CHAPMAN BEQUEST 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED

Last Tuesday at the Anglican Church, Gosford, the 50th Anniversary of the Chapman Bequest was commemorated. It was an opportune time to bring the trustees and beneficiaries together to celebrate the tremendous generosity of both Mr and Mrs Chapman. Mrs Talty, our P&C Secretary and I represented Gosford Public School at this event. Over the past 50 years the nominated groups have benefited enormously. Gosford Public School is the best resourced school I have worked at and this is due in no small part to the funds provided to our P&C from the Chapman Bequest.

SURVEYS

Currently we are undertaking a review of the new timetable introduced this term. A survey was sent home last week that invites parents and carers to comment regarding the children's learning and eating habits and what affect, if any, the new timetable has had. Students and staff have also been surveyed and I aim to publish an overview of the results prior to the end of this term.

Last week's P&C meeting featured a presentation from Deputy Principal, Mr Francis and Assistant Principal, Mrs Janine Szostak who explained the process involved in creating our next School Plan. The initial school community consultation is in the form of a survey which is available on the School App, our website or from the office. I urge as many parents and carers as possible to make the time to complete this. Our School Evaluation and Planning team have published a comprehensive overview of the School Planning process in this edition of the newsletter.

WELL DONE TO SCHOOL BANDS

Last week I reported on the outstanding job our school training and concert bands did performing so well under trying conditions at the Gosford Scouts 90th Anniversary celebrations.

Quality education in a nurturing, innovative learning environment
I was pleased to receive a link to a speech given by our local member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks, in our federal parliament. Lucy had been one of the dignitaries invited to the Scout's anniversary celebrations. In her speech she gives our school, the bands and staff a very honourable mention. I have included the link below.

http://youtu.be/sIF8aeS2V9w?list=PLr8U14ligt43nqjY_aHZTphZXextLdsM

We are fortunate to have bands that promote our school so well (and widely!).

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST and GIFT STALL
We are looking forward to seeing a great roll up for the annual Father’s Day Breakfast this Friday morning 5 September. It will start at 7:30am and conclude at 8:55am.
We are thankful for the support of members of the Gosford North Rotary Club.
Thank you to our Deputy Principal, Mr Francis for his coordination of this school community event.
Last Friday saw a very successful Father’s Day stall coordinated and organised by our school’s P&C. Students who missed out will get a final opportunity to purchase a Father’s Day gift this Friday at Father’s Day breakfast.
Thank you to Mrs Talty, Mrs Norris for organising such an impressive array of gifts, the other helpers and Mrs Johnson for coordinating the class schedule.

THANK YOU TO OUR P&C
The school staff is grateful to receive support from the P&C to fully fund new playground equipment which will be constructed during the next school holidays. Funding has also been provided to support the Kindergarten 2015 Ready, Set, Go! Program.
The P&C are also organising a working bee for next term, on Sunday 19 October, between 9am and 12pm.
The aim is to complete the first stage of Callistemon Creek. The working bee will be followed by a BBQ lunch. We hope to have a separate activity for children who accompany their parents on the day.

CHARITIES VERY WELL SUPPORTED
Well done to the students, staff and parents who supported recent charitable events.
Last Friday donations totalling $285 were collected to go directly to World Vision 40 hour Famine in support of Laura from 6S. This was a great initiative from Laura who wanted to help those who suffer from malnutrition through no fault of their own.
Congratulations students and families in class 4H and their very proud teacher, Mrs Hodgson for raising an incredible $1063 to assist in the protection of the endangered Galapagos Penguin. 4H participated in a spellathon called ‘Spell for Penguins’. A special mention to Mikayla who raised $211!

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.

STAFFING
Mrs Newton will be on leave until the conclusion of this term. Mrs Sandi Singh will take on her class responsibilities whilst Miss Scott will assume her executive duties.

GOOD LUCK
Best wishes to our students who will represent our school at the District PSSA Athletics Carnival at Mingara and those performing at the Performing Arts Night (PAN) at Laycock St Theatre this Tuesday.

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.
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

School Evaluation and Planning

The School Evaluation and Planning Team has started working towards developing the new school plan for 2015-2017. As part of the process, new school strategic directions and key educational improvements will be developed in consultation with the whole school community. Getting to know what our community values about our current school practices is essential to the initial stages of our planning.

The information collected from the following survey will be used to assist School Evaluation and Planning Team (SEaP) to assess the effectiveness of current school programs and practices so we can continue to work collaboratively with the wider school community to improve student learning outcomes. The responses given will remain confidential, but will be used to develop the strategic directions of the School Plan 2015 – 2017.

To help us identify what our school community currently values about our school programs and practices the School Evaluation and Planning Team has uploaded a survey onto the school website and app using Survey Monkey.

We value your input and would appreciate you completing the online survey by Tuesday September 9. The survey will be closed after this date. Please take a few minutes to click on the link and complete the survey. A hardcopy of the survey is available at the office if you are unable to access the online survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7NDXB5H

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school survey please contact a member of the School Evaluation and Planning Team (Mrs Szostak, Mr Anderson or Mr Francis).

STUDENT INVOICES

Thank you for the positive response to the student invoices that were sent home last week. We have voluntary contributions coming through which is much appreciated.

Wendy Powe
School Administration Manager

SPELL FOR PENQUINS

4H has been studying the endangered animal, the Galapagos Penguin. To raise money to assist in the protection of this animal, they participated in a spellathon called ‘Spell for Penguins’. Students asked their families and friends to sponsor them and they were tested on 100 spelling words.

So far, the students have raised a remarkable $1063. I am very proud of the students and their efforts and would like to thank them and their sponsors for their support. And learning their spelling words was an extra bonus! A special congratulation goes to Mikayla who raised $211.00.

If students still have money to collect, could they please finalise this as soon as possible.

Mrs Hodgson
Congratulations to our successful Championship Chess Team for winning their quarterfinals against Eastwood Public School in the NSW Junior Chess League. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rosalyn Phillips for escorting the team to Eastwood, without this support our team would not have been able to participate. I’m sure you will join me in wishing Liam C, Connie Z, Mitchell L and Talon C good luck in the semi-finals against Neutral Bay PS, which will be played at Gosford PS this Thursday.

Penny Ellis
Coordinator

The Puzzle Master’s Apprentice

Puzzle Master winner for last week was Miranda from 4K. Congratulations!

Mrs Hodgson
Puzzle Master’s assistant

Values Education

During weeks 6 & 7, students were focusing on the value of “CONFIDENCE”. Students have:

- Identified the various forms that confidence may take
- Identified their individual talents
- Examined and be aware of the influence of others and how this influence may affect their own willingness to express their creativity
- Recognised the feeling that confidence brings and a sense of achievement
Please support our Values Education program by discussing the importance of “CONFIDENCE” with your child/children at home.

Jodie McCabe and Katrina Bianchi
Values Coordinators

KO shows Confidence when they:

♦ Tell news.
♦ Are the leader.
♦ Get awards.
♦ Learn new things.
♦ Try something new.
♦ Have a go.

And they learnt to say:

I can’t do it... yet.
But I will try!
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!

IN THE CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER . . . . .

CANTEEN
ROSTER:
Mon 8/9 Michael Tue 9/9 Janine Wed 10/9 Sue H
Thu 11/9 HELP NEEDED!! Fri 12/9 Lanssa

School Banking Day Reminder

Don't forget that THURSDAY 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Banking day is Thursday, apologies for the incorrect day posted in previous newsletter.
Year 1 Parents
This term, Year 1 students will be bringing home a Family ACTIVation Pack (one per family) – an awesome pack to get children and parents skilled, active & healthy!

The Family ACTIVation Pack is designed to help parents / carers get active with their children by playing quick, easy and fun games at home, in the park or wherever …… games that reinforce the fundamental movement skills already being learnt at school. There are all sorts of tips, ideas and guides for getting active including putting together an ‘Active Home Entertainment Centre’.

This resource has been developed by Central Coast Local Health District and supported by the NSW Department of Education & Training. 4000 Family ACTIVation Packs are being distributed to primary schools on the Central Coast during this Term..


We hope this pack helps families to get skilled, get active and get healthy!
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

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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

Play Baseball!

Come and play baseball this summer with the Lions Junior Baseball Club.
Seeking girls/boys for U8 - U16 teams!

Season starts October after school holidays and finishes March 2015. Training and games played on Tuesdays U14/U16 and Wednesdays U8-U12 - 5-7pm most games at Adcock Park, West Gosford.

Registrations for Lions Junior Baseball Club are being held on:

SAT 6 September 10am – 12.00noon at McDonalds, West Gosford
SAT 13 September 10am - 12.00 noon at McDonalds, West Gosford

Uniform is provided free!

Registrations call Megan Morgan on 4322 8230 or email meganmorgan@smartchat.net.au