Wow! What great diversity Gosford Public School has in the area of performing arts. Our students were outstanding last Wednesday evening when displaying their variety of skills at The Night of Stars.

Our audience showed their appreciation as our bands, choirs, dance groups, solo performers and even trampolinists demonstrated skill, enthusiasm and most importantly enjoyment as they performed. This night was the culmination of many weeks of auditions and rehearsals. The commitment shown by the students and staff was outstanding.

I hope that you enjoy viewing the photographs that are published with this edition of the newsletter. I thank our budding photographer Mr Lincoln for his efforts.

The event was only made possible with the excellent teamwork shown by the following people who volunteered much of their own time to ensure the event was successful: Mrs Latta, Mrs See, Ms Lockie, Mrs Barnfield, Mrs Douglas, Miss Spackman, Miss Gately, Mrs Laming, Mrs Boulton, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Dallinger, Mrs Orrick, Mr Silver, Mr Harrison, Mrs Angel, Mrs Goldman, Mrs Wardale. I would also like to thank the backstage crew and also the lighting and sound boys and girls from HKHS (some students from last year).

Thank you also to everyone who supported the event by providing a donation upon entry. In total $461 was raised to support our performing arts program and to assist the continuation of the NSW public school charity Stewart House.
CONGRATULATIONS
I am proud of the work our staff does each and every day to support our students. As with all public schools we are also proud of the inclusive culture that is a big part of our ethos. In fact Gosford Public School is the most culturally diverse primary school on the Central Coast.

This year Mrs Sprague and Mrs Frost have done a brilliant job in leading our Aboriginal Education team and have ensured we have participated in a variety of activities to recognise and celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture.

Recently our school was responsible for the winning entry to design a new logo and research an alternative name for the Gosford Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (AECG). The Gosford AECG is spread across a significant number of schools and their communities.

Holly from class 6L was acknowledged in last week’s newsletter along with a copy of her design as the winner of this competition. The AECG will now be known as Cooinda AECG which is an Aboriginal word meaning ‘happy place’. Congratulations Holly!

Well done also to Sharnae (4H) and Maikiira (4GB) whose entries were considered in the final selection.

FACEBOOK PAGE
Our school promotions team has been working hard to create our school’s Facebook page. I am pleased to report that this is now available at facebook.com/gosfordps

This will complement our other communication resources, the GPS app, website and newsletter. I am sure it will be well utilised, and I thank the school promotions team and Mr Lockyer for this initiative.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2015
Families of students who applied for the 2015 Year 5 Opportunity Class (OC) were recently informed of the results. I am pleased to report that 4 students from our school were successful in being offered a place in the OC with several more students placed on the waiting list. This is a highly competitive process as demonstrated by the high number of applicants and from the broad drawing area of the successful students.

Key personnel will be on hand to meet families and talk about the Opportunity Class program at the OC Orientation Day on November 18.

READY, SET, GO TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM
Mrs Owens, our Assistant Principal responsible for the organisation of Early Stage 1 (kindergarten) and her team of dedicated kindergarten teachers and support staff have organised a smooth transition for new kindergarten students starting at our school in 2015.

The program is designed to develop children’s confidence as they prepare to start school. They participate in fun, educational activities, meet new friends and become familiar with our outstanding new facilities.

This program finalises on Tuesday 11 November. Should you or someone you know like to find out more about this excellent program, please contact our school office (phone 43493600) during office hours.

Thank you to Mrs Owens, kindergarten teachers and our School Learning Support Officers for their contributions to the Ready, Set, Go program.

INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE REQUIRED for SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS UPDATE
Newspaper articles and photographs that are related to Gosford Public School are being collected by Mrs Newton for the 150 Year Sesquicentenary book. We have the facility to scan documents at our office and return them whilst you wait.

John Anderson
Gosford Public School P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the Chapman Room on 26 November 2014 at 7:30 pm

All office-bearer positions are open for election

Minutes of previous AGM will be distributed prior to AGM

P & C now also has an email address:

gosfordpspandc@gmail.com

Please send any items for the agenda to the secretary by the Friday before meeting.

The AGM consists of the President's annual report, the treasurer's annual report and any other relevant annual reports. All reports must be strictly relevant to the AGM. In addition, new by-laws, will be tabled for adoption. These draft documents will be distributed by email. The positions determined at the AGM are:

- President
- Two vice Presidents
- Secretary - Correspondent
- Secretary - Minutes
- Treasurer
- Canteen sub committee
- Uniform sub committee
- NSW P&C Federation delegate

The Auditor for the following year will be determined at the AGM

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PUZZLE MASTER
This week’s Puzzle Master winner is Darcy from 2/3B. Congratulations!

CHERRY PICKER USE
We are looking for a cherry picker to be used for a special 150 year photo on Friday 6 March 2015. If you would be able to donate the use of one, please let either John Anderson or Karen Smith know on 43493600.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 2 BUS TRAVELLERS
Children currently in Year 2 must have a new bus pass application completed for 2015 as they will not automatically receive a bus pass for next year. Applications can be obtained from the school office and returned when completed.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club
Thank you for your support with Book Club. All students should have received their orders. Any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call. All sales give rewards points to our school which eventually become free books for the library.

Congratulations DOJO WINNERS this week :
KS  Aiden, Benji, Isla
2G Sarah, Patrick A
3/4GB Excel, April, Charlotte, Mia
6C Racheal

Book Covering
Every Tuesday in the library at 2:15pm please come along to help cover books for the library. WE NEED YOU!!
Year 2 are raising money for the endangered Australian marsupial, the koala. The Australian Reptile Park has donated adult and child passes to the Australian Reptile Park which will be prizes for our upcoming raffle.

Year 2 students will be selling raffle tickets in the quadrangle during first break. The tickets will cost $1 each or 3 for $2.

First prize: 4 adult passes and 4 child passes
Second Prize: 2 adult passes and 2 child passes
Third Prize: 2 adult passes and 2 child passes.

Year 2 students have an even greater chance of winning as 2G and 2W will be holding their own class raffles to win passes to the Australian Reptile Park.

Year 2 are also planning a movie day for K-3 to raise money for the koalas. Stay tuned for further details.

We are hoping to raise enough money to sponsor one of the very special koalas at the Australian Reptile Park.

Your support is appreciated,

Mrs Wade and Miss Gately
Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.


Jargon explained

If your child’s teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she’s actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.


Where’s the octopus

Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be
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