EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS LAUDED

Thank you to everyone who in any way supported our school’s celebration of Education Week. Students and staff were proud to join other public schools across NSW celebrate Education Week last week for what was the 60th anniversary of this event. The feedback that myself and staff have received from parents was extremely positive. They were excited to see the new facilities but even more so to see their children engaged within their classrooms or participating in the school assembly activities.

Congratulations to Mrs Harpur, Mrs Frost and all the library helpers who contributed to our fantastic Book Fair with over $3000 worth of books raised for the library and classrooms. A mighty effort!

Gosford Public School can be very proud of the excellent opportunities that are afforded to its students.

SPORTING SUCCESS CONTINUES

Our school’s success on the sporting field continued last Thursday with both our boy’s and girls’ soccer teams winning the inaugural Mariners Cups at Tuggerah. These two competitions were widely contested with many schools from across the Central Coast competing.

A BIG thank you to our own soccer (football) tragic and coach Mr Lincoln for his efforts. (Read his report in this edition of the newsletter). Mr Lincoln was also grateful to Miss Spackman’s assistance in selecting the girl’s side.

Good luck to the girls’ soccer team as they contest the next round of the State PSSA competition against Kariong PS this coming Wednesday.

We can be very proud of our sporting teams who consistently demonstrate that “it is the way you play the game” that is the most important thing...not the result!
STRONG CONNECTIONS BEING FORGED WITH HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL
One of the key advantages of our new site was the prospect of working with our local high school to develop opportunities that might not have been readily available at our former site.
It is very pleasing to see that in just one term new programs are being developed and established programs are being strengthened.
In this edition of the newsletter you will see photographs of students in class 1J being taught contemporary dance by Henry Kendall HS students. This is the reciprocal result of Mrs Johnson assisting students from the high school with their academic research project.
We are also pleased to have high school students trained as tutors in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These students will receive credit points towards HSC subjects whilst assisting our students in these key areas of learning.
Our teachers of senior classes have had several visits from high school staff to discuss new and innovative transition programs for our Year 6 students. Henry Kendall HS has been receiving many enquiries from parents of our school, especially in regards to their popular ‘High Achievers’ class. I look forward to reporting on many more of these exciting initiatives in the future.

INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE REQUIRED for 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 (150 years anniversary) recently.
We aim to 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 concerning Gosford Public School that can be scanned and then returned.

John Anderson

Students from 1J enjoying a contemporary dance lesson with Henry Kendall High School students
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop back to normal opening times!
Opening hours Thursdays 2:15 to 3:30pm in the Chapman Room, or order through Munch Monitor or payment and order in the uniform box in the school office. Thanks.

P & C NEWS
The next P & C meeting is in the Chapman Room at 7:30pm on 27 August 2014. All welcome.

The bike raffle has been drawn and won!!
Last Friday Mr Anderson drew the winning ticket with Class 5R as keen observers.
Congratulations to Aliyah of KS who now has a new red bike.
Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in the raffle. All monies raised will be used by our Environmental Group to beautify and enhance our school grounds.

Soccer 5s Mariners Cup Success!!!

On Thursday 31st July, a team of eight girls and a team of eight boys competed in a 5 a-side soccer championship at the Soccer 5s complex, out at Tuggerah. These teams consisted of our school teams' most consistent players to play against a range of other schools in the Central Coast area.

It was quite hot for a winter's day which made the day all the more successful. The kids were keen as mustard to show off their skills in a fiercely competitive tournament with lingering taste of the world cup finals. They also wanted to lift a cup and feel the glory of winning a major title.

Gosford Girls Road to Glory:

Match 1 Gosford vs Berkeley Vale 3-1
The girls were the first team to kick off the day in their first match against Berkeley Vale Public School. Both teams had a nervy start but it soon became clear that our girls were the more dominant force. The quality and drive from Iona and Brianna really sparked the team to life by leading the play and controlling the passing. Eventually, Berkeley Vale's girls couldn't contain the constant pressure and started to leak the goals, only to boost Gosford's confidence and hunger for more. The girls ended up running away with the lead by scoring 3 well worked goals. The opponents did however, made a few last gasps towards the end of the game and scored themselves a consolation goal.

Match 2 Gosford vs Bateau Bay 1-0
This was a real test this match, with the teams cancelling each other out for most of it. The girls did eventually break through and win the game 1 to 0. There were some encouraging signs, as the girls' persistence and 'don't give up attitude', handed them this tough grind of a win.

Match 3 Gosford vs Toukley 4-0
Gosford really found form in this match by slotting 4 good goals away with ease. Toukley came on and showed signs of confidence, but our girls had an answer to everything their opponent threw at them. Again it was the link up plays by Iona and Brianna that bamboozled the opposition, however Holly and Sophie were also making their mark with a quality goal and solid defence, wrapping up the comprehensive win. A special mention to Jordyn, her 'netball safe hands' had only leaked 1 goal in the tournament so far.

Final Gosford vs Wamberal 2-0
Crunch time! This was a nervy but very entertaining match. The ball just seemed to go from end to end like the ball going back and forth in a tennis game. There were posts struck, tackles made and efforts thwarted, but like all the other games earlier in the day, this 'never give up' team spirit would prove once again to be their secret weapon. It was eventually decided after Gosford finally made the break through. As their coach, my relief was a very welcomed feeling. The girls grinded the rest of the match out and solidified their win with another late goal to end all doubts of who the champions would be. The fulltime whistle blows, the players take their deep breath and the feeling of victory set in. We are the champions and inaugural winners of the Mariners Cup! The girls, like they did the whole day were modest about their
success and demonstrated a very ethical sport like conduct by thanking and respecting their opponents, organisers and supporters in style. A big congratulations to the girls and a big thank you to supporters and organisers of the day, it will live long in our memories. A special thanks to Miss Spackman for lending me part of her girls’ school squad for the day to compete.

Gosford Boys Journey to Victory:

Match 1 Gosford vs Berkeley Vale 2-1
The boys’ team are still continuing their success story in the NSWPSSA Sydney North, Central Coast Knockout Competition by reaching the final game in the local draw. Based on their recent successes, the boys did not come out of the gates as forceful as we have been used to seeing, but this would soon change. We finally notched up 2 goals with some glimpses of technical quality and determination, however they were all shocked when the other team scored. They had not conceded a goal the whole year and they did not want to start the trend of leaking them. The match was then a battle of defences and ended with the score line of 2-1.

Match 2 Gosford vs Bateau Bay 14-0
The boys were in a ‘show no mercy’ mindset and absolutely demolished Bateau Bay. As the saying goes, ‘goals were being scored for fun’ with every player getting on the score sheet besides our trusted goalkeeper Corey, who was feeling a little left out of the action with the ball always being at the other end. The most notable moments were provided by Austin, for his quality brace and calmness on the ball, a super effort by the young fella. The white washed match finally ended for the demoralised team with the final scoreboard being worked overtime and revealing a 14-0 thrashing. The boys however, did the gentleman thing and consoled their opponents and the end of the game by showing sportsmanship and respect.

Match 3 Gosford vs Toukley 12-3
This game was a strange one. Gosford came out quite under gunned by their standard and actually conceded first. Their slow start soon picked up with goals being scored left, right and centre. Luke and Jamal like the previous game were trying out their skills and scoring the types of goals you would score in a training session. Similar to the Bateau Bay match, the score line reflected more of a rugby score ending at 12-3 to Gosford.

Final Gosford vs Wamberal 3-2
Just like the girls, the boys played Wamberal Public School in the final. This was very close like the opening match. There was some tough tackling, missed opportunities and individual battles. The match was wide open with both teams scoring goal for goal. Max was a standout this game by scoring one of the crucial goals and thankfully didn't sit down on the job (inside joke). The boys were feeling the heat and fatigue, but their winning mentality and team spirit paid off with a late winning goal, ending with another victory by 3 goals to 2. Like the girls before them, they won the Mariners cup! Congratulations to the boys for their fine efforts.

Thanks again to our wonderful supporters who were cheering like always. Another cameo by Mr Francis continued to bring us that extra bit of luck and our winning ways.

All in all the day was a great success, not just by our champion teams, but the competition itself was a fine set up and was enjoyed by all.

Nathan Lincoln
Chuffed Football Coach

Boy’s Team: Corey, Luke, Austin, Jamal, Liam, Max, Connor, Kaelan
Girl’s Team: Jordyn, Holly, Laura, Sophie, Brianna, Louise, Amy, Iona
The Puzzle Master’s Apprentice

Puzzle Master winner for last week was Daniel of 3S.
Congratulations!

Mrs Hodgson
Puzzle Master’s assistant

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR
What an amazing day! Thank you to all parents and students for your wonderful support. We really enjoyed meeting parents and helping you select books.

We raised $3000 worth of books for our library and classrooms. This effort would not have been possible without the huge support of all the parents, carers, grandparents and students.

It was lovely to see so many excited faces when Geronimo Stilton appeared. The photographs taken will be sent to the students once they have been developed.

Happy reading!

Donation – We would also like to thank the ‘de Lange family for the books they bought for the classrooms.

Book Fair Competition Winners

Kindergarten
1st prize - Abby L KS
2nd prize – Skarlett R KS
3rd prize - Isla KS

Year 2
1st prize - Daniel S 2/3B
2nd prize – Ethan 2G
3rd prize - Grace A 2G

Year 4
1st prize - Montana T 3/4B
2nd prize – Yasmine W 4H
3rd prize – Zoe W 4K

Year 6
1st prize- Payton 6C
2nd prize- Patrick 6S
3rd prize –Cynthia 6

Year 1
1st prize – Erin 1S
2nd prize- Lexi 1S
3rd prize – Amira 1S

Year 3
1st prize- April W 3/4B
2nd prize – Henry C 2/3B
3rd prize – Rithi 3S

Year 5
1st prize - Aleena L 5E
2nd prize – Laurel M 5E
3rd prize – Francesca 5M

AUTHOR VISIT
We will be celebrating Book Week during the rest of this term and we will read literature to students that have made the 2014 finals nominated by the CBCA (Children’s Book Council of Australia).

As part of Book Week we always invite an author to visit our school. This year Morris Gleitzman will address the students in Years 3-6. This is a fantastic opportunity for students especially those who are reading one of his stories together in class.

K-2 will have the opportunity to see Frances Watts on Wednesday 20 August 2014

Library (DOJO) winners
The following students have received a free book for their great support of the library:-

KO Claire
K/1B Chloe, Emily, Augustus, Bianca, Ethan, Laura
1J Ida
1S Ava
2G Sidhu

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3GC Yoonjae, Grace, Chloe, Paul H
2/3B Khoi, Kayleigh, Daniel, Darcy
3/4GB Excel, Ksenia
5R Kaylee, Hailey
4K Piper
5M Aasha, Jared
5R Freya

CANTEEN

ROSTER:
Mon 11/8 Micheal                 Tue 12/8 Janene                 Wed 13/8 Jennifer
Thu 14/8 HELP NEEDED            Fri 15/8 Lanssa

URGENTLY NEEDED:- Helpers for this Thursday and Friday from 9:00am till 11:00am. If you can help out please call and speak to Joy as soon as possible.

Do you love cricket?

Then come & play with the Kincumber-Avoca Cricket Club.

We will be fielding teams from under 9s to 17, as well as running an IN2Cricket program for younger players (5-7 years of age).

Sign up at one of our registration days:

Sunday August 10 - 10.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday August 12 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Sunday August 17 - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Contact - Rod Ursem on 0425 210 570 or rodursem@hotmail.com
James An College Gosford 1st Birthday Anniversary Event!!!

(1) **Free Assessment & Scholarship Test** (Yr3 ~ Yr10)
   - booking is essential (Scholarships from 25% to full)

(2) **$200 off**
   - for the new students only (before 30th August)

(3) **Free Student Bag** (for enrolled students)

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Enquire (02) 4300 0167

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90th Birthday Open Day Celebration

All past, present and future members, families, leaders or those with an interest in 1st Gosford Scout Group (previously known as 1st Gosford Sea Scouts) are invited to attend our 90th Birthday Open Day Celebration.

RSVP by 15th August to Craig Denning, Group Leader
D 4338 690 092 or gosfordscouts@iinet.net.au

12-4pm, Saturday 23rd August 2014
1st Gosford Scout Hall, 10 Masons Pde, Gosford

Lunch served from 12:30pm
Official cutting of the cake at 1:30 pm

Games and activities for the kids!
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LISAROW OURIMBAH
JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Registration Days
2014/2015 season.

Come and sign up with the mighty Magpies.

Boys and girls, new and old players
are invited to sign up for all age groups.
Milo in2cricket, U/9’s to U/17’s

New players must bring along a birth certificate.

When: Saturday 9th August 2014
       Saturday 16th August 2014

Where: Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Club
        Pacific Hwy, Ourimbah

Time: 10.00am to 2.00 pm

For further information
go to www.lisarowourimbah.juniorcricketclub.com.au
or contact
Eugene Simpson on 4324 7126 (ah)
Kidz on the Move

Term 3 - Thursdays 9.45 am
Commencing Thursday 24 July
Wyoming Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)
Wyoming Public School

Kidz on the Move is a movement program for children 3-5 years.

We focus on gross motor skills as they are the building blocks or foundation movements for more complex and specialised skills required to play different games, sports and recreational activities offering during the school years and in the community.

We will guide the children’s learning opportunities through play based games and movement skills to assist them to discover their potential and achieve their learning goals.

Benefits:

Children benefit from being physically active as it can:

- Promote healthy growth and development e.g. bones and muscles, flexibility, balance, posture and heart health.
- Help establish connections between different parts of the brain that develop memory and language.
- Improve concentration
- Improve confidence and self esteem
- Provide opportunities to develop social skills and make friends.

Free to attend. Registrations essential
Email philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au or
call Philippa on 0477 317862
ALL AREAS SPEECH PATHOLOGY

MEDICARE REBATES FOR PRIVATE SPEECH PATHOLOGY SESSIONS

Are you concerned about your child’s speech clarity or ability to understand others and speak using well-formed sentences?

Would you like your child to be assessed by a speech pathologist to see if they would benefit from speech therapy?

GPMP MEDICARE PLANS
Some children with complex or chronic needs may be eligible to receive a Medicare rebate for speech therapy services, under the General Practitioner Management Plan (GPMP). This plan used to be known as Enhanced Primary Care (EPC).

The GPMP scheme provides a Medicare rebate for up to five speech pathology sessions per calendar year, to assist families with the cost of private speech therapy.

ATSI MEDICARE PLANS
Additional “follow-up” speech pathology sessions are also available to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, on referral from their GP.

ATSI Medicare rebates are available for a maximum of five services per calendar year. (The ATSI medicare services are used in addition to the GPMP, therefore making a total of up to ten speech pathology sessions available per calendar year for eligible people.)

DISCUSS WITH YOUR GP
To find out if your child meets the criteria for a GPMP or additional speech pathology sessions (ATSI), we suggest that you make an appointment with your family doctor/GP and talk to him or her about your concerns.

Not all children with speech or language delays are eligible for Medicare rebates, however your doctor is the best person to talk to about this.

INFORMATION SHEET ON WEBSITE
An information sheet outlining the GPMP scheme is available on the All Areas Speech Pathology website at: www.allareasspeechpathology.com.au - we suggest that you print off a copy of this sheet and take it with you to discuss with your GP. Look for the GPMP sheet under “payment options”.

(Click on Chronic Disease Management Plan/ GP Management Plan - Medicare Central Coast Region)

SPEAK TO A SPEECH PATHOLOGIST FOR MORE INFORMATION
If you have concerns about your child and would like to speak to someone about what to do, please feel free to give Danielle Rapley, Speech Pathologist a call, or send her an email. Danielle can also answer your questions about the cost of speech therapy or how to book a speech pathology appointment at your child’s school or preschool or at the nearest All Areas Speech Pathology clinic.

Danielle’s Mobile: 0439 353 519 or Email: danielle@allareasspeechpathology.com.au

Medicare Rebates Information Sheet for Schools and Preschools/Central Coast Region – July 2014
All Areas Speech Pathology: Ph: 1300 787 136 Email: info@allareasspeechpathology.com.au

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