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Central Coast Band Festival
Huge congratulations to all of our school bands who performed recently at the Central Coast Band Festival held at The Central Coast Leagues Club on Sunday November 9. By all reports the overall standard across the Central Coast was high; however it is with great pride that we can announce that all 3 of our bands performed admirably receiving outstanding feedback from the adjudicators. Congratulations to the Training Band and Concert Band for achieving a Gold Award in their categories. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work and support our band receives from Mrs Latta, Mrs See, Mr Dallinger and Mrs Lockie and thank all of the parents and staff for the extra time spent organising and supporting our students with these performing arts opportunities.

Enrolments and Class Structures for 2015
We are currently looking at class structures for next year. Please advise the office immediately if your child is leaving our school or know of any new students coming to our school that we may not be aware of. We would like to be as accurate as possible as to minimise any disruption next year in settling children into their new classes. At this stage we are looking at a 20 class model.

End-of-Year Reports
Class teachers have been working overtime on the students’ Semester 2 reports. They have been designed to give you a comprehensive report upon your child’s academic and social growth and development. The Semester 2 reports are currently being finalised by the teaching staff before being read by the school executive team. The Semester 2 reports will now be going home on Monday 15 December.

Visiting Student Workplace Learning
For the next 2 weeks, we welcome Jessica Lyall to our school who is undertaking her Year 10 workplace learning experience from Narara Valley High School. Jessica is a former student from GPS and will be assisting in many classrooms throughout the next fortnight. I am sure Jessica will experience just how rewarding a career in Public Education can be.
Red Cross Calling 2015
I have recently received some wonderful correspondence from Australian Red Cross thanking the students, staff and families of Gosford PS who contributed to this year's Big Cake Bake. My thanks to Miss Rose for her ongoing commitment to our school’s fundraising efforts which have assisted charities, like Australian Red Cross, support those people who are most vulnerable and needy within our community.

School Captain Nominations and Elections
It is that time of year when we are thinking about School Captains for 2015. Next year there will be two (2) School Captains and four (4) School Leaders elected. Year 5 students who are eligible for these leadership positions are currently being nominated. Along with the honour of being elected, there is also the added responsibility to find a balance between their new leadership roles with their academic, extracurricular and social development. On Friday, Year 5 students will find out if they have been successfully nominated for the election process.
A special assembly will be held during Week 10 of this term (details to follow closer to the date), at which all successful nominees will present a short speech explaining why they would make the best School Captain. The new School Captains and School Leaders will be announced at our annual Presentation Assembly - Friday 12th December, commencing at 12:00 pm. Good luck to all nominees!

Year 6 Fun Day
A huge thank you to all of the Year 6 students and teachers for making our annual fundraising event another very successful one in 2014. We appreciate all of the support that the students and families gave to this event and we were able to raise approximately $2,000 for the school. A special thanks to Miss Scott, Mr Lincoln and Mrs Latta for the extra time they devoted to organising and coordinating this event!

Relieving Deputy Principal Positions
My sincere thanks to Mrs Owens, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Newton and Mrs Szostak for the fantastic job they are doing while relieving as Deputy Principal over the past few weeks. As mentioned previously by Mr Anderson, I will now be Relieving Principal until the end of week 7.

Cheers
Greg Francis

SCHOOL BANKING
The last day for school banking for this year will be this Thursday 20 November.
All awards will be distributed by the last day of term which is Wednesday 17 December 2014.

Remembrance Day Commemorative Assembly
Last Tuesday 11th November, 2014 marked the 96th anniversary of Remembrance Day. The students and staff at Gosford PS commemorated this event with a special assembly and a variety of classroom activities as a mark of respect to those men and women who died in battle, peace-keeping missions or upon return to home. My thanks to Miss Scott and the school captains Sebastian, Kaelan, Siobhan and Capri for organising this special event. I wish to thank Liam and Ned for their wonderful renditions of The Last Post and The Rouse.

Greg Francis
Principal (Relieving)
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Have you completed the **BYOD Parent Survey**? We are asking parents to complete an anonymous survey to help the school decide if BYOD would be a suitable Technology program to include within our school.

**BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) simply means a student would be able to bring Technology equipment from home to utilise for educational purposes, within the classroom.**

A growing number of our students already have their own personal technology and they are confident and happy using these devices. Research has shown that students in BYOD classrooms feel empowered using their own devices as they are familiar, resulting in a more creative and personalised learning environment.

I would encourage you to participate in the survey process, as GPS is considering **trailing a BYOD program in 2015**. Implementing a BYOD program requires very careful planning and a vital part of this planning process is consulting the parent community. So far, we have had over 40 responses to the survey. The data we have collected will be invaluable; however we need as many parents as possible to respond to ensure the school has a true idea of the whole school community.

Please click the link to access the survey. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SRS6ZVC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SRS6ZVC)

**Paper copies of the survey are available at the office.**

We would ask that you **please complete your survey by Tuesday 25th November**. The results of the survey will be published in the newsletter once the data has been collated.
Microsoft and Adobe Software Free to all NSW DEC Students

Did you know that all NSW Department of Education and Communities School students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software for free. This software is only available to download onto personally owned devices.

Students go to this site to download software [http://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx](http://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx)

Students will need to use their student email address to register on their first visit. The students email address is their DEC Username followed by the suffix @education.nsw.gov.au (Eg John.Smith5@education.nsw.gov.au).

**Access the students email** by going to the Student Portal [http://student.det.nsw.edu.au](http://student.det.nsw.edu.au)

Once the students login to their Student Portal they are provided filtered access to the Internet to minimise the risk of students accessing websites that contain inappropriate material, exactly the way the internet is accessed when they are at school.

Jodie McCabe
Technology Coordinator

SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATION - DONATIONS

This week we wish to thank these companies for their generous donations:

1. **Officeworks Gosford** - prizes
2. **Flip Out** - voucher
3. **The Entertainment Grounds Central Coast** - vouchers

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen roster for week ending 28 November 2014:
Mon 24th William, Tues 25th Janee, Wed 26th Jennifer, Thu 27th Colin, Fri 28th Rebecca
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 the meeting.

The AGM consist of Presidents annual report, 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

ALL WELCOME, ONLY FINANCIAL P & C MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO STAND OR VOTE FOR A POSITION

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club - Issue 8

The brochures for Book Club have all been distributed to students last week. Please return all orders to the school office by Wednesday 19 November. This will be the last order for this year.

We thank Mrs Ross for all her time and effort she gives to the organisation of Book Club. To make her job easier PLEASE place orders in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class. All orders MUST be on a a valid form.

Thank you for your support.

Congratulations DOJO WINNERS this week:-

KD Jarrah, Jasmeet
1J Ida, Joshua, Aaron
3GC Chloe
3/4GB Abby, Ksenia
4H Li Ting, Matthew
5M Manasa
6L Jess, Yasmin
6S Connie
Last week we had our first session of 'Story time' in the library. The session was a huge success with children of all ages flocking to the library to sit down where it was cool and listen to stories read by our year 6 library monitors and myself. Many thanks this week to Melissa from 6C who showed great confidence and was the very first one to read a story to quite a large audience. Well done to everyone involved and I look forward to next week's story time meeting!

If your child would like to attend story time, they can come to the library at 2nd half of 1st break on Thursdays and Fridays. With the warmer weather setting in, the library provides a wonderful cool area for children to come and relax.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Frost
Teacher Librarian
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2014

Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability

Discobility

Workshops, games, activities and new Kids Zone

Sausage sizzle lunch & Chill out space

5 rooms of entertainment + Live performances

Free for people with a disability, carers & their families of all ages

Peninsula Community Centre - 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy

12pm - 4pm, 22 November 2014. Free entry for all ages. Gold coin donations welcome. Bookings essential: 4341 9333 or communitycentre@coastcommunityconnections.com.au

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Yr 5 SUPER SELECTIVE TRIAL TEST COURSE (Only 10 weeks left)

James An College offers an intensive Selective Trial Test course for all year 5 students who are going for the NSW Selective Test in March 2015. The Course focuses on the Subjects of English, Mathematics, General Ability and Writing. It is a 45 weeks (10 March 2014 - 1 March 2015) intensive course with subject:

**SEM** (Selective English and Mathematics) 3hrs 2x40min tests
**SWS** (Selective Writing Skills) 1.5hrs 20min test
**SGA** (Special General Ability) 2hrs 40min test

A total of 138 sessions and a combination of 10000 questions (including homework questions)!

Each week, students will sit a test and a professional teacher will explain every question in the test paper. For each subject, students will be expected to complete a unit of homework before the weeks lesson begins. Through these courses, students will develop an advanced level of writing skills, mathematical abilities and problem solving techniques necessary to give them an advantageous position over others in the Selective High School Placement Test.

CALL Gosford JAC (02) 4300 0167
Over 45 branches nationwide

Kids, homework and lies
Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Maths at home
Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.
DYSLEXIA, ANXIETY & THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

FREE EVENT

Come along to hear Laura Debnam’s advice on how parents and schools can work together to navigate a path to create ‘best practice’ environments for our children – reducing anxiety and increasing literacy.

Laura is passionate about educating children, and helping families to best manage the effects of dyslexia. She is the Learning and Support Coordinator at Niagara Park Public School.

The Central Coast Dyslexia Association is a neutral organisation, funded by donation, aiming to help disseminate information within our community through events and presentations. Through this organisation we hope to assist parents, teachers, and dyslexics across the age range, by linking them to the appropriate support, information and resources.

November 19, 2014  7.00pm
Gosford Leagues Club, Parkview Room

CENTRAL COAST DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION
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