UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW (5 NOVEMBER) 
APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE

Kids Day Out
Congratulations to all band members, Esther See, David Dallinger and helpers for coordinating the performance at last Sunday’s Kids Day Out event held at Kariong Mountains High School last Sunday.

With a program of fantastic activities, families from across the Central Coast attended in large numbers to this outstanding annual event. I know that Nada Potter and the organising committee recognise and acknowledge the efforts of the public schools who contribute to the success of the event. I am sure everyone who attended had a beaut day!

P&C Support
At last week’s P&C meeting the school’s 2nd Semester budget funding request was approved. The items cover a large number of school programs that provide our students with tremendous opportunities at Gosford Public School.

These include such items as: cameras, sport sheds, ‘You Can Do It’ resources, Mathletics and Maths resources, English home readers and dictionaries, Artastic, Ready, Set, Go! t-shirts and the Old School Bell.

I thank the P&C for their continued support and acknowledge the generosity of the Chapman Trust that has supported our school for the past 51 years.

Year 6 Fun Day
I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mr Lincoln who coordinated the annual Year 6 Fun Day last Monday. The Year 6 students once again organised a very successful event and students from all grades thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Nearly $1800 was raised which will go towards a Year 6 gift to the school.
Selective High School Applications for 2017

Completed applications for enrolment in Year 7, 2017, at a Selective High School are required to be submitted in the coming weeks. Parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 are required to apply online via the following website:

www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/

Online applications will be available until the 16th November 2015. No LATE applications will be accepted.

There are 17 fully selective and 25 partially selective high schools in New South Wales offering places in Year 7. Further information about the selective high school placement process is now available online at:


Important Term 4 Dates

You might like to include the following Term 4 events on your family calendar and/or diary. These dates and times will be confirmed next term.

- 25th November - P&C AGM Meeting
- 3rd December - Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day, Volunteers Morning Tea and School Disco
- 9th December - K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Day
- 14th December - Student Reports sent home
- 15th December - Year 6 Farewell
- 16th December - Final day for students
- 28th January - Students return to commence Term 1, 2016.

Kindergarten 2016

Our office is continuing to take enrolments from parents and carers with a child who is due to commence kindergarten at Gosford Public School 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. It is also important to enable eligible children and their parents to participate in the remaining sessions of the invaluable Ready Set Go transition to school program.

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.

Best Wishes

John Anderson
From 2016 students will no longer receive a paper travel pass. Next year eligible students will receive a School Opal card in Term 1. Just like current paper passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators with the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply online for a School Opal card unless changing schools, their home address or moving from Year 2 to Year 3.


The application for the School Opal card can be found at [www.transportnsw.info/](http://www.transportnsw.info/)

**P & C News**

Next P & C meeting is Wednesday 25th November 2015. **THIS IS THE AGM** and will be held in the Chapman Room starting at 7:30pm. ALL WELCOME. Light supper provided.

Gosford Public School P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the Chapman Room on the 25th November 2015 at 7:30 pm.

All office-bearer positions are open for election
Minutes of previous AGM will distributed prior to AGM
The AGM consist of Presidents annual report, treasurer’s annual report and any other relevant annual reports. All reports must be strictly relevant to the AGM. In addition new by-laws, will be tabled for adoption. These draft documents will be distributed by email. The positions determined at the AGM are;

- President
- Two vice Presidents
- Secretary - Correspondent
- Secretary - Minutes
- Treasurer
- Canteen sub committee
- Uniform sub committee
- NSW P&C Federation delegate

The Auditor for the following year will be determined at the AGM

ALL WELCOME, ONLY FINANCIAL P & C MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO STAND OR VOTE FOR A POSITION.
Uniform Shop News

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED 5TH NOVEMBER 2015 (Chapman Room is booked out)

Munch Monitor orders can still be placed and orders with money can be placed in the secure box located in the office foyer.

For the next few weeks Uniform Shop is open on a Tuesday from 8:45 - 9:15am in the Chapman Room.

New price list coming out soon so come in for a few bargains before the price rises. Most stock available.

Uniform Shop Coordinators

PUZZLE MASTER

The Stage 1 Puzzle Master's Apprentice competition has begun. The children have been very excited about receiving their weekly puzzles. Last week's winner was Gus from 2W. Congratulations.

Mrs Hodgson
The Puzzle Master's Assistant

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

This year our school implemented a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Trial with several of our primary classes, including 4/5N, 5M, 5R, 5B and 6C. The trial was based on recent educational research that has shown that students in BYOD classrooms feel empowered using their own devices as they are familiar, resulting in a more creative and personalised learning environment.

What is BYOD?

BYOD simply means students were able to bring Technology equipment from home to utilise for educational purposes, within the classroom.

Have you completed the BYOD Trial Evaluation – Parent Survey yet?
The survey is a great opportunity to inform the school of your views regarding BYOD. Regardless of whether your child was directly involved in the BYOD Trial classrooms, we are asking all parents to complete the online survey. The survey is anonymous and is a multiple choice style questionnaire that will only take a few minutes.

Please click the link to access the parent survey   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDGC6VN

BYOD was introduced at GPS in Term 2 of 2015, and as this program was a trial we are now asking our parent and staff community to evaluate its success, including recommending changes to the program, so that we can ascertain the future direction of BYOD at GPS. There are numerous benefits to students and schools who adopt a BYOD program; however a successful BYOD program requires careful planning and communication with the whole school community.

The parent survey is an extremely valuable part of the BYOD evaluation process and your input will help the school decide the direction of BYOD for our school in the future.

We would ask that you please complete your survey by Tuesday 10th November. The results of the survey will be published in the following newsletter.

Your time is really appreciated, thank you. We look forward to reading your feedback on the possibilities of a BYOD program at GPS.

Jodie McCabe
Technology Coordinator
YOU CAN DO IT NEWS – Parent Access to YCDI Resources Online

The YCDI Team is proud to announce that GPS has purchased an annual school membership to the new E-learning, parenting website; You Can Do It! Parents: www.youcandoitparents.com.au. All the resources on the website are available for our school community (families and staff). Parents are invited to register to the You Can Do It Parents Website to gain access to the positive parenting resources.

Based on international research on parenting, the website contains the latest information on positive parenting and how parents can support their children’s success and happiness. The content on the website has been developed by Professor Michael E. Bernard, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne, Founder of You Can Do It! Education and Patricia Bernard, author and parent educator.

The YCDI Parents website covers three main areas:

- **Positive Parents** - How to be a positive role model, manage stress and enjoy parenting.
- **Effective Parents** - Skills for effective discipline, motivation and relationship building.
- **Positive Children** – How to develop children’s resilience, confidence, persistence, organisation, getting along skills, positive attitudes and values of good character.

The website contains a large number of E-learning programs for parents on ‘best’ practices of parents, Parent Insight Articles on topics of importance dealing with child development and parenting, and E-learning video and audio E-learning programs for children and adolescents that help build a variety of personal and social skills and positive attitudes.

To be able to login to the website and register to receive access to all the material available please complete the steps included below:

**Six Steps to Register to You Can Do It! Parents and Access All the Resources**

www.youcandoitparents.com.au

**SUMMARY STEPS**


Step 2. Enter Gosford PS Password: Gosfords430

Step 3. Complete Your Registration Details (you will be setting up your own username and password)

Step 4. Activate Your Account

Step 5. Login to YCDI Parents Website

Step 6. Enjoy All the YCDI! Parents Resources

Please visit the GPS School Website if you require more EXPLICIT STEPS. If you experience any issues with the registration or logging in process, please contact Jodie McCabe via the school office. We hope you find this resource useful.
Join us at walk.jdrf.org.au
#JDRFOneWalk

Davistown to Kincumber
6km Walk
4pm start at Davistown Ferry Wharf, 6km waterfront pathway walk to Kincumber and return
Arrive by ferry, bus or car to Davistown waterfront.
Dogs permitted along the walk route, pram and wheelchair friendly
Join us at Davistown waterfront before and after the walk for a BBQ, face painting and loads more fun!

Register Today!
Family & Friends Welcome!
For more information:
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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 14 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, General Ability and Writing.

**HURRY! PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!!!**

The more you do, the Better you become.
It all boils down to Competition!

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**2015 - 2016**

**JAC Year 4 O.C. Trial Test Course**

5th Oct 2015 ~ 17th July 2016

Congratulations to our Year 4 students at James An College Gosford who have been offered a place in a Opportunity Class. 4 out of 7 students have been successful in this year test.

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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