaluable and we really appreciated it.

PSSA NSW Semi-final Report
Gosford Vs Hillsborough

On Monday the 13th October, The team and our wonderful support group travelled to Tredinnick Oval in Speers Point, where I played some of my football back in the day. The weather forecasted rain, but I held up for all of the matches, however the wind did have a factor on the day's proceedings.

First Half
As always the boys started brightly, putting passes together and showing some strength in their runs. Jamal was inches away from putting us in the lead but just flashed wide. After a few missed opportunities the boys started to lose the momentum and Hillsborough took full advantage. Before we knew it we were conceding some quality long-range rocket style goals which unfortunately we had no answer for.

Second Half
The boys started off a little disheartened knowing that the score line didn't reflect their efforts, but they rolled on and tried to redeem their conceded goals. The boys started to come back into the game and finally got a deserved goal scored by Marley. His goal was great, but his celebration was spectacular as he did a typical FIFA knee slide (one of my favs). The boys really lifted and started to take it to them, however Hillsborough showed their qualities and had an answer for everything we threw at them. Their number 7 had all the cards and dealt us a statement of intent by scoring a hat trick, this form he continued into the Grand Final. Kaelan then scored the last goal of the game which was a morale boosting consolation goal. Unfortunately Hillsborough were too strong for us on the day but we still fought to the end like a good team does.

Round 8/Semi Final we were defeated by Hillsborough

PSSA NSW 3rd Place Play-off

Quality education in a nurturing, innovative learning environment
Gosford Vs Gladesville

This was a match where the boys were back to their best. They were on top the whole game, maintaining good momentum and never looked like losing. The team came out with a purpose, they were not done yet!!! They attacked from the beginning, regaining confidence and strength. The boys picked up an early free kick on the left side, just outside the box. Jamal and Luke thought about the shot, but decided to square it up to Kaelan who unleashed a cracker into the top of the net which was one of our best of the season! The game continued in a similar way with Jamal having the last say by nodding one home to complete our competition with a 3 nil win and an overall place of third. The boys showed their class and respect as always by sportingly finishing the game with the customary handshakes and cheer for the other team. It was a professional performance by the boys in this match and close to their best match of the season.

Round 9/3rd Place Play-off we defeated Gladesville

It was a great set up by the NSWPSSA convenors and the executive. The day went off without a hitch and there was some sublime football played. It certainly finished off with a bang in the final with a 5-3 thriller with King Park coming out on top over Hillsborough. It was an entertaining game of football that demonstrated the quality of the competition.

Unfortunately my friends all good things must come to an end, the boys have put in an exceptional effort and in doing so achieved one of the best results in football in our school’s illustrious sporting history. To finish on top of the Central Coast and 3rd in NSW whilst already holding Mariners cup are achievements that still give me goosebumps.

I would just like to thank Mr Anderson for joining us on the last day, your support and motivation will not be forgotten. Thanks again to Mr Francis and our wonderful parents who supported the boys and throughout the campaign, you were all our 12th man for each match. Last of all I want to thank my boys, you were absolutely outstanding and really made me and our school proud. I wish you all the best of luck in the future and hopefully I will get a chance to coach you again someday.

This is the Boys’ football team signing off after a wonderfully successful 2014

Mr Lincoln
Gosford Public Schools’ proud football coach
Team and Jersey Number:
Corey (GK) 1, Austin 2, Ashley 3, Kaelan © 4, Conor (VC) 5, Liam 6, Max 8, Marley 9, Luke 10, Jamal 11, Joshua 12, Mason 13, Varun 14, Nick 15, Patrick 17
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome back everyone to another busy term. I hope you enjoyed visiting our council libraries while our school library was closed.

We have lots of new books in our library waiting to be covered so if you have some spare time please come along every Tuesday in the library and meet some new friends.

DOJO Award winners – the following children received a free book for their great effort in the library:

- K/1B Henri
- 1S Caleb, Mahli
- 2W Hayley
- 3GC Ashlee
- 4K Amy, Eliza, Samantha, Alysha
- 5M Ryo
- 5E Nathan

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Please note that Monday October 13, Tuesday October 14 and Wednesday October 22 the canteen will not be open for counter service.

The canteen will take lunch orders via Munch Monitors or by placing an order in the class lunch basket.

These disruptions are due to the HSC exams taking place in HKHS.

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Sunday 19 October
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One-day festival featuring music from Ozi Batla, Radical Son and more, dance, food, sustainable living talks, lots of eco-themed stalls, kids entertainment including soccer, circus skills, free climbing wall, native animals, puppets. A great local day out for all the family. www.woytopia.info
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