EDUCATION WEEK

This week will see Education Week celebrated in public schools across NSW. Schools use this week as an opportunity to showcase their school and the excellent opportunities that are afforded students.

We have organised a variety of activities for our students and school community commencing with a special Celebration Assembly with our Gosford City Learning Community partner schools on Monday.

On Wednesday we will conduct our Open Day where we encourage families to come into our school for lunch, open classrooms and a special assembly. A full program of activities was sent home last week and is also included in this week’s newsletter.

The staff and students are looking forward to showing parents and family members combined class activities and our new classrooms.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I hope you were able to make time in the allotted class schedules to meet with your child’s teacher last week. Should that not have been possible another time can be arranged by contacting the class teacher.

A reminder that all 4K interviews will be conducted in Week 6 of this term upon Miss Smith’s return from leave.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to our school’s netball and soccer teams who were both successful in their most recent games in the NSW PSSA Knockout competition. Both teams are now well advanced in their respective
competitions. These two sports are widely contested and the students and coaches, Mrs Wade and Mr Lincoln are to be commended for their efforts.

SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
Next year will see Gosford Public School celebrate 150 years of providing a quality primary education service to families in the Gosford district. It is the oldest school in the Gosford Shire and the second oldest on the Central Coast. In fact, it commenced just two years after Ourimbah Public School who successfully celebrated their sesquicentenary anniversary recently. Our school promotions committee invited three of the key members of the Ourimbah PS organising committee to our meeting last week. Many ideas were discussed as to how we can make the Gosford 150 Year celebrations a memorable occasion for current and former staff, students and family members.

Among other things, a 150 Year book has been discussed. Mrs Newton would be pleased to hear from people who have historical information such as articles or photographs that can be scanned and then returned.

NEW SCHOOL TIMETABLE
The new school timetable was discussed at last week’s P&C meeting. Mrs Boulton attended the meeting and discussed the benefits for her and the students in A Block which is also shared with students from Henry Kendall High School.

The following were comments from students and teachers after the initial weeks of the trial:
“The longer lunchtime break has also been a welcome change. Children in the library have at least one long break now where they can log onto the computers and do their research, sit with friends and finish a chess game, or simply sit and read”.

“Love having time in the second session for more quality teaching time”

“The longer first break is great. It gives the students more time for eating.”

Towards the end of the term all teachers, students and parents will have the opportunity to comment in regards to the new timetable.

NATIONAL PLANT A TREE DAY
As can be seen in the photographs in this edition of the newsletter our Environment team enjoyed participating in National Plant a Tree Day. This was Stage 1 of re-establishing Callistemon Creek by planting 20 mature sized native shrubs last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Wade for coordinating this in conjunction with the Gosford Passing Loops project who sponsored the trees.

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 ready to start school next year, please let them know it is time to contact the school for information.

John Anderson
The Puzzle Master’s Apprentice

Stage 3 have now completed their Puzzle Master competition. The class winners were Aasha 5M, Max 5E, Solon & Flynn 5R (tied), Zara 6C, Patrick 6S, Jess 6L and Mrs Latta was the teacher winner.

The Stage 3 Puzzle Master Apprentice for 2014 was Max from 5E.

Congratulations on a great term of problem solving.

The competition for Stage 2 starts this week. Good luck everybody.

Mrs Hodgson
Puzzle Master’s assistant
Last Thursday our school netball team played round 4 of the NSW PSSA netball competition. They played a wonderful game of defence and attack and were victorious over Point Clare Public School. The team will now play round 5 of the competition in the upcoming weeks. Congratulations girls!

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 29 July (student buying only)
Parents who are unable to visit the fair may send students with cash, or a cheque made out to Scholastic, or credit card details written on the back of their wish list. Students will have the opportunity during class time to buy from the fair.

Wednesday 30th July
Parents and community members will be invited to buy books from the fair between 8:30am and 3:30pm.
This is an exciting event that all children look forward to. It’s a great opportunity to promote reading and a wonderful way of raising funds to purchase new resources for our school.
We look forward to meeting you at the Book Fair.

Christine Harpur and Kayla Frost

VALUES EDUCATION

Students have been focusing on the value of RESPONSIBILITY”. Students have learnt the value of being able to:

- Identify the various forms responsibility may take
- Demonstrate good organisation skills and responsibility for personal belongings
- Recognise and demonstrate an ability to be personally responsible for our own sun safety
- Demonstrate an understanding of water conservation and how we can help a potentially difficult environmental situation by being responsible water users

Please support our Values Education program by discussing the importance of “RESPONSIBILITY” with your child/children at home.

Jodie McCabe & Katrina Bianchi
Values Education Coordinators
We show Responsibility by:

R especting our belongings.
E ating healthy foods to keep our bodies fit.
S itting down while we hold the chickens.
P acking our own school bag.
O wning up to our mistakes.
N ever crossing the road on our own.
S haring the equipment.
I ncluding new people in our class.
B ringing in our homework.
I gnoring bad behaviours.
L abelling our belongings.
I mproving our work.
T aking our rubbish to the bin.
Y elling, only when we are playing on the oval.

**CAANTEEN**

**ROSTER:**

Mon 4/8 Tanee          Tue 5/8 Janene          Wed 6/8 Jennifer
Thu 7/8 HELP NEEDED    Fri 8/8 HELP NEEDED

Baskets are going to be collected for both breaks. If you could please label your child’s order ‘Break 1’ or ‘Break 2’.
This means you may split your child’s order and both will be delivered to the classroom.
THE PIANO BUG

♫ Baby, Toddler and Preschooler music and movement classes!
♫ A new theme every four weeks with plenty of musical activities and a variety of musical instruments to play!
♫ Tuesday mornings at Wyoming and Thursday mornings at Niagara Park
♫ Enrol anytime and monthly fee includes music, ebook and activities to take home

♫ Try a class for FREE

We also offer individual piano lessons to ages 6 and above! Lessons are fun and in line with the Australian Music Examination Board. Piano exams are optional and student recitals are encouraged.

Call SHARON now at 0424 446 778
thepianobug.wyoming@gmail.com
### GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

**EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM**

28 July 2014 – 1 August 2014

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| Tuesday 29 July         | Book Fair – students can purchase today                |
|                        | CARES excursion                                        |
|                        | University of NSW English Competition                  |

**Wednesday 30 July**

**OPEN DAY & BOOK FAIR**

- **Book Fair** is open between 8:30am – 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to take their child from class to make purchases throughout the day or during break times.

- **Picnic Lunch** – Parents/caregivers are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch from 11:00am. Coffee and tea will be available for purchase from the canteen. Parents are welcome to order their lunch in the same way they order for their children.

- **Open classrooms** – Classrooms are open from 11:45 – 12:15pm. A great chance to see your child’s wonderful new classroom facilities.

  - **Assembly 12:15pm** – our choir and band will perform. Stage 2 will be performing their multicultural dancing following the assembly in the quadrangle area. Children will view the dance from the veranda around the top floor of the school. Parents and friends are invited to view the performance from the silver seat area in the quadrangle.

  - After the assembly visitors are asked to leave the school as children will be having an earlier second break at 1:15pm.

  - 1:40pm – afternoon class session begins for students and staff

  - Life Education concludes

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<th>Thursday 31 July</th>
<th>5-a-side Futsal tournament – One team of boys and one team of girls will be competing in the Soccer 5’s Championship and skill development program. The program involves players from Central Coast Mariners and will be held at the Tuggerah Soccer 5’s complex</th>
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<td>Friday 1 August</td>
<td>9:20 – 11:00am -Executive members of the NSWPSSA will meet with the Principal to discuss local PSSA matters before meeting with those staff who have actively been involved in PSSA sport.</td>
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<td>Bike raffle will be drawn</td>
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ADDING 10 MINUTES A DAY TO A CHILD’S READING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE OVER THE YEAR.

A COMPARISON OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN

DID YOU NOTICE?
The more minutes children read per day, the more fluent their reading becomes.
From 5 minutes to 15 minutes per night there is around
A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!*

RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT THE BENEFITS OF READING MORE IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN:
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, VOCABULARY, READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL FLUENCY AND SPELLING.**