WELCOME BACK
The first day following a break in the school year I enjoy being on the playground to see and hear students recounting their holiday adventures and enjoying the company of their peers. It reinforces to me the important part that schools play in developing the social and emotional domains for students. As teachers, we know that happy students who have strong family and friendship ties generally come to school eager to learn (and play). We endeavour each and every day to provide opportunities to provide an environment for students to make their school day a positive experience.

A BUSY TERM AHEAD
As I reported towards the end of last term we can look forward to a variety of activities throughout Term 3. This week we commence a trial of a new timetable that has many benefits for our students. Based on my previous experiences and the reports from my colleague principals, I have no doubt that it will also be successful at our school.

Parent/Teacher interviews will also take place in Week 2 of this term for all classes except 4K. (Miss Smith will conduct interviews in Week 6 of this term.) I encourage parents and carers to make every effort to attend an interview with their child’s class teacher within the designated time frame. Should that not be possible another time can be arranged. I thank Mr Francis for his coordination of this process and also for

Term 3 Staff Development Day will take place this Friday 18 July
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compiling the information sheet that we are requesting is completed and taken along to the interview. This information will enable teachers to gain an insight of each student from a parent perspective. Next week we will have the Life Education educator and the ‘Healthy Harold’ van at our school. I thank Mrs Cohen for her coordination of this program, which has provided invaluable assistance to support the teaching and learning of the ‘Health & Personal Development’ curriculum over many years now.

Education Week will take place in the third week of this term and is an opportunity to showcase the school and the excellent activities our students are involved with including a special ‘celebration assembly’ with our partner Gosford Learning Community schools.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRL’S SOCCER TEAM

Well done to Miss Spackman and the girls’ soccer team who were successful against Gosford East PS in the 3rd Round of the State PSSA Girls’ Soccer competition. Having attended the game the most impressive aspect was the manner in which the girls played the game. The sporting spirit displayed towards teammates and the opposition was admirable.

REMINDER: SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY: THIS FRIDAY JULY 18

Please note, that this coming FRIDAY, JULY 18 will be a PUPIL FREE DAY as staff will be participating in professional learning with staff from schools in the Gosford Learning Community.

TIME TO ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for children starting kindergarten in 2015. 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.

Looking forward to an exciting Term 3.

John Anderson

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 25 June, a number of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students from our school attended an inaugural Gosford City Learning Community NAIDOC Cultural Experience Day. The day was hosted by Henry Kendall High School and involved an incursion with outback experiences, sporting activities with HKHS Indigenous student leaders and a BBQ. Students from Point Clare Primary School also joined our students on the day. The day was a wonderful celebration of culture and community.

Liz Sprague
Coordinator
Life Education NSW will be visiting our school from Monday 21 July to Wednesday 30 July 2014. The cost is $9 per student and each class will get the opportunity to learn these exciting and important personal development and health based programs.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Lost property is located near the school hall. Please check if your child has lost an item of clothing. Busways will shortly be delivering all the lost items which have been left on their buses.

It has been brought to our attention that hats are being taken from the lost property bin and being rebirthed as other children’s hats. This is not acceptable as Gosford Public School values HONESTY. Hats can be purchased at the school office for $12.

**School Banking – New rewards released in Term 3**

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

**Rewards available in term 3 are:**

- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.
BOOK FAIR 2014
Our book fair will be arriving this Friday 18 July. All classes will be given the opportunity to view the books for sale and write out a ‘wish list’. Children will bring this list home with a brochure so you can see the type of books they are interested in buying. This is also a good opportunity to discuss with your children about the value of money and how much they can afford to spend.

FOR YOUR DIARY
On Wednesday 30 July parents and community members will be invited to attend our Book Fair. More information will follow next week.

Library Dojo Award winners
Congratulations to the following students:-
4H Yoonseo, Felicity, Helena, Isabelle, Erika, Mackensie, Matthew, Kiah
3S Jo
3/4GB April, Zachariah, Mia
1J Isabella
2/3B Eleanor, Sungji
K/1B Dylan
2W Heath
1S Bianca, Lexi, Cameron
4K Viola
5R Aaron, Charlotte, James

Book Covering
Thank you to all the parents who come along on Tuesdays at 2:15pm to help with covering our new library books. We appreciate your time and patience.
We look forward to seeing you again this term on the following dates:-
Tuesday 22 July, Tuesday 12 August, Tuesday 26 August, Tuesday 9 August

WorldBook online
Students in years 3 to 6 are using this website during library sessions. This is a valuable website for student research and certainly more reliable.
www.worldbookonline.com
login-gosfordps password- library

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The new price list is now in place.

IMPORTANT:
The uniform shop will not be open in the Chapman room on THURSDAY 24 JULY as Parent Teacher interviews are in that room. Uniforms can still be ordered through Munch Monitors, or order and payment placed in the uniform box in the school office.

Uniform Shop Coordinators
CANTEEN

ROSTER:
Mon 21/7 Glenda   Tue 22/7 Rachel   Wed 23/7 Jennifer
Thu 24/7 HELP NEEDED!!  Fri 25/7 HELP NEEDED!!

NOW SELLING
Sweet chilli chicken focaccia $3!!

STARTING NEXT WEEK
Sushi day every Thursday $1 per piece

Please be advised that due to health regulations food brought from home can no longer be heated in the canteen.
Parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents: We urgently need your help in the Canteen.
Thursdays or Fridays 8:30am until 12:30pm. Can organise parking if required.