Welcome Back
I trust all students and families have had a relaxing and safe spring break.

As we launch into Term 4 I look forward to our students building on the great work from the previous three terms. Our senior students continue to lead the way and with such a busy term ahead it is important for all students to maintain the focus by keeping up the high standards with behaviour and school uniform which reflect our 'You Can Do It!' program’s foundation values.

Sesquicentenary Reunion and Community Fair Fast Approaching
Our staff, students and school community (both past and present) are getting excited as we fast approach the October 17 date for the Sesquicentenary Reunion and Community Fair activities.

I am confident it will be a great day and one which will enable our school's proud history to be celebrated in a number of dignified and enjoyable activities.

Miss Smith informs me that we have a great response to the selling of the rides passes for the Commemorative Fair. An important reminder is that ALL children are required to be supervised by an adult family member or family friend on the day. Many of our teaching staff have volunteered to help on the day but are not responsible for the individual supervision of children.

Spelling Bee Success
Well done to Stage 2 students Mia (4H) and Raiyan (4G) and Stage 3 students Samantha and Max (6C) who represented our school at the zone spelling bee finals held at Umina Public School.

Congratulations to Samantha who for the third year in a row has qualified to contest the finals of the State Spelling Bee Competition. The final will once again be held on November 11 at the ABC studios, Ultimo and will be broadcast live on ABC radio.
This is an outstanding achievement as many schools across the state enter students in this prestigious competition.

Good luck Samantha!

**Swim School Commences**

Thank you to all parents and carers who registered their children for this year’s School Intensive Swimming Program which will continue for two weeks commencing **Tuesday 7 October**.

Our students will gain valuable survival skills as a result of this intensive swim school. However, I stress that whilst students will learn basic water survival skills, **it is vital for them to develop greater skills** and confidence through further instruction by trained swim instructors and surf skills through such programs ‘Nippers’ program each Sunday morning at a surf club.

I would like to sincerely thank **Miss Gately** for coordinating this program.

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**Kindergarten 2016**

The READY SET GO kindergarten orientation program for students entering **Kindergarten in 2016 is commencing on 13 October and will continue in Term 4 on the following dates: 20 October, 27 October, 3 November, 10 November, 17 November**. The sessions will take place between **9:15am and 10:45am**. Our program is extensive and exceptional and is coordinated by our Assistant Principal, **Mrs Owens**. Students will have the opportunity to spend time in a kindergarten classroom and to experience kinder readiness activities under teacher observation.

The children who attend READY SET GO will usually transition much more confidently to kindergarten. **Thank you to all of our staff and helpers** involved in the organisation of this important program.

**PLEASE INFORM OTHER PARENTS THAT HAVE A SCHOOL-AGE CHILD OF THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM and HOW TO ENROL FOR SCHOOL.**

**Thank You**

Our school appreciates the assistance of parent, **Mrs Dobie and her children**, who assisted with the care of the chickens during this past holiday period.

It was greatly appreciated!

**Best Wishes**

**John Anderson**

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Memorial wall taking shape!
COMMUNITY FAIR 2015
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF QUALITY EDUCATION!

Help us celebrate 150 years of quality education! With rides, The Art Show, historical displays, reunions, commemorative garden tours, student performances and market stalls - it's a day you won't want to miss.

SATURDAY 17 OCT 2015
11:00AM - 3:00PM
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
150th Community Fair – Unlimited Ride Pass

We are now taking orders for the carnival ride passes. The ride passes are available to students attending Gosford Public School and their siblings. Should there be a surplus of passes available, these may be offered to the greater community on the day.

The cost of the unlimited ride passes are as follows: $30 each, 2 for $50, or 3+ for $20 each. In an effort to minimise the wait times for rides, only a limited number of ride passes will be sold. Depending on sales, ride passes may not be available to purchase on the day of the carnival. In the event of rain, the ride company will reschedule the event for another day at GPS.

To avoid disappointment, please purchase your ride passes prior to the October 17.

Pre-purchased ride passes will be issued to the students a couple of days prior to the carnival, if the pass is not collected, they will be available at the information booth on the day. Please take care of your ride pass, as lost or unused ride passes cannot be replaced and they are non-refundable. In the event of rain, the ride company will reschedule the event for another day at GPS.

Please return this section, with payment, to your child’s class teacher (only need to return 1 per family)

Ride Pass Order Form - Sesquicentennial Community Fair, 17 October.

Please circle the number of passes required and list the name and class for each student purchasing a pass.

1 for $30  
Student Name: ___________________________  
Class: ______

2 for $50  
Student Name: ___________________________  
Class: ______

Student Name: ___________________________  
Class: ______

3 for $60  
Student Name: ___________________________  
Class: ______

Student Name: ___________________________  
Class: ______

Student Name: ___________________________  
Class: ______

I require ______ additional Passes at cost of $20 each. Please list additional students on the back of this note.

Total money enclosed = ___________________

I understand that the ride passes will be issues a couple of days prior to the event and that lost or unused passes will not be replaced and are non-refundable.

__________________________
Parent/ Carer Signature
Family Charity Walk

On Sunday 11th October please join in with a number of our wonderful teachers and myself who will be taking part in a memorial walk from The Entrance to Terrigal. They will be walking in memory of my cousin, Andrew Cadigan (Cad), who in June 2012 completed his epic 15,000km solo walk from Sydney back to Sydney, making him only the third person to walk unassisted around the country (although the only to include Tasmania). His catch cry was: 'One man, one pram, two feet and a heartbeat!'

He walked in honour of his mate, Chris Simpson (Simmo) who passed away in 2010 from complications related to myelodysplasia, or MDS. Sadly, while holidaying and recuperating in Thailand, Andrew suffered terrible head injuries in a motor cycle accident a month to the day after completing his trek and passed away in Sydney on October 5- a tragic loss of a young man who was incredibly determined achiever and inspiration to others.

All proceeds from the walk go to the Leukaemia Foundation’s PHD research into MDS named after Cad and Simmo. To register, donate or hear more about his amazing journey go to: www.ozonfoot.com.au

Kind regards
Megan Bradshaw
Welcome back to Term 4. We have lots of new books ready to be processed for our library, however we need volunteers to help cover them. We hope you can help.

We urgently need volunteers to come into the library to help us out by covering and re-shelving our books. Any help is much appreciated, any afternoon – all welcome!

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS
We have quite a few outstanding library books borrowed from the library. Please return them as soon as possible.

Thank you
Mrs Christine Harpur
Teacher librarian

* History Proven System
* Most Updated Materials
* Experienced Expert Teachers
* High Quality Courses

Congratulations to our Year 6 students at James An College Gosford who have been offered a place in a Selective School.

14 out of 16 (87.5%) students have been successful in this year test. Great effort by all our students and best wishes for your future studies.

Yr 5 SUPER SELECTIVE TRIAL TEST COURSE (Only 20 weeks left)
James An College offers an intensive Selective Trial Test course for all Year 5 students who are going for the NSW Selective Test in March 2016. The Course focuses on the Subjects of English, Mathematics, and General Ability and Writing. Exclusive to James An College, the Year 4 O.C. Trial Test Course prepares students to sit for the O.C. Placement Test by practising and solving over 2,400 test questions.

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