EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS LAUDED
The Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation presentation is on at Northlakes High School this Tuesday afternoon. Congratulations to the following representatives of our school community who have been nominated by the school staff and our P&C to receive awards in recognition of their contributions to Gosford Public School and their service to Public Education:

- **Suzanne Oulehle**
  Outstanding commitment, flexibility and warmth towards the students of Gosford Public School through volunteer roles across the school.
- **Robynne Scott**
  Commitment and innovation in providing quality GATS programs. Integrating all aspects of the curriculum whilst nurturing and extending students.
- **Wendy Norris**
  Dedicated commitment to the Gosford Public School community through various roles in parent groups and assisting in classrooms.

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Thank you to our panel Megan Brady (P&C), Janine Szostak and Vicki Owens (staff) for volunteering their time to assist with the selection process.
Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for consideration by the panel.

SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM
Over the years I have often stated saying that “Learning to read can give you a life and learning to swim can save your life”. As simple as it sounds, the statistics prove that in Australia we have a high number of drownings. Many of these tragedies could have been prevented with greater water safety knowledge and skills.

**Miss Gately** has organised this year’s Gosford Public School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This program develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. At this stage, participation in the program is limited to all Year 2 and Year 3 students who are unable to swim 25m in deep water unaided, with confidence and style.

The program will be run daily at Gosford Olympic Pool for two weeks, commencing Tuesday 7 October and
concluding Friday 17 October.
I urge all parents of students who qualify for this very important program to make every effort to have their child attend.
More information is available in this newsletter and on our school App. Thank you to Miss Gately for her coordination of this program.

SCHOOL PLANNING
2015 will see the commencement of our new School Plan. Our School's Evaluation and Planning (SEaP) team has been undertaking preliminary work to create a comprehensive planning strategy involving the key groups including students, staff, parents and community partners.
This process involves the SEaP team providing a number of varied and creative ways for the above mentioned groups to have input into this plan. Whilst a number of people will be randomly invited to participate in the process, any parent or staff member will have the opportunity to have input via an online survey.
I urge parents to take this opportunity to help us plan and provide direction for our school and its programs over the next three years.
A more detailed explanation and timeline for the planning process will be provided shortly.

GIRL’S SOCCER TEAM CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL RUN
Our school's success on the sporting field continued last Wednesday with the girl’s soccer team winning through to Round 5 of the State PSSA competition. I was fortunate to see the team's effort in what was a close game with Gosford eventually winning 2-1 against Kariong PS.
A BIG thank you to the coach Miss Spackman who has given up much of her own time to coach the team (ably assisted by Mrs Douglas). Thank you also to the parents (and Mrs Powe) who provided transport to and from the game.
As I have previously mentioned we can be very proud of our sporting teams who consistently demonstrate the spirit and endeavour of which we can all be proud!

MORRIS GLEITZMAN VISIT A SUCCESS
Well done to Mrs Harpur who secured the services of well-known Australian author Morris Gleitzman to visit our school last week.
I am sure he provided inspiration to many of our students who were present at his presentation. Although, he may have sanctioned the need for some to do more ‘daydreaming’ as this was how, he stated, many of his ideas and characters originated.

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 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

Indigenous Student News
All Indigenous students have been invited to enter a competition to re-name the local AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultive Group) and to design a logo that reflects what the local area means to the Indigenous people.
Could all entries be returned to school by 18 August. Thank you.

Liz Sprague
The school newsletter contains details of what has happened, or will be happening in our school. Only on rare occasions are interim notes sent home. **PLEASE** read your newsletter carefully. It is a good idea to keep the term calendar of school events handy.

The school newsletter can be accessed in a variety of ways, including:

- Via the **school app** (see page 8 of this newsletter)
- Email directly to you (visit the school website & join the subscription list. You will find a link to the email form on the home page under “Latest News & Features”
- Receive a **printed** copy, given to your child. Please contact the school office to receive a printed copy (if this is your preferred option)

**School App**

The School App is a great way to keep in touch with current events within the school. You can view the newsletter, add events to your diary, order your child’s lunch and even send sick notes and change your home address via the app. The **Skoolbag** app is available for both iPhone and Android phones. Please visit either the Apple Store (search iPhone apps) or the Google Play store to download our current app, by **Skoolbag**.

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The program will be run daily at Gosford Olympic Pool for two weeks, commencing Tuesday 7 October and concluding Friday 17 October. Each daily session will last 45 minutes and travel to and from the pool will be by bus.

If you would like your child to participate in the School Swimming Scheme, please return the permission note with payment to the school office by Friday August. Permission notes have been sent home with all Year 2 and Year 3 students, however if you require a new permission note you can download one from the GPS **Skoolbag** application. The total cost for the 9 day scheme is $45.
After receiving a bye in Round 1, the girl's soccer team were ready and prepared for round 2 of NSW PSSA State Knockout against Lisarow PS. With the Gosford girls clearly the more dominant side, we came out of this game with a 4-0 win. Our goal scorers were Brianna, Clare, Holly and Iona.

**ROUND 3 NSW PSSA KNOCKOUT COMP**

After coming out of such a huge win the “Gossie Girls” were back and as ready as ever. With Brianna opening the scoring by slotting a goal in the top left-hand corner and soon followed by another from Brianna, we were leading 2-0 against Gosford East PS. After an intense second half, with about 2 minutes to go, our “secret weapon” Iona swooped in, making the final score 3-0.

**ROUND 4 NSW PSSA KNOCKOUT COMP**

Without a game for weeks, the team were getting anxious and finally it was time for round 4 against Kariong PS. After the first 5 minutes we were leading 1-0 thanks to Brianna (‘Ronaldo’). Under pressure our defence slipped and we had conceded our first goal. The half time oranges and prep talks provided by Ms Spackman and Mr Anderson proved extremely helpful.

After a nail-biting first half we were back on the field with our “unstoppable attitude”. Once again our “secret weapon” Iona, dribbled forward, challenged the goalie and used her “Messi like skills” to slot behind the Kariong goalkeeper. Gosford now positive not to concede another goal, kept up their defence. Our goal keeper, Jordyn saved all of the kicks that came at her in this second half. The full time whistle was blown after Louise used one of her “power kicks” to boot the ball into a house in Wyoming.

Our girls’ team is now into round 5 of the NSW PSSA knockout soccer competition. We would like to thank Ms Spackman, for being an amazing coach, Mrs Douglas, for helping with training and to the parents for taking time to drive us, watch our games and provide the oranges.

Members of the Team:
Alina, Amy, Brianna, Capri, Clare, Ebony, Holly, Iona, Isla, Jordyn, Laura, Louise, Siobhan, Sophia and Sophie.
Report by Sophie

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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.

**P & C NEWS**

The next P & C meeting is in the Chapman Room at 7:30pm on 27 August 2014. Any items to be put on the agenda please contact the P & C Secretary via a note to the school office. Light supper provided. All welcome.

**The Puzzle Master’s Apprentice**

Puzzle Master winner for last week was Helena of 4H.
Congratulations!

Mrs Hodgson
Puzzle Master’s assistant

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**AUTHOR VISIT**

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

Students from Years 3-6 had the opportunity last Tuesday to meet the well-known Australian author Morris Gleitzman. 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 Sungha, Luke, KS Aiden, Ahri, 2W Lucinda, 2G Charlotte, 3GC Raiyan, 3S Will, 2/3B Henry,
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

3/4GB Abby W, 5R Corey, 4K Lucy, Jackson, 5M Lara, 6L Jess, Cynthia, 6C Racheal G.

LIBRARY MONITORS
Our wonderful library monitors will be meeting Indigenous author Boori Pryor at a Book Week luncheon this Friday at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School in Wyoming.

Morris Gleitzman visits our school
On Tuesday this week, Morris Gleitzman visited our school. At the beginning of his visit he talked to us about the secret of starting the first sentence of a book and getting stuck, he then told us about the most important thing that you need to know about a main character so you don’t get bored of the book. He also said that you should be able to find out the main character’s problem within the first few sentences, and then demonstrated this by reading the first page of two of his books. After that he told us stories about his life and let us ask him some questions which were both entertaining and interesting. At the end of his visit, those of us who had books written by him had a chance to get them signed.

All in all it was a good author visit.

Ned and Darcy 6S

Morris was a funny, friendly guy. He made everyone laugh lots and asked questions about us, he just didn’t answer his own question. I thought that it was great to have him at our school. I learnt a lot when he was at our school and I am sure everyone else did too.

Lara 5M

Morris Gleitzman was pretty interesting. I had no idea Morris was a famous author. I didn't know “Sticky Beak” was his book!

Bianca 5M

Our school is very lucky to have Morris Gleitzman come, he is very funny and we all ENJOYED IT!!!!!!!!!

Manasa 5M

Morris Gleitzman is now my favourite author and inspires me to read and write books

Eliza 5M

RSPCA CUP CAKE DAY
On Monday 4 August, students from 6S held a cupcake stall, to raise much needed funds for the RSPCA. A number of students and parents from 6S spent the weekend baking, to sell their treats at break time and raise money to put an end to animal cruelty. A big thank you to those parents and students who helped put on the day, and to those students who purchased a cupcake, cookie or slice from the stall. Together we were able to raise $196.50, which will go towards caring for animals in need.

A special thank you to Louise, Josh, Talon, Isla and Lotus who gave up their break time to assist in selling the cupcakes!

CANTEEN

ROSTER:
Mon 18/8 Glenda
Fri 22/8 HELP NEEDED!!!

Tue 19/8 Rachel

Wed 20/8 Jennifer

21/8 HELP NEEDED!!!

Homemade lasagne and spaghetti bolognaise $3.00.

Help urgently required for Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please contact Joy or Nina if you can help.
Congratulations
to our Year 6 students at James An College Gosford who have been offered a place in a Selective School.

7 out of 9 students have been successful in this year test. 
Great effort by all our students and best wishes for your future studies.

Courses & Subjects

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* Only including students enrolled for a minimum of 10 weeks.

# Free Assessment & Scholarship Test (Yr3 ~ Yr10)
– booking is essential

# Free Student Bag (for enrolled primary students)

Enquire (02) 4300 0167

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYERS!

JOIN THE
BRISBANE WATER “BLUETONGUES”
FOR THE 2014/15 SEASON!

Brisbane Water is a family based club and caters for boys and girls of any age and any ability. We have teams from Under 9’s to Under 17’s plus Milo “In2Cricket” for 4 – 7 year olds.

REGISTRATION DETAILS
DAY 1 – Sat, 9th AUGUST 2014 – McDonald’s West Gosford 9am – 12 noon.
DAY 2 – Sat, 16th AUGUST 2014 – East Gosford Sheds 9am – 12 noon.
DAY 2 – Sat, 23rd AUGUST 2014 – McDonald’s West Gosford 9am – 12 noon.

CONTACT DETAILS
Please call our Secretary Mark on 0434 329 886
or email us on secretary@bwcc.com.au

Quality education in a nurturing, innovative learning environment
Help us raise funds for
The Ronald McDonald
Family Room at
Gosford Hospital

Keira’s cut hair will be donated to
The Alpecia Foundation Wigs for Kids
c/- Variety Club.

Keira is cutting 30cm off her hair, she
is aiming to raise $1000 for the Ronald
McDonald family room in
Gosford hospital
Friday 15th August 10am Imperial Centre
Gosford, Centre stage
If you would like to donate please come
see the event or donate here
http://gosfordfamily.everydayhero.com/au/keira

Community Fete

Loads of stalls including a
monster white
elephant & giant
tombola, jumping
tests, pony rides,
castle, mini golf,
games alley,
great food &
tertainment

VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC
SCHOOL
Chambertain Rd, Wyoming

SUNDAY
31ST AUGUST
10AM - 2PM
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:
- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
walk to cure DIABETES 2014
SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
Davistown to Kincumber
11am start at Davistown Ferry Wharf, 6km waterfront pathway walk to Kincumber and return

Register Today!
Arrive by ferry, bus or car to Davistown Waterfront
Dogs permitted along the walk route
Pram and wheelchair friendly
Join us at Davistown waterfront after the walk for a BBQ, face painting and loads more fun!

Family & Friends Welcome!
For more information:
Margaret Sheridan - 0416 013 388
e-mail margaretscher@gmail.com
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
Gosford
Group Leader
0438 690 992 or
gosfordscout@front.net.au

Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Games and activities for the kids!

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

Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club
2014-15 Registrations
Sundays 31 Aug, 7 and 21 September
9am – 11am

Club Open Day – Sunday 21 September 9am – 11am
Come along and see what we are about – information and demonstrations

Terrigal SLSC is a family oriented club with opportunities for all family members to join a great community service in a healthy environment. Our Nippers program (October – March) encourages participation and teaches vital surf and beach safety skills to all children aged 5-14yrs. Our lifesavers are dedicated and committed to community safety – we encourage you to join us. Enquiries - 4385 6933