A Busy And Significant Year Concludes
As this is the final newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for all they have done to ensure such an important year in our school’s rich history was a successful one.
Our school has the most culturally diverse enrolment of all primary schools on the Central Coast. The school has a cohesive and learning focused student body who are directed, guided and supported in their learning and wellbeing by a caring and dedicated staff.

I would like to thank our teaching and executive staff for their untiring efforts in what has been a very busy and at times challenging year. Their focus was to consistently ensure students were first and foremost in the decisions made.

The school’s administration team Mrs Powe, Mrs Davies and Mrs Hillan deserve credit for the multitude of roles they assume in any given day. Our General Assistant Mr Harrison has been a great support in ensuring the new school’s facilities are at the high standard expected and Mr Daniels for all his expertise in the technology area.

The P&C and Department of Education and Communities have provided important funds that have allowed our new school to be resourced to a level unrivalled to any other public school I have been associated with. The school’s P&C managed canteen welcomed Nena Goldman as a part time coordinator to share the role with Joy Angel. The Uniform Shop was kept busy and was coordinated by volunteers Helen Talty and Wendy Norris.
Our Learning and Support Officers Helen Borthwick, Karen Morgan, Suzanne Oulehle, Helen Talty, Brett Finneran and Edward Johnson were always on hand to provide support for students where and when required. They often volunteered their own time to assist with activities in and around the school. This was especially evident when the school was in the packing phase when preparing to relocate.

And finally, staff who often do not receive due recognition are school cleaners Ian Scarlett and Angela Daley. Both have taken great pride in their work and their friendly demeanour was always greatly appreciated. In recent times they have been joined by a new cleaner Anastasia Bakopoulous who has also done a great job.

We are very fortunate to have outstanding staff who really strive to make a difference for students in so many ways.

I wish all staff a merry Christmas and a well-deserved and hopefully a relaxing summer break.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Last Friday's K-2 and Years 3-6 Presentation Day assemblies were an important opportunity to celebrate the academic, cultural and sporting achievements and efforts of our students.

Congratulations to all award winners at the Presentation Day Assemblies and to all students who applied themselves and strived to achieve their ‘personal best’ in 2014!

Presentation Assembly would not have been possible but for the hard work and organisation by Mrs Szostak and Mrs Owens, our office staff who have assisted with the coordination of the awards, Mrs See, Mr Dallinger, Mrs Laming and Mrs Douglas for performance items, Mr Harrison for his hard work in setting up and Mr Backhouse and his staff and students at Henry Kendall High School for sharing their school’s Multi-Purpose Centre and resources.

Student Leaders

Also at the Presentation Day Assembly, we acknowledged and thanked the 2014 school captains Sebastian and Capri and Vice Captains Siobhan and Kaelan.

I would like to congratulate our 2015 student leaders who were announced at the Presentation Day Assembly. School Captains Tom and Samantha will be supported in their leadership roles and responsibilities by our prefects Dahsohm, Mason, Solon and Iona.

In total twenty four students were nominees for the final six leadership positions. Staff were very impressed with the high quality of candidates and we know that these students will all have opportunities to display leadership capabilities as parliamentarians and in a variety of other roles in 2015.

Student Reports

Teachers have been busy writing end of year reports for all children in all 20 classes. I have been pleased to note and verify the students’ efforts and academic successes. I anticipate all reports going home early this week. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work in writing these reports and well done to the students whose reports reflected a sustained and consistent high effort throughout the year.

Coming Events

Along with our staff I am looking forward to a memorable evening to farewell our Year 6 students this Tuesday. The event will be held in our school hall.

On Wednesday afternoon our school community is invited to farewell our Year 6 students. I hope to see you there.

2015 School Year Commencement Dates

Please note that the school year for Year 1 to 6 students commences on Wednesday 28 January whilst Kindergarten children will commence on Monday 2 February. Parents of kindergarten children will receive letters shortly regarding the Best Start assessment time and commencement time on 2 February.

Best wishes

We farewell both Miss Scott and Mrs Szostak who were successful in gaining promotion positions at Chertsey and Woy Woy Public Schools respectively. Between them they have given nearly 20 years of dedicated service to Gosford Public School. I am pleased for them that their teaching and leadership qualities have been recognised by other schools and know that they will make great contributions at their new schools. Both will be missed at Gosford Public School. We offer our congratulations and wish them well at their new schools.
To all our Gosford Public School students and families I take this opportunity on behalf of our staff to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing you return in 2015 ready to engage in an exciting year of learning as we celebrate the school’s 150th anniversary.

John Anderson

GPS BAND 2015

If your child is interested in joining the school band in 2015, or you would like some information on the band please contact Mrs See on 0408 241 098.

PAYMENTS

It would be appreciated if outstanding accounts are finalised prior to the end of the school year. Some families have requested payment options for various activities throughout the year and these were granted on the condition that accounts are paid prior to the end of the year. Don’t forget that payments can now be made through ‘Parents on line Payments’ (POP) via our school website. This option is preferable to transferring the funds directly into the school’s bank account as it is secure and all the information required by the school is securely uploaded.

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop will open on 27th January 2015 in the Chapman Room between 9am-3pm. Volunteers required.

If anyone can volunteer an hour of their time during the day that would be appreciated. Orders can be placed on Munch monitors (before 9am that day) ready for collection on the 27th January 2015.

Uniform Shop Coordinators

Parent /Community Tutor Program

Dear Tutors

Thank you for all your assistance with our students this year.

The tutor program will commence in early 2015. It would be extremely helpful to our planning if you could contact the school office at the start of Term 1 to indicate your continuing availability.

On behalf of the program coordinators we wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you again!
Attention Yr 5 Students!

Dear Parents & Students,

☆ James An College offers a 10-Day Special Intensive Trial Test Course for Year 5 Students during this Summer Holiday!

☆ This 10-Day Special Intensive Trial Test Course will offer essential preparations for the upcoming March 2015 Selective School Placement Test in English, Mathematics, General Ability & Writing.

☆ Each day, students will be given a Trial Test Paper covering all four subjects (English, Maths, GA & Writing). Each test question will be marked and fully explained by experienced teachers. Students’ progress is closely monitored during this 10-Day course period.

☆ This course is a must for those students who would like to take this great opportunity during summer holiday and give their learning ability & study marks a final boost before the Big Test!

Please note: All test papers & questions (including all diagrams and vocabulary) are NOT available outside of this course in any shape or form.

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☐ Yes, I would like to enrol in the Y5 Summer Holiday 10-Day Special Intensive Trial Test Course.