It has been great to be able to read via our School App all of the exciting activities that have occurred in my absence.

I sincerely thank Mr Francis and our Assistant Principals Mrs Owens, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Newton and Mrs Szostak for their work whilst in relieving roles during this time.

As we enter the final three weeks of 2014 there will be many activities for students to be involved in across the school. Of great priority for parents and carers is to inform the office of any changes that will affect student enrolment numbers.

To enable our staffing to be finalised it is essential we are informed of students who may be leaving the school or who are intending to enrol at Gosford Public School for the start of the 2015 school year. Currently we are within several enrolments of an additional class for next year and it would be best to be able to settle on a class model ready to commence 2015 as soon as possible.

**P&C News**

The Annual General Meeting of our P&C last Wednesday saw a new executive team elected. Congratulations to the following members who will represent our P&C for the following year:

Stephen Thomas - President; Megan Brady and Amber Dobie - Vice Presidents; Helen Talty - Correspondence Secretary; Derek Hill - Minutes Secretary (pending ratification) and Wendy Norris -Treasurer.

Also elected were NSW P&C delegates - Stephen Thomas and Helen Vocalan and the Uniform sub-committee - Wendy Norris and Helen Talty.

I look forward to working with our new P&C executive as we continue to promote Gosford Public School as being the natural 'school of choice' for parents within our school boundaries. And of course, our school and its community are keenly anticipating our school's 150 Year celebrations next year.
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Survey Closes
Many thanks to Mrs McCabe, our school's Technology Coordinator and the parents who completed the BYOD survey.
A most informative presentation was provided by Mrs McCabe at the P&C meeting last Wednesday. Mrs McCabe presented the advantages of such a program and also some of the concerns of parents and carers. Now that the survey has officially closed I am sure Mrs McCabe will soon be able to report on the results and the teaching staff’s priorities for 2015 in regard to the Bring Your Own Device program at Gosford Public School.

Band News
Gosford City Brass Band and Gosford Public School bands are hosting a massed ‘Community Carols’ concert at The Hive Erina Fair on Thursday evening, December 4. A variety of Christmas carols will be performed between 6:30pm and 8:30pm. There will be individual performances by the brass band and Gosford Public School both accompanied by the Gosford Philharmonic choir. This will be followed by a massed band to close the evening. This is a free public performance and the school band would like to invite all members of the school community to come and enjoy the evening’s performances.

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.

Sesquicentenary News
We continue to receive photographs and newspaper articles from our school’s past that we are able to scan and pass onto Mrs Newton for consideration to be included in our 150 Year Commemorative Book. Should you or someone you know have memorabilia from our school’s past please ask them to contact our office so we can organise for it to be scanned. (Phone - 43493600).
Of particular interest is locating the whereabouts of our original school bell which many of our former students (myself included) recall being given the role in Year 6 to ring it.

Best wishes
John Anderson

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 3, 4 AND 5 BUS TRAVELLERS
Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 who currently hold a bus pass will need to apply for a bus pass for 2015. This is due to the re-location of Gosford Public School this year. Applications can be obtained from the school office and returned when completed.

Canteen Roster
Canteen roster for week ending 5 December 2014:
Mon 8th Michael, Tues 9th Janene Wed 10th Sue H, Thu 11th Colin, Fri 12th Lanssa
Rehearsals for the Massed Christmas Carols - GPS students and members of the Gosford City Brass Band and Gosford Philharmonic Choir

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 0405 241 018.

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.
P & C News

Last Wednesday night was the AGM of GPS P&C.

We would like to thank all the outgoing Executives for their hard work during 2014.

Congratulations to the newly elected Executives for 2015:

President                                            Stephen Thomas
Vice President                                   Amber Dobie
Vice President                                   Megan Brady
Treasurer                                            Wendy Norris
Secretary -Minute                            Derek Hill
Secretary - Correspondence        Helen Talty

NSW P&C Federation Delegates Helen Vocalan, Stephen Thomas

Next P & C meeting is February 25th 2015, 7.30 pm in the Chapman Room.

P & C email : gosfordpspandc@gmail.com

ALL WELCOME

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be open every Thursday between 2:15 till 3:30 pm till the end of term. Last day of trading for this term is Thursday 11th December 2014.

Munch monitors is available to till the end of term and also orders can be placed with payment in the uniform box in the school office.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Stocktake

Stocktake has commenced and will continue for the next 2 weeks. Borrowing has finished for this year so all students should have returned their library books. Any books still out should be returned as soon as possible.

During the upcoming school holidays please remember to use our wonderful libraries at Erina and Gosford and to attend their many holiday activity days.
Book Club has been finalised for this year. Thank you to all parents and students who have ordered through Book Club this year. It has been great receiving free books for our library through the Scholastic reward system.

A sincere thank you to Mrs Ross for coordinating Book Club and to our helpers who come along and cover all our new books. THANK YOU!

Congratulations DOJO WINNERS this week:-
KO Maya, Jasmine
KS Ahri, Kayla
K/1B Laura, Mia, Chloe
1J Tiannah
2G Skye
2/3B Eleanor
3/4GB Georgia
4H Hailey, Isis, Viola
5M Lara, Amara

PLEASE DONATE
Help a family enjoy Christmas this year.

1st Gosford Cub Scout Pack is organizing a donation drive for Coast Shelter this Christmas.

Donation suggestions:
- New toys
- Gifts for teenagers and adults
- Toiletries (towels, shampoo)
- Food for Christmas Dinner

Dropoff at: School office
By: Thursday December 11th.
Gosford City Brass Band

together with

Gosford Public School

and special guests

The Central Coast Philharmonia Choir

present

Christmas Carols

in the Hive

The Hive Erina fair
Thursday 4th December
6.30pm - 8.30pm

FREE EVENT
Comments invited on safety and traffic improvements at the Central Coast Highway and Racecourse Road intersection, West Gosford

The NSW Government is funding the planning of this work.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to upgrade the Central Coast Highway and Racecourse Road intersection at West Gosford to improve safety and traffic flow.

Around 40,000 vehicles travel along this section of highway each day and in the five years to December 2013 there were 20 crashes at the intersection, including 12 injury crashes. The proposed improvements will complement the work underway on the highway at the Brisbane Water Drive and Manns Road intersection.

The proposed design is shown over the page and includes the following improvements:

- Providing a left turn lane with traffic light control on the Central Coast Highway (westbound) for vehicles turning onto Racecourse Road. This will allow for an additional through lane for motorists travelling east on the highway.
- Providing a left turn lane with traffic light control on Racecourse Road (southbound) for vehicles turning onto the Central Coast Highway. This will separate left turning traffic from through and right turning traffic to provide extra capacity for this leg of the intersection.
- Providing a new pedestrian crossing on the western leg of the Central Coast Highway and installing pedestrian traffic lights within the median on Racecourse Road (southbound).
- Providing a bus bay on the Central Coast Highway next to the racecourse to provide a safe stopping area for buses.
- Providing a 2.5 metre wide shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists along the northern side of the Central Coast Highway.

The work is scheduled to start in mid 2015, weather permitting.

We are inviting comments on the proposal by **30 January 2015**. Feedback received will be considered in finalising the intersection design.

Comments can be provided by contacting Ben Konetschnik, Manager Program Delivery by:

- Phoning: 02) 4924 0618 (during business hours),
- Emailing: Ben.Konetschnik@rms.nsw.gov.au
- Writing to: Ben Konetschnik, Roads and Maritime Services, Locked Bag 2030, Newcastle 2300

www.rms.nsw.gov.au

For information on scheduled road work, visit [www.livetrack.com](http://www.livetrack.com) or outside business hours call the Transport Management Centre on 132 701
Christmas Family Night

Thursday 4th December 6pm – 8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
- Santa’s little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

- Come along to our free Christmas event to meet Spongebob Squarepants and Santa Claus!
- We will be serving free roast beef and gravy rolls while we design our own Christmas wreaths!
- There will also be a jumping castle, plenty of giveaways and free face painting!

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au
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.

TIMETABLE:

Monday 5th Jan - Friday 16th Jan 2015
(No Classes on Sat & Sun)
10:00am ~ 3:00pm (Lunch Break 1:00 ~ 1:30pm)

☆☆☆ Pay & Enrol by 10th December 2014 and get a 10% discount! ☆☆☆

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

Please complete the enrolment form below and return it to the office.

--- ENROLMENT FORM - Year 5 Summer Holiday 10-Day Special Intensive Trial Test Course ---

Name: ___________________________ D.O.B: ___ / ___ / ___
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

☐ Yes, I would like to enrol in the Y5 Summer Holiday 10-Day Special Intensive Trial Test Course.
The Central Coast’s favourite Christmas event moves to the beautiful waterside and tranquil location of Mt Penang Gardens Kanong.

There you can enjoy the Coast’s largest outdoor Christmas shopping experience while chilling-out near the water or under the trees in a relaxing environment and plenty of free parking available all day across the whole location.

Now in its 7th year, the free event features over 150 hand picked, high quality local arts and crafts, international food zone and fresh seasonal produce area, puddings, cakes, Rotary Club Christmas trees, make your own Christmas decorations by Art Tank, fairy storytelling, Santa, live music all day from Fairplay Entertainment on the Lizotte’s stage and throughout the grounds, roving magicians & Christmas characters, huge amusement zone, pony rides, Jetpack rides, Ladybug Express puppet show, The big yellow bus, Julie Goodwin special live appearance and latest book signing, free face painting all day, Sea FM live broadcast, circus performers, jugglers, free dress up costumes & games from around the world under the trees and lots more.

Come along and support the Coast’s best Christmas community experience with the whole family in the beautiful location of Kanong.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7
MT PENANG GARDENS
9am - 2pm

All event information at
fixxevents.com.au
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