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Term 3 – Week 7

Tuesday 26 August 2014

Dates to remember . . .

Wed 27 Aug      P & C Meeting 7:30pm Chapman Room
Fri 29 Aug      Father’s Day stall
Fri 29 Aug      Crazy sock day fundraiser
Tue 2 Sept      Performing Arts Night (including day rehearsal)
Fri 5 Sept      Father’s Day breakfast 7:30am - 8:55am
Tue 9 Sept      Red Cross ‘Big Cake’ fundraiser Kinder-Year 2
Tue 9 Sept      Kinder 2015 Parent info evening 6:30-7:30pm
Thu 11 Sept     Red Cross ‘Big Cake’ fundraiser Year 3-6
Thu 11 Sept     Gosford Public School Disco

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) is being celebrated across Australia from August 25 until August 31.
Thank you to Mrs Johnson for coordinating our school’s activities this year. Gosford PS students will be involved in activities drawn from Aaron Blabey’s well-known book, ‘Sunday Chutney’.
This is the 16th NLNW and we are excited to celebrate these critical areas of learning with schools, students, parents and teachers across Australia.
This year, parents are encouraged to get involved and participate in the week because positive parental engagement and involvement influences good student learning outcomes.
The website: http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/ has additional information, literacy and numeracy activities and many interesting and useful resources.

WELL DONE TO SCHOOL BANDS
Our school training and concert bands are to be commended for their community spirit and resilience for performing so well under trying conditions at the Gosford Scouts 90th Anniversary celebrations last Saturday. The training band in particular literally wore the worst of the conditions but with the help of Mrs See and parents battled on admirably.
The concert band were very patient waiting for the dignitaries to complete their speeches and when the time came performed brilliantly in front of an appreciative audience. I know that Mr Dallinger, Mrs See, parents...
and I were very proud of the students’ combined efforts. Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transport and for helping on the day.

Mr Greg Denning, the Gosford Scout Group leader was very grateful for Gosford Public School’s significant contribution to their special event.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
Good luck to our Championship Chess Team competing in the quarter finals of the NSW Junior Chess League tomorrow (Wednesday). We wish them the very best!

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
If possible, please set aside Friday morning 5th September which is the date of the Father’s Day Breakfast at Gosford PS. Hopefully, as previous years, we will have a large number of dads, granddads, uncles and family friends in attendance to enjoy a bacon and egg roll cooked by the members of the Gosford North Rotary Club. This is a great chance for students to see dad or a significant family member or friend at our school and show that they too value education and support our fantastic new school.

Thank you to our Deputy Principal, Mr Francis for his coordination of this school community event. There is an invitation going home today and also at the back of this newsletter.

P&C MEETING REMINDER
Meet other parents and staff at the next P&C meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th August. It commences at 7.30pm and is held in Chapman Room. The P&C executive are aiming for the meeting to conclude by 9pm. New members are welcome. If you can make the time to attend meetings you will gain a beneficial insight into the great things that are happening at Gosford PS.

At this month’s meeting we will have a short information presentation from Deputy Principal, Mr Francis to explain the process for creating our next School Plan.

WELCOME
This week we welcome back former Assistant Principal Ms Sandra Luckman who replaces Mrs Sprague whilst she is on leave until the end of this term.

We also welcome pre-service teacher, Ms Chris Foong who will complete a practicum with Miss Metters.

INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE REQUIRED for SESQUI-CENTENARY 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 sesqui-centenary (150 years anniversary) recently.
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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.

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.

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.

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.

John Anderson

STUDENT INVOICES

This week we will be sending home student invoices. These invoices show outstanding amounts only which are payable to the school. All invoices include a voluntary contribution amount of $44.00. Please note that this is a voluntary contribution and all payments are gratefully accepted. These funds are used to cover extra stationery, photocopying paper and other consumables used by all students throughout the school year. If there are any questions regarding the amounts owing, please contact our office on 4349 3600 or by email – gosford.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. If there are any questions regarding amounts owed to the school band please contact Mrs See on 0408 241 098 or by email – dooges@bigpond.com.

Wendy Powe
School Administration Manager

CRAZY SOCK DAY
FOR WORLD VISION

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

WEAR CRAZY SOCKS TO SCHOOL AND BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION

Donations will go directly to the World Vision 40 hour Famine in support of Laura Day from 6S.

Laura is holding a crazy sock day to raise money for children and families living in areas affected by poverty. She would like to help these people because, “I don’t see a reason why anyone should suffer, especially since they cannot help it.”
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**PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT**

**TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

**ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!**

Please ensure you have purchased tickets either from Laycock Street Theatre or on line. Tickets are $18-$20, under ‘Gosford City Learning Community presents PAN 2014’. Please ensure permission notes have been returned.

ALL students are to be at Laycock Street Theatre by 6:30pm. Show starts at 7:00pm. Meet teachers in the Don Craig Room.

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**P & C NEWS**

The next P & C meeting is in the Chapman Room at 7:30pm this coming Wednesday 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.

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Happening this Friday 29 August 2014 during class time. There will be a variety of gifts available to buy for $2 or $5.

Please bring a plastic bag to carry that special gift home in. Please see advertisement this newsletter!
The Puzzle Master’s Apprentice

Puzzle Master winner for last week was Mia from 3/4GB. Congratulations!

Mrs Hodgson
Puzzle Master’s assistant

On Tuesday 19 August, students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated in the 2014 Premier's Spelling Bee at our school. The Premier's Spelling Bee is designed to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

Congratulations to Henry, Luella, Daniel, Robert, Raiyan, Mia, Thomas, Shulong, Felicity, Jackson and Zoe from Stage 2 and Samantha, Dahsohm, Manasa, Mason, Solon, Damon, Priya, Varun, Mervyn, Amber, Connie and Patrick from Stage 3, who displayed wonderful spelling skills and sportsmanship during the Spelling Bee. Extra special congratulations go to Mia and Daniel from Stage 2 and Samantha and Varun from Stage 3, who were our winners and will now progress to the Regional Finals of the Spelling Bee to be held in September.

Well done to all students involved!

Don’t forget that MONDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. We have lots of students who are ready to cash in their tokens.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Gosford.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page. Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.
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. Volunteers are more than welcome!

CANTEEN
ROSTER:
Mon 1/9 Tanee
Thu 4/9 HELP NEEDED
Tue 2/9 Janine
Fri 5/9 Mandy
Wed 3/9 Jennifer

Father’s Day Stall
Friday 29th August 2014 during class time.
A wide range of gifts $2.00 and $5.00.

Gosford Little Athletics Registration Dates 2014/2015
Friday 12th September and Friday 19th September between 6pm – 8pm
Adcock Park 9, West Gosford
Cost is $150 for 1st child, $115 for 2nd child, then $105 for 3rd onwards
Duel Registration with Senior Athletics is free
There is a $30 Refundable Parent Assistance Levy/Bond per family
We do not have credit card facilities, so please have cash or cheque payable to Gosford Little Athletics Centre Inc. Further information on our website
www.gosfordlittleathletics.com.au
or contact our President Stuart Farrant on 0404 466 848
Congratulations
to our Year 6 students at James An College Gosford who have been
offered a place in a Selective School.

8 out of 10 students have been successful in this year test.
Great effort by all our students and best wishes for your future studies.

Courses & Subjects

| Education Course (K ~ Yr6)          |
| English, Maths, General Ability, Reading & Writing |
| Intensive High School Courses (Yr7 ~ Yr10)         |
| English, Maths, Science, Essay Writing |
| HSC Course (Yr 11 & 12)                |
| English, Maths (2U, Ext1, Ext2), Physics, Chemistry |
| Opportunity Class Preparation Courses |
| English, Maths, General Ability, Writing & Classic Reading |
| Selective School / Scholarship Preparation (SEM, SGA, SWS) |
| English, Maths, General Ability, Creative Writing |

* 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

Community Fete

Loads of stalls including a monster white elephant & giant tombola, jumping castle, pony rides, rock climbing tower, mini golf, games alley, great food & entertainment

Valley View Public School
Chamberlain Rd, Wyoming

Sunday 31st August
10AM - 2PM
A FREE EVENT

FATHER’S DAY
in the Park

Sunday 7 September 2014
Kibble Park,
GOSFORD

Starts
10am

Featuring:
Gosford City Brass
Development Band
Gosford Public School
concert band
Narara Valley
Jazz Band
Narara Valley Concert Band
Gosford High Jazz Band

Gosford High Concert
Band
Gosford High
Concert Band 2
Gosford City Brass
Brand
Massed Band

Bring a picnic rug, settle in to watch and
enjoy a day of live music in the park!
Plus ... BBQ, pancakes, coffee and drinks available

Brought to you by:
GOSFORD CITY BRASS

Proudly supported by:

Dear ____________________

Join us at school for a BBQ
breakfast as we celebrate our

AWESOME Dads!

Happy Father’s Day!

When: Friday 5 September
Time: 7:30 - 8:55 am
Where: Hall (Canteen Area)

You are invited to attend our
Father’s Day Breakfast

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