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**FROM the PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**CONGRATULATIONS! BOYS’ SOCCER TEAM ACHIEVE THIRD IN STATE**

As was reported so comprehensively and enthusiastically by Coach Lincoln in last week’s newsletter our boys’ soccer team were outstanding ambassadors for our school throughout this past season. To finish third overall in the state is testament to the collective efforts of the students and coach. Boys’ soccer is the most contested of all State PSSA Knockout sports which makes the achievement even more commendable. The students were recognised at last Friday’s assembly and I know there will be many students keen to be part of the team in 2015.

**WORKING BEE VERY SUCCESSFUL**

A big thank you to the staff, family members and parents who volunteered to assist with the construction of the first stage of Callistemon Creek last Sunday. Seven tonne of river (‘lucky’) stones were placed on a geo fabric base under the guidance of landscape gardener, Mr Rolf Den Besten.
Quality education in a nurturing, innovative learning environment
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As you can see by the photographs, the result is a natural looking watercourse and the adage that ‘many hands make light work’ was never more accurate as everyone’s contributions meant that the work was completed efficiently and we can all be very proud of the end result.

A delicious BBQ organised by our P&C followed and it will no doubt be an added incentive to return to the next working bee.

Signage to acknowledge the re-establishment of Callistemon Creek and the support of the P&C is to soon be in place.

The full list of helpers follows: Rolf Den Besten, Kerry Den Besten, Rachel Douglas, Ross Douglas, Stephen Thomas, Greg Francis, Toby Francis, Hamish Francis, Karen Rose, Vicki Owens, Graham Harrison, Megan Brady, Brian Brady, Nathan Lincoln, Beata Biala, Greg Ninness, Joanne Khan, Darrin Khan, Martin Koester, Helen Talty and Jeff Talty.

I would especially like to thank Mr Harrison for being on site over the weekend to ensure delivery of the materials and Mr Den Besten for his advice and guidance.

**CANTEEN VARIATION**

Mr Backhouse, Henry Kendall High School Principal, was very appreciative of our school’s efforts to limit the noise for last week’s HSC English exams. The other exam requiring use of the HKHS hall is Mathematics this Wednesday October 22.

As for the English exam days it has been decided that canteen counter service will not be available this Wednesday.

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 this day.

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

Mr Backhouse and myself are meeting with Public Works NSW representatives this week to discuss noise abatement solutions to ensure minimum transference of noise between the two schools.

**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. Our Ready, Set, Go! program commenced today and will continue for the next 3 Tuesdays.

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.

John Anderson
P & C NEWS

The next P & C Meeting is this Wednesday 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.

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

P&C Meeting Wednesday 22 October 7:30pm in the Chapman Room
All welcome

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

All students received brochures last week for our last Book Club for the year. We apologise for any confusion with the due back date but all orders are to be back by Wednesday 22 October 2014.

Just a reminder:

- Return the completed order with the exact amount of money
- Money should be in a sealed envelope. No change can be given as teachers do not open the envelopes.
  Take care! Coins easily fall out of some envelopes, so check before sending to school.
- CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA
  Write your child’s name and class on the envelope and return it to the child’s teacher.
  Please use a separate envelope and order form for each child’s teacher.
- For Credit card payments phone 1800557908 to give your details and write the receipt number on your order form.

DOJO WINNERS

KS Matilda, Michael
KD Freya
4K Arabella
3S Lyndon, Jian, Emmett, Kaylee, Rithi
3GC Grace, Lachlan
6C Bella

BOOK COVERING

If you can help cover our new library books please join us in the library from 2:15pm every Tuesday in the Library this term. Thank you!

VALUES EDUCATION

During weeks 2 & 3, students were focusing on the value of “COURAGE”.
Students have learnt how to:

- Identify the various forms that courage may take
- Identify their individual talents
- Recognise when something is hard it takes courage to achieve
- Recognise the feeling that courage brings and a sense of achievement
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Please support our Values Education program by discussing the importance of “COURAGE” with your child/children at home.

Jodie McCabe and Katrina Bianchi
Values Education Coordinators

2G

Courage...

This week 2G have revisited the school value of ‘courage.’

We did some interactive writing and as a class came up with these wise words:

‘To show courage is to be brave when you’re feeling frightened. If somebody is feeling scared, it’s nice to encourage them to be brave.’

There are lots of quality books that talk about courage. Below is a list of our favourites, staring the most courageous characters.

- Bear And Chook by the Sea, written by Lisa Shanahan and Emma Quay
- Rebel, written by Allan Baillie
- The Terrible Plop, written by Ursula Dubosarsky
- Pog, written by Lyn Lee and Kim Gamble
- When We Were Alone in the World, written by Ulf Nilsson and Eva Eriksson
- Puddings and Chips, written by Penny Matthews and Janine Dawson

Courageous Bear
Courageous Pog
Courageous Rabbit
Our Swimming Scheme concluded last Friday. The students in Years 2 and 3 have had the opportunity to improve their swimming skills over the past two weeks. Thank you to Miss Gately for coordinating the Swimming Scheme. Thank you most of all to our students for being great role models for our school as they were recognised by the bus drivers and the general public for excellent behaviour and participation.

Merrin Boulton
Year 2 Teacher

**CANTEEN**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**
Please note that 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.

**ROSTER:**
Mon 27/10 Glenda
Thu 30/10 HELP NEEDED!

Tue 28/10 Sue H
Fri 31/10 Rebecca, Annette

Wed 29/10 Sue H
Selective high schools
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Managing your child's weight
It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home.

Speaking & Listening Skills for Starting School

You are invited to attend this FREE workshop with Jane Beale from All Areas Speech Pathology who will talk about ways to support your child with the Speech & Language skills they need to participate successfully in Kindergarten.

This workshop is in partnership with Central Coast Schools as Community Centres (SaCC).

Come and learn about some fun and simple activities to help your child get ready for big school. Jane will look at how to help your child to:

- Listen carefully
- Understand words and instructions
- Use good grammar
- Pronounce sounds that are hard for your child to say
- Enjoy working on speech skills
- Be a great talker and listener!

Jane will also be able to tell you how to access some speech therapy for your child before they start school if a bit of extra help is needed with their speech skills.

Registrations are Essential.
Please call or text your local SaCC Facilitator.

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<td>Wendy – 0409 800 821</td>
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<td>Philippa – 0477 317 862</td>
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<td>Gorokan – Tuesday, 28 October</td>
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<td>Lynda – 0467 760 712</td>
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<td>Karissa – 0401 414 177</td>
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<td>Philippa – 0477 317 862</td>
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*All SaCCs are located in or alongside the local public school.

Free Child minding will be available at some sites. Spaces are limited.
Please advise if you will be requiring child care.

Parents, Grandparents and Carers are all welcome!

This partnership is funded by the Central Coast Schools a Community Centre Strengthening Parenting Skills Funding. This is one off funding to assist local families with children 0-8 years. The comprehensive speech pathology program is in partnership with All Areas Speech Pathology, local schools and CCSaCC.
**A NIGHT OF STARS!**

A warm invitation is extended to Gosford Public School students, families and friends to our annual NIGHT OF STARS performing arts evening which is being held on Wednesday 29 October from 6:30pm (until around 8:30pm).

As we are in a new location this year, we will be holding the performance in the Henry Kendall High School hall which is adjacent to our school hall.

Our canteen will be selling $2 sausage sandwiches, drinks, coffee, tea and other items throughout the evening.

All performances and performers will be in the hall and seating will be provided. Please note there will not be access to our school and students will need to remain in the hall at all times. This is not our usual picnic format.

Please come and join us for an evening of entertainment and celebrate the wonderful talent in our school.

Gold coin donations at the door, to support Stewart House and Gosford Public School Performing Arts.