Sesquicentenary Community Fair a Huge Success

Congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation of our Community Fair held last Saturday. The planning for this event commenced nearly two years ago with the aims being twofold. Firstly, to ensure that this significant milestone could be appropriately celebrated along with the people who have been a part of our school's history and secondly to create a memorable occasion for our current students and school community. To make these aims come to fruition I would like to especially recognise the efforts of our relieving Assistant Principal, Miss Karen Smith, for the outstanding leadership she provided for this event in her role as leader of our School Promotions team and in particular, as the coordinator of the fair and organising such activities as the rides for our students.

Some photos of last Saturday's event appear in this newsletter. More photos can be found on the Gosford Public School website.

Miss Smith was ably assisted by a team of staff and parents who were part of our School Promotions team. Assistant Principal, Mrs Jennifer Newton, embarked on the massive task to author the school's 150 Year book. The book contains an outstanding collection of extraordinary facts, photographs and anecdotes. Testament to the quality of the book is that over 300 copies have already been sold.

Mrs Douglas provided outstanding leadership with the coordination of both the Commemorative Garden and also the fantastic ARTASTIC display which was located in our Community Chapman Room. In addition, Mrs Douglas coordinated many of the impressive performances items held in the quadrangle.

The Commemorative Garden was the result of many volunteer hours from people such as Greg Ferguson and the personnel from Robson Civil Projects, Simon Head and his team from Simply Foliage Landscaping, Angus Stewart, Ross Douglas, Jason Morrison, Gosford Quarries the students, parents and staff of our school.
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Thank you to everyone who purchased one of the reclaimed bricks from the former Mann Street site. The funds obtained assisted with funding the garden. The bell is a donation from our P&C and has been beautifully restored and mounted by Glen Boulton.

ABC Gardening Australia presenter and former student Angus Stewart was invited to officially open the garden and the Community Fair. We really appreciate Angus giving generously of his time, in particular, assisting with the floral design of the garden. The garden is an outstanding creation that will continue to evolve and enhance the school environment well into the future.

Mrs Merrin Boulton designed and created the five stunning murals that depict a historical trail of the school and Gosford area. The objective was to be able to give all students an opportunity to leave something they had created in the school for many years to come, creating a sense of belonging, ownership, community spirit and an understanding of our long educational history.

There was amazing support from the parent community during all phases of the murals’ construction. Two parents in particular, Beata Biala and Helen Vocalan demonstrated incredible dedication and artistic talent. They spent many late nights assisting with making special tiles and putting the mural together. We greatly appreciate everyone’s commitment.

I would also like to also thank Mrs Boulton’s husband, Glen and his helpers for the many hours spent securing the murals to their permanent location. I have been overwhelmed with incredibly positive comments since the unveiling of the murals by Director Public Schools, Mrs Karen Jones. They are a terrific visual history of our school and the colour and creativity that they provide will be a lasting legacy within our school environment.

Other members of our School Promotions team who provided invaluable assistance were Miss Gately (marketing), Mrs McCabe (history movie and online communications), Mr Lockyer (social media) and Mrs Brasdshaw (commemorative cake and morning tea). Thank you also to the various parents who have contributed over the past two years. In particular to Judy Worth, who has been a regular contributor and coordinated our ‘decade’ meetings that took place throughout the day.

Also I appreciate the assistance of our staff and parents who assisted with the variety of activities at the fair. The quiet achievers dealing with the financial aspects, sponsors and parent and community enquiries were our school office staff led by Mrs Wendy Powe. Wendy’s contributions to the success of our projects and celebrations were very significant.

And finally, this event has been enhanced by some very generous sponsors. I would like to especially acknowledge Deborah Warwick from the Imperial Centre Gosford, for the very generous financial support and the use of the Imperial Centre and their equipment for promotional purposes.

Finally, well done to our school captains, Tom and Samantha. They confidently led our special reunion assembly, assisted with many presentations and accepted a 150 Year Commemorative Certificate on behalf of the Minister of Education from Mrs Karen Jones.

Kindergarten 2016

Our office has commenced taking enrolments from parents and carers who have a child who is due to commence at Gosford Public School in kindergarten from the beginning of 2016. With increasing enrolments at our school it is important to confirm the number of local enrolments for next year before we can offer non local placements.

I would be grateful if current parents can encourage other parents who reside within our school boundaries to contact our office (phone 43493600) if they have children who are due to commence school in 2016.

Non Returning Students 2016

To assist us with planning for 2016, we would appreciate names of any students who may not be returning to Gosford Public School next year. Please contact the office by telephone or by email to notify us of any changes.

John Anderson
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P and C news

Next P and C meeting is Wednesday 28th October in the Chapman Room at 7:30pm. This is the last meeting before the AGM in November. Come along, all welcome, light supper provided.

Uniform Shop news

Uniform shop is opened Thursday afternoons and also for just the next couple of weeks while RSG is on TUESDAY MORNINGS from 8:45-9:15am (cash and cheque sales only). Uniforms can be ordered through Munch Monitors online or through the uniform box in the school office and orders usually delivered Friday afternoon. Hats ($12.00) are available from the school office all year round, library bags ($10.00) are available from the library all year round. Volunteers are always appreciated if you have some spare time to help out.

A new price list with price increases will be coming out in the next few weeks, plenty of stock available so come in for uniforms now.

Canteen

Roster

Monday 26 - Michael
Tuesday 27 Oct - Janene
Wednesday 28 Oct - Judy
Thursday 29 Oct - Annette
Friday 30 Oct - Rebecca

Canteen now selling Up and Go $2

NO SCHOOL BANKING FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER AND 30 OCTOBER 2015
Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the admin office.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!
Name:
Phone:
Email:
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